

UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

UTS:INSEARCH to UTS Pathways Scholarship

This document sets out the conditions of award for the below Scholarship ('Scholarship') and 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. NAME

UTS:INSEARCH to UTS Pathways Scholarship

2. PURPOSE

This Scholarship was established by UTS to support the UTS:INSEARCH Pathway Program and to attract top achieving international students of the UTS:INSEARCH Diploma to UTS undergraduate degrees.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients

Two (2) new Recipients will be awarded the Scholarship each year at the time of admission to the UTS degree course. One Recipient will be awarded in each of the Autumn and Spring Semester intakes.

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient

- UTS will pay for each Recipient's UTS tuition fees for the course enrolled in for the duration of the Scholarship as defined in clause 4.
- The Scholarship does not pay for the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF).
- 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 semester for the duration of the Scholarship.
- 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 semesters 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. RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

- Must be an international student (not an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of Australia); and
- Must have completed or be completing a UTS:INSEARCH Diploma, and have an overall grade of credit average or above in their Diploma; and
- Meet the UTS admission criteria for the selected UTS undergraduate degree course; and
- Must be commencing studies in a UTS undergraduate degree in the next available intake after completion of the candidate's UTS:INSEARCH Diploma; and
- Must apply using the online UTS Scholarships online application form.

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

- Academic merit based on UTS:INSEARCH Diploma results
- Motivation to succeed in the chosen UTS degree program, as demonstrated by the Scholarship application
- Commitment to utilise the UTS degree to contribute to their community, as demonstrated by the Scholarship application
- Likelihood that the receipt of the Scholarship will significantly increase the candidate's ability to complete the degree at a higher level of performance than would otherwise be the case, as demonstrated by the Scholarship application.

7. SELECTION

Eligible candidates will be presented to a Scholarships Committee, which will undertake the selection of Recipients, usually in mid-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: Director, UTS International (or their nominee)
- Scholarships Manager, Student Administration Unit (or their nominee)
- And may include another UTS staff member
- Optional: A staff member representing UTS:INSEARCH

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

8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

8.1 Academic progress

The Recipient must maintain a minimum credit average per semester for the duration of the Scholarship. Where credit average is not achieved, payment of the Scholarship may be suspended or terminated, unless the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances¹ for the consideration of the UTS Scholarships Office.

¹ Exceptional circumstances include disability, ongoing illness, carer's responsibilities and other educational barriers, and are considered by the Scholarships Office case-by-case.

8.2 UTS enrolment

The Recipient of the Scholarship:

- Must continue to be enrolled as a full-time (24 credit points or more/semester) international student in an undergraduate course at UTS, unless he/she 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

- If the Recipient defers the UTS offer or withdraws from the UTS course after the start of his/her first semester, the Scholarship will be terminated and any tuition fee Scholarship payment already made for that semester will be reversed.
- After the first semester, if the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances², he/she may apply to the Scholarships Office and UTS International for an approved leave of absence from studies. The Scholarship will be terminated if the Recipient takes leave without approval from both of the above two offices.

8.4 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 Recipient is responsible for advising the Scholarships Office of any changes in circumstances that would make him/her ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship, e.g. taking leave of absence or deferring study, changing his/her international student visa status to other visa categories, including but not limited to Permanent Residency visa.
- The Recipient will be responsible for any study costs incurred outside UTS tuition fees, including payment of the Student Services and Amenities Fee.
- If the Recipient obtains Permanent Residency status, the Scholarship will be terminated as outlined below:
 - For Recipients obtaining their Permanent Residency before census date in any semester: the Scholarship will be terminated and any tuition fee Scholarship payment already made for that semester will be reversed.
 - For Recipients obtaining their Permanent Residency after census date in any semester: the Scholarship will be terminated the following semester.
- The Recipient does not need to re-apply for the Scholarship each year.

9. TERMINATION OF RECIPIENT'S SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship will terminate:

- If the Recipient ceases to meet the eligibility criteria; or
- If the Recipient breaches any conditions of the Scholarship; or
- If UTS determines that the student is guilty of misconduct and after consultation with the Registrar the delegate able to award the Scholarship deems that it is not appropriate for the Recipient to continue to hold the Scholarship.

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