UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

Bachelor of Information Technology Co-op Scholarship

Faculty: Engineering and Information Technology

This document sets out the conditions of award for the below scholarship ('Scholarship') as well as the obligations of recipients ('Recipient') and the University of Technology Sydney 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:** Bachelor of Information Technology Co-op Scholarship

2. **PURPOSE:**
The Bachelor of Information Technology is a co-operative education program between the University and sponsoring organisations. The aim of the program is to produce graduates who will become leaders in information technology. The program is designed with input from industry sponsors, and offers a strategic business focus allowing students to develop strong technical skills combined with an in-depth understanding of business practice and technical skills, and an advanced appreciation of the role of IT within today's business environment.

The University of Technology Sydney (UTS) has over thirty years of experience offering practice-oriented education in a wide variety of fields. UTS is renowned for its close links with industry, which have been established via numerous co-operative education and research ventures.

3. **VALUE AND BENEFIT**
3.1 Number of Recipients:
The number of Recipients is dependent on the pool of scholarship sponsors for that given cohort year.

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:
- The maximum total valueof the Scholarship is $49,500.
- Each Recipient will undertake two 23-week period of unpaid industry placements during first year (second session) and third year (fifth session).

3.3 Payment of benefit/s:
- Each Recipient will receive equal fortnightly payments by electronic funds transfer to their nominated bank account for the duration of the Scholarship;
- Each Recipient will receive twenty-six (26) equal fortnightly payments per year or the pro-rata amount if part-time study has been approved;
- Payments are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria in line with the Scholarships and Prizes Policy and as outlined in clause 8 below.

4. **DURATION:**
The duration of the Scholarship is three (3) years.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Applicants must meet the following criteria:
- Be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or the holder of an Australian permanent resident visa or permanent humanitarian visa; and
- Be an Recent School Leaver with ATAR (or equivalent) of 85 or above (excluding adjustment points). It is expected that students will achieve an ATAR of around 90 or higher. The Faculty may consider applicants whose ATAR falls in the range of 80 to 85 (excluding adjustment points) depending on the quality of their application and interview; and
- Apply through UAC for admission into Bachelor of Information Technology Co-op Scholarship; and
- All candidates must apply using the UTS online Scholarships Application form to be eligible; and
- All candidates must be available to attend an interview in person (online or face-to-face).

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA
- Suitability for the Bachelor of Information Technology Co-op Scholarship as demonstrated by the application and interview;
- Academic Merit.

7. SELECTION:

Eligible candidates will be presented to a Scholarships Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of Recipients, based on the above selection criteria.

The Scholarships Committee will be made up of at least three relevant members of the UTS community, and include a representative from Engagement (Teaching & Learning), the Bachelor of Information Technology Program Coordinator and an Academic Representative from the Faculty Engineering and Information Technology, and the Committee will be Chaired by the Dean of the Faculty of Faculty Engineering and Information Technology (or their nominee).

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 of Credit Average (WAM 65+) for the duration of the Scholarship.
  A student may be excluded under any of the following circumstances:
  - a student fails any subject on a second attempt
  - a student gains less than 50 percent of the credit points for which he or she is enrolled in that assessment period
  - a student fails any subject that is part of the program of an industry-based session or a student performs unsatisfactorily during an industry-based session, or
  - a student may not commence an industry-based session if they are two or more subjects behind the program's normal scheduled progress at that stage.

As an alternative to exclusion, a student whose performance is unsatisfactory according to the circumstances named above may have their enrolment transferred from the Bachelor of Information Technology to the Bachelor of Science in Information Technology course by means of an internal course transfer: continuing. The decision of whether a student is recommended for exclusion or a forced course transfer is at the sole discretion of the faculty and dependent on the individual circumstances of the student.
Appeals against exclusion are dealt with by the University's Appeals Committee (of the Academic Board).

8.2 UTS Enrolment:

The Recipient:
- must continue to be enrolled full-time in the Bachelor of Information Technology undergraduate program at UTS; or

- may, in exceptional circumstances[1] apply to the Selection Committee 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;
- No internal Course Transfer is permissible

8.3 Leave / Deferral / Course Withdrawal:
- If the Recipient defers the UTS offer or withdraws from the UTS course for other than compassionate reasons, the Scholarship will be terminated and any Scholarship payment already made, to a maximum of six (6) monthly payments are to be reimbursed to UTS.
- After the first session in which the Scholarship is awarded, the Recipient may apply to the Selection Committee to place the Scholarship on hold under exceptional circumstances[1] for the duration of 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 does not apply to place the Scholarship on hold.
- 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) 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.
- For each industry placement the recipient must agree and abide by the Sponsor's Code of Conduct and on-boarding requirements, and Student Responsibilities as outlined in the UTS BIT Co-op Scholarship Guidelines, which may include confidentiality and intellectual property agreements.
- The offer of the Scholarship is only valid for the intake defined in the Scholarship letter of offer and cannot be deferred.
- For the duration of the Scholarship the Recipient is not permitted to hold other UTS Scholarships, unless an equity-based scholarship is approved by exception.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising the Faculty 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 the Scholarship Selection Committee on a case-by-case basis.
- The Recipient will be invited to consent to allowing their name, photograph and a short article to be used for the promotion of UTS.
- The recipient must participate in Faculty of Engineering and IT relevant scholarship events and outreach activities.

9. TERMINATION OF RECIPIENT'S SCHOLARSHIP:
The Scholarship may be terminated:
- If the Recipient ceases to meet the eligibility criteria; or
- If the Recipient breaches any of the Conditions of Award; or
- If UTS determines that the student is guilty of misconduct 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.

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[1] Exceptional circumstances may include, but are not limited to, severe disruptions, disability, ongoing illness, carer's responsibilities and other education barriers which must have independent supporting documentation, and will be considered by the Selection Committee on a case-by-case basis.

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.

DECLARATION

I certify that I have read and accept the Conditions of Award for the Bachelor of Information Technology Co-op Scholarship.

Signature: . . . . Date: . . . .

Name in full (print): . . . .