

# UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award UTS College to UTS Pathways Scholarship

This document sets out the conditions of award for the below Scholarship ('Scholarship') as well as the obligations of recipients ('Recipient') and 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 College to UTS Pathways Scholarship

# 2. PURPOSE

This Scholarship was established by UTS to support the UTS College Pathway Program and support international students to succeed as they articulate to their UTS undergraduate degrees. The scholarship is to be offered to international students who exhibit the University's core values and can demonstrate commitment to excellence, innovation, entrepreneurship and social justice.

# **3. VALUE AND BENEFIT**

# 3.1 Number of Recipients:

- Up to six (6) new Recipients will be awarded the Scholarship each calendar year at the time of admission to the UTS degree course.
- Usually three (3) Recipients will be awarded in the Autumn session and three (3) Recipients in the Spring session.

In the event there are two equally ranked applicants a Scholarship may be split so that each Recipient receives half the value of the Scholarship.

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

- UTS will pay for 50% of each Recipient's UTS tuition fees for the course enrolled in for the duration of the Scholarship as defined in clause 4.
- In the event one Scholarship is split, UTS will pay 25% of each of these Recipient's UTS tuition fees for the course enrolled in for the duration of the Scholarship as defined in clause 4.
- The Scholarship cannot be transferred, deferred or redeemed for cash.

#### 3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- The tuition fee contributions will be made directly to the Recipient's UTS fees account each session for the duration of the Scholarship as defined in clause 4.
- The tuition fee contributions are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8.

#### 4. DURATION

The duration of the Scholarship is the standard number of credit points required for completion of the Recipient's enrolled undergraduate course on the basis of a full-time study load, as specified in the letter of offer for admission to the course. Where the Recipient does not follow the usual standard full-time course structure, the total value of the Scholarship may be exhausted prior to course completion.

# 5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

- Be an international student (not an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of Australia); and
- Successfully complete a UTS College Diploma in Sydney, and have an overall GPA of 6.0 or above in their Diploma; and
- Meet UTS admission criteria for the selected UTS undergraduate degree course; and
- Be commencing studies in a UTS undergraduate degree that directly articulates from their UTS College Diploma course, in the next available intake after completion of the candidate's Diploma; and
- All candidates must apply using the UTS online Scholarships Application form to be eligible.

# 6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

- Applicant's response to questions asked in the UTS online scholarship application.
- Academic merit based on UTS College Diploma results may also be considered.

# 7. SELECTION

Applications of eligible candidates will be presented to a Scholarships Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of Recipients, usually in February and July each year.

The Scholarships Committee will be made up of at least three relevant members of the UTS community and is to include:

- Chair: Head of Admissions Services and Scholarships (or nominee)
- Two relevant members of the UTS community
- Optional: A staff member representing UTS College nominated by the UTS College Dean of Studies

Offers will be authorised by the chair of the Scholarship Selection Committee.

# 8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

#### 8.1 Academic progress:

The Recipient must maintain a minimum Credit average (WAM 65+) per session for the duration of the Scholarship. Where a credit average is not achieved, payment of the Scholarship may be suspended or terminated, unless the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances<sup>1</sup> for the consideration of the Scholarship Selection Committee.

# 8.2 UTS enrolment:

The Recipient of the Scholarship:

- Must continue to be enrolled as a full-time (24 credit points per session and 48 credit points per year) international student in an undergraduate course at UTS, unless the recipient has been approved to study at reduced study load through the standard International Student Visa Holders Application to Reduce Study Load application process through a UTS Student Centre.
- Must continue to be enrolled as an international student in their first enrolled undergraduate degree course at UTS. The Scholarship is not transferable to other UTS courses.

# 8.3 Leave / Deferral / Course withdrawal:

- All deferral or suspension requests are subject to approval from UTS.
- If the Recipient defers the UTS offer or withdraws from the UTS course after the start of their first session and before the census date, the Scholarship will be terminated and the tuition fees paid by the student will be refunded according to the <u>Statement of protocol on fees and refunds for</u> international students studying in Australia
- After the first session, if the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances<sup>1</sup>, they may apply to UTS International Scholarships for a temporary suspension of the Scholarship during the period of approved leave. If a period of leave is approved, the Scholarship will be suspended for duration of the approved leave period. However, the Scholarship may be terminated if the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Exceptional circumstances include disability, ongoing illness, carer's responsibilities and other educational barriers, and are considered by UTS Scholarships case-by-case.

Recipient takes leave without approval from UTS International Scholarships or does not submit a request to retain application to take an approved leave of absence for the scholarship.

#### 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 <u>UTS Current Students pages</u> of the UTS website.
- Any Academic Misconduct allegations proven by the University (and upheld if appealed) will result in the termination of this Scholarship and the University might require the Recipient to repay the total benefit received at 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.
- Recipients must comply with all of the University's rules, policies and procedures including those relating to conduct. The Recipient is responsible for advising UTS International Scholarships of any changes in circumstances that would make them ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship, including but not limited to taking Leave of Absence or deferring study, and changing their international student visa status to other visa categories, including but not limited to Permanent Residency visa.
- If the Recipient obtains Australian Permanent Residency status, the Scholarship will be terminated as outlined below:
  - For Recipients obtaining their Permanent Residency before census date in any session, the Scholarship will be terminated and any tuition fee Scholarship payment already made for that session will be reversed.
  - For Recipients obtaining their Permanent Residency after census date in any session, the Scholarship will be terminated the following session.
- For the duration of the Scholarship the Recipient is not permitted to hold other UTS Scholarships that will total more than 100% of the value of their tuition fees.
- The Recipient will be responsible for any study costs incurred outside UTS tuition fees, including payment of the Student Services and Amenities Fee.
- The Recipient does not need to re-apply for the Scholarship each year.
- Any changes to the Recipient's circumstances not addressed by these Conditions of Award will be considered by the UTS International Scholarships and/or the Scholarship Selection Committee on a case-by-case basis.
- The Recipient will be invited to consent to allowing their name, photograph and/or short article to be used for the promotion of UTS.

#### 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; or
- A recipient has misconduct allegation proven and after consultation with the Director, Student Administration and the delegate able to award the Scholarship deems that it is not appropriate for the Recipient to continue to hold the Scholarship; or
- The scholarship is terminated, the tuition fee contribution may be reserved, and the student may be liable to pay the full tuition fee upfront for the session in which the termination was applied.