



# UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

## Jumbunna Honours Scholarship

**Unit: Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research**

This document sets out the conditions of award for the below scholarship ('Scholarship') and the obligations of recipients ('Recipient') and the University Technology Sydney ('UTS') in regards to this Scholarship. The administrative processes to support awarding this Scholarship will be managed, and may be amended, according to UTS Rules, Policy and Procedures.

### **1. SCHOLARSHIP NAME: Jumbunna Honours Scholarship**

### **2. PURPOSE**

This Scholarship was established to support Indigenous Australian students in their Honours year at UTS.

### **3. VALUE AND BENEFIT**

#### **3.1 Number of Recipients**

Up to two (2) new recipients may be awarded the scholarship each year.

#### **3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient**

- The maximum value of the scholarship is \$15,000 to each Recipient.

#### **3.3 Payment of benefit/s:**

- Each Recipient will receive two (2) payments per year by electronic funds transfer to their nominated bank account.
- Each payment will be \$7,500 or the pro-rata amount if part time study is approved by exception.
- Payment will usually be made within four (4) weeks after the census date in Autumn and Spring sessions.
- Payments are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8.

### **4. DURATION**

The maximum duration of the Scholarship is for one (1) year.

### **5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

To be eligible for the Scholarship, an applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

- be of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent and provide either:
  - a Confirmation of Aboriginality from a Local Aboriginal Land Council or other Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation; or
  - a UTS Statutory Declaration form accompanied by two written references from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people from the applicant's community who can confirm their identity and are not an immediate family member; and
- Have completed a UTS recognised undergraduate degree or be commencing the embedded Honours year of the UTS undergraduate degree; and
- Be enrolled full-time in a UTS Honours degree or Honours year of their Undergraduate degree.

## 6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

- Academic merit in the undergraduate course (GPA)
- As demonstrated in the scholarship application;
  - Motivation to succeed in the nominated UTS honours course,
  - Commitment to benefiting the Indigenous community

## 7. SELECTION

Eligible candidates will be presented to the Scholarship Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of recipients based on the above selection criteria.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will be made up of at least three (3) relevant members of the UTS community, Chaired by the Director of Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research (or their nominee).

Scholarship Offers will be authorised by the Chair Selection Committee in line with the Scholarship and Prizes Policy.

## 8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### 8.1 Academic progress

- The Recipient must maintain satisfactory progress in the honours program for the duration of the scholarship.

### 8.2 UTS enrolment

The Recipient:

- must continue to be enrolled full-time as per the requirements of their nominated UTS honours degree.
- In exceptional circumstances<sup>1</sup> may apply to UTS Scholarships for approval of a part-time study load. The Recipient with an approved part-time study load may receive reduced payments for the period of part-time study.

### 8.3 Leave / Deferral / Course withdrawal

- The Scholarship cannot be deferred. If the Recipient defers the UTS offer or withdraws from the UTS course after the start of their first session, the Scholarship will be terminated and any Scholarship payment already made for the session in which they withdraw may need to be reimbursed to UTS.
- Leave of Absence will not usually be approved. If however, after the Recipient's first session of study they can demonstrate exceptional circumstances, they may apply to UTS Scholarships for an approved leave of absence from studies. If leave is approved, payment of the Scholarship will be suspended for the period of leave. The Scholarship will be terminated if the Recipient takes leave without approval from UTS Scholarships.
- Payments will be resumed to the Recipient after an approved leave of absence until the remaining value of the Scholarship has been paid or another leave of absence is approved.

### 8.4 Academic Integrity:

- UTS takes Academic Integrity very seriously and breaches (e.g. plagiarism, cheating, etc.) are considered Academic Misconduct. For more information on Academic Integrity at UTS can be found on the UTS Current Students pages of the UTS website.
- Any Academic Misconduct allegations proven by the University (and upheld if appealed) may result in the termination of this Scholarship and the University might require the Recipient to repay the total benefit received at the time of termination.

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<sup>1</sup> Exceptional circumstances refer to and may not be limited to severe disruptions, disability, ongoing illness, carer's responsibilities and other education barriers.

### **8.5 Other obligations and conditions**

- The offer of the Scholarship is made subject to information provided by the Recipient being true and accurate.
- By accepting the offer of the Scholarship, the Recipient agrees to the Conditions of Award.
- The offer of the Scholarship is only valid for the intake defined in the Scholarship letter of offer and cannot be deferred.
- Recipients of a Jumbunna scholarship valued at or above \$5,000 will not be eligible for further Jumbunna scholarships for the duration of the Scholarship currently held. However, the Scholarship Selection Committee may seek approval from the Director of Jumbunna to waive this condition where mitigating circumstances exist at the time of selection.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising UTS Scholarships of any changes in circumstances that would make them ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship, e.g. reducing study load to part-time, taking leave of absence or deferring study.
- Any change in the Recipient's circumstances not addressed by these Conditions of Award will be considered by UTS Scholarships and/or the Scholarship Selection Committee on a case-by-case basis.
- The Recipient will be invited to consent to allow their name, photograph and a short article to be used for the promotion of UTS scholarships.

### **9. TERMINATION OF RECIPIENT'S SCHOLARSHIP**

The Scholarship may be terminated if:

- The Recipient ceases to meet the eligibility criteria; or
- The Recipient breaches any conditions of the Scholarship
- The Recipient has a misconduct allegation proven after consultation with the Director, Student Administration, deems that it is not appropriate for the Recipient to continue to hold the Scholarship.
- If the scholarship is terminated due to breaching any conditions or misconduct, the Recipient may be required to reimburse UTS for any scholarship payments already made.