



UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

UTS Housing Resident Networker Scholarship

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

1. SCHOLARSHIP NAME: UTS Housing Resident Networker Scholarship

2. PURPOSE:

The Resident Networker program is a leadership development program for UTS Housing residents and is a vital part of the UTS Housing community.

This Scholarship is an extension of the Resident Networker (RN) program. The Scholarship aims to provide financial support to students admitted to the Resident Networker program to assist with the costs of their education.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients:

All eligible commencing Resident Networker candidates will receive an offer for this Scholarship in each year that funding is available. The Scholarship is offered on a voluntary basis and there is no obligation to accept an offer of a Scholarship.

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:

The total value of the Scholarship is \$3,000 per session to each Recipient. The Scholarship is intended to be used by Recipients for educational purposes.

3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- Each Recipient will receive five payments over the session for which the Scholarship is awarded.
- Payments are made by electronic funds transfer to their nominated bank account.
- Each payment will be \$600
- Payments are subject to the Recipient satisfying (and continuing to satisfy for the duration of this Scholarship) eligibility criteria in line with the Scholarships and Prizes Policy and as outlined in clause 8 below.

4. DURATION:

The minimum duration of the Scholarship is one (1) session.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

To be eligible for the Scholarship, a candidate must meet all of the following criteria:

Applicants must be/have:

- Admitted to the Resident Networker program (having met all conditions therein) in the session of scholarship award (See attached "Resident Networker Leadership Program Description" for details); and
- A current resident of UTS Housing; and

- For the duration of the Scholarship: enrolment in any UTS undergraduate or postgraduate degree (coursework or research), Study Abroad or Exchange program or Jumbunna UNISTART.

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA:

The eligibility criteria outlined in clause 5 above and the Selection Criteria and Retention Criteria set out in the “Resident Networker Leadership Program Description”, will be used to identify and select all Recipients.

To be eligible to participate in the RN program, applicants must (for the duration of their participation in the RN program):

- Participate in the RN training program.
- Be available for all key Res Life dates including RN training, welcome weeks and annual events.
- For residents who are in the second year of their course or above, have attained, and maintain, a minimum pass grade average (WAM 50+) in the previous academic year.
- Be enrolled as a full-time or part-time UTS student with over 6 CP.
- Be a current resident of UTS Housing.
- Be willing to move apartment, level or residence where required.
- Not be in breach of the UTS Licence Agreement, UTS Housing Handbook, House Rules or Student Rules.
- Not be or have been subject to any allegations of misconduct at UTS or other universities
- Not have a history of payment arrears with UTS Housing.
- Be able to demonstrate exemplary behaviour in all aspects of campus life including demonstrating leadership and personal qualities including empathy, responsibility, maturity, initiative etc.

DESIRABLE:

- Preference may be given to residents who are in the second year of their course or above who have obtained a minimum of a Credit average or above in the previous academic year.
- Intent on doing the role for 1+ years (not essential).
- Demonstrate prior involvement in community leadership roles, including volunteering, UTS clubs and societies, charity, etc.
- Demonstrate prior involvement in the UTS Housing community.

7. SELECTION:

Applications are not required for this Scholarship. Eligible candidates will be identified through the recommendation of UTS Housing to candidates that have been offered and accepted into the Resident Networker program in the year of award.

The recommended eligible candidates will be presented to the Scholarship Selection Committee for endorsement and approval for the scholarship award.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will be made up of at least three relevant members of the UTS community, chaired by the Director of Student Services Unit (or nominee), and is to include a representative from the UTS Scholarships and UTS Housing.

Scholarship offers will be authorised by the Chair of the Committee.

8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

8.1 Academic progress:

The Recipient must maintain a minimum Pass average (WAM 50 +) per session.

8.2 UTS Enrolment:

The Recipient must continue to be enrolled full-time or part-time in any undergraduate or postgraduate degree (coursework or research), Study Abroad or Exchange program, or Jumbunna UNISTART program at UTS.

8.3 Leave / Deferral:

The Scholarship cannot be deferred /postponed.

8.4 Other obligations and conditions:

- Scholarship Recipients must:
 - continue to be a resident of UTS Housing for the duration of the Scholarship; and
 - comply with all Resident Networker Selection Criteria and Retention Criteria as defined in the attached “Resident Networker Leadership Program Description”, for the duration of the Scholarship.
- 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, each 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.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising UTS Scholarships and UTS Housing 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, misconduct or behavioural issues. If the Recipient withdraws from the Resident Networker Program after the start of Autumn or Spring session, the Scholarship will be terminated and any Scholarship payment already made for the session in which they withdraw may be required to be reimbursed to UTS.
- If the Recipient fails to meet the eligibility criteria for the Resident Networker Program at any time during their participation in the program, the Scholarship may be terminated, or suspended until the outcome of the suspension is determined. Where it is determined that the Recipient may continue to participate in the Resident Networker Program, UTS will pay any Scholarship instalments to the Recipient that were missed during the suspension period.
- Previous Recipients may be awarded the Scholarship in subsequent sessions subject to meeting the eligibility criteria, as outlined in Clause 5 and successfully completing the Resident Networker program re-application process.
- Any change in the Recipient’s circumstances not addressed by these Conditions of Award will be considered by the UTS Scholarships and/or the Scholarship Selection Committee on a case-by-case basis.
- It is recommended that the Scholarship recipient seeks professional advice on the taxation of this scholarship. The University cannot provide advice regarding taxation. Please refer to the Australian Tax Office Website for further information: <http://www.ato.gov.au>