



UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

The Rotary Soukup 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 of Technology Sydney ('UTS') in regard 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

The Rotary Soukup Scholarship

2. PURPOSE

The Scholarship aims to support a young Indigenous student by alleviating some key financial pressures and providing them with means to succeed in their undergraduate studies at UTS

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients:

Up to two (2) new recipients may be awarded the Scholarship.

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:

- The maximum total value of the Scholarship is \$60,000 per Recipient.
- The value of the Scholarship to the Recipient is \$20,000 per year for the period of three (3) years, or for the remaining standard during the degree (whichever is the lesser).

3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- Each Recipient will receive two payments per year by electronic funds transfer to their nominated bank account.
- Each payment will be \$10,000 or the pro rata amount if part-time study has been approved by exception.
- Payment will usually be made within four weeks after the census dates in the Autumn and Spring sessions.
- Payments are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8.

4. DURATION

- The duration of the scholarship is up to three (3) years¹. Scholarship duration may be extended if part-time study load is approved by exception.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for the Scholarship an applicant must:

- 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 immediate family members; and

- Be commencing or continuing in any UTS undergraduate course during the calendar year the Scholarship is awarded (including students who are commencing a Bachelor's degree after completing an UTS College diploma); and
- Apply for the Scholarship online using the UTS Scholarship Application Form.

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

- Motivation to succeed in the nominated UTS course, as demonstrated in the Scholarship application;
- Initiative in extra-curricular and non-academic activities, as demonstrated in the Scholarship application;
- Potential for the receipt of the Scholarship increasing the likelihood the candidate will be able to complete their chosen UTS course at a higher level of performance than would otherwise be the case, as demonstrated in the Scholarship application

Preference will be given to the applicants who:

- Are experiencing any long-term educational barriers and/or personal hardship including:
 - Financial hardship, low socio-economic status;
 - Geographical disadvantage,
 - Sole parent;
 - Carer;
 - Long-term medical condition, disability, or ongoing effects of abuse.

Students wishing to demonstrate long-term educational barriers and/or financial hardship will Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) Equity Scholarship application.

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 consist of at least three (3) relevant members of the UTS community. This will be chaired by the Director (or nominee), Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research. The Donor (or their representative) will be invited to sit on the selection panel. The Committee is to include a representative from the Centre for Social Justice and Inclusion (or nominee). The Donor (or their nominee) will be invited to sit on the Committee.

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

8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

8.1 Academic progress:

- The Recipient must maintain the minimum pass average (50+ WAM) for the duration of the Scholarship.
- Where a minimum Pass average is not achieved, the Recipient will be required to seek support from Jumbunna Student Services for advice on further support to assist them.

8.2 UTS enrolment:

The Recipient:

- must continue to be enrolled full-time (minimum of 18 credit points in both Autumn and Spring sessions) in an eligible course at UTS; or
- may, in mitigating circumstances, apply to the UTS Scholarships for approval of a part-time study load. The Recipient with an approved part-time study load may receive pro-rata payments for the period of part-time study.
- may apply to the UTS Scholarships to transfer the Scholarship to another eligible UTS course, if a course transfer is being sought. The value of the Scholarship will be recalculated using the new course to determine duration as per clause 4. All payments received by the Recipient, under any course, will accumulate towards their total payments received.

8.3 Leave / Deferral / Course withdrawal:

- If the Recipient withdraws from the UTS course after the start of the session in which the Scholarship is first awarded, the Scholarship will be terminated and any Scholarship payment already made may need to be reimbursed to UTS.
- After successful completion of the first session in which the Scholarship is awarded, the Recipient may apply to UTS Scholarships to place the Scholarship on hold for the duration of the approved leave of absence from studies. If the application 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 the UTS Scholarships.
- Provided the Recipient remains eligible, 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.

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, 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.
- 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.
- For the duration of the Scholarship the Recipient is not permitted to hold other, non-Jumbunna UTS scholarships unless an equity-based scholarship is approved by exception.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising UTS Scholarships of any changes in circumstances that would make them ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship, for example, but not limited to, reducing study load to part-time, taking leave of absence, or deferring study.
- Any change in circumstances of the Recipient not addressed by these Conditions of Award will be considered by UTS Scholarships and/or the Scholarship Selection Committee case-by-case.
- The Recipient may be invited to consent to the use of their name, quotations, photographs, or videos of themselves for the promotion of UTS scholarships.
- The Recipient will be invited to attend Rotary Club of Sydney events, including the annual Soukup Memorial Scholarship lunch. Should the Recipient choose to attend, the cost of attending these events will be covered by the Rotary Club of Sydney.

9. TERMINATION OF RECIPIENT'S SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship may be terminated if the Recipient:

- ceases to meet the eligibility criteria; or
- breaches any conditions of the Scholarship; or
- has a misconduct allegation proven, and after consultation with the Director, Student Administration, the delegate able to award the Scholarship 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.