



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Vice-Chancellor's International Academic Excellence Postgraduate Scholarship 2023 & 2024 (50%)

1. NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP

- 1.1 The Scholarship governed by these terms and conditions will be known as the "Western Sydney University Vice-Chancellor's International Academic Excellence Postgraduate Scholarship" (referred to in these terms as the "Scholarship"). For the purposes of these terms and conditions the Western Sydney University may also be referred to as the "University" or "Western".
- 1.2 In these Terms and Conditions, the following words have these meanings unless the context requires otherwise:
- (a) **Advanced Standing** means recognition by the University in a Program or Subject on the basis of previous successfully completed studies or prior learning in accordance with policies of the University.
 - (b) **Census Date** means the last day on which an Overseas Student can withdraw from a Program without having to pay the Program Fee. Census date for:
 - Autumn session: generally 31 March
 - Spring session: generally 31 August
 - Quarter 1 session: generally 31 January
 - Quarter 2 session: generally 24 April
 - Quarter 3 session: generally 17 July
 - Quarter 4 session: generally 9 October
 - (c) **Commencing Scholarship Recipient** means a Scholarship Recipient who is awarded a Scholarship and not yet completed first Study Period.
 - (d) **Continuing Scholarship Recipient** means a Scholarship Recipient who was awarded a Scholarship and enrolled for more than one study period.
 - (e) **Credit Points** means the value of a Subject or Unit of Study.
 - (f) **CRICOS** means the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students.
 - (g) **eCoE** means the electronic Confirmation of Enrolment which the University issues to Overseas Students with a Letter of Offer and which enables Overseas Students to apply for an Australian student Visa.
 - (h) **Eligible Program** means any Postgraduate Program delivered by the University except for the Ineligible Programs specified in clause 3.
 - (i) **Full Time Study Load** means a Study Load comprising 40 Credit Points per Study Period.
 - (j) **Ineligible Programs** are specified in clause 3.
 - (k) **Intake** means the date when a Student commences in their first Study Period. (Most Programs have two Intakes but these may vary).
 - (l) **Letter of Offer** means a letter from the University to a prospective student offering the prospective student a place in a Program at the University and may include an offer of a Scholarship.
 - (m) **Overseas Student** has the same meaning as in s.5 of the ESOS Act.
 - (n) **Program or Course** means a program or course of study which is registered on CRICOS leading to the award of an Postgraduate degree by the University. An Postgraduate Program or Course at the University usually comprises 12 Subjects or Units which is equivalent to 160 Credit Points.
 - (o) **Program Tuition Fees (PTF)** means fees that are directly related to the provision of a Program delivered by the University but excludes Student Services and Amenities Fees (SSAF) and Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) fees and other costs associated with study.
 - (p) **Reduced Study Load** means a Study Load which is less than a Full Time Study Load.
 - (q) **Scholarship** means the Western Sydney University Vice-Chancellor's International Academic Excellence Postgraduate Scholarship.
 - (r) **Scholarship Recipient** means an Overseas Student who is awarded a Scholarship by the University.
 - (s) **Student** means a person enrolled in an postgraduate degree with the University and includes Overseas Student.
 - (t) **Study Load** means the numbers of Credit Points in which a Student is enrolled.
 - (u) **Study Period** means a period of study or Term during which Students undertake lectures, tutorials, continuous assessment and examinations related to a Program or Subject. Terms are semester or trimester based and some are quarterly.
 - (v) **Subject or Unit** means a discrete component of a Program or Course respectively and is usually equivalent to 10 Credit Points at the University.
 - (w) **WSU-SCC Campus** means Western Sydney University's Sydney City campus at 255 Elizabeth Street, Sydney, NSW 2000 or at any replacement premises.

2. VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP

- 2.1 Fifty percent of tuition fees per annum, full-time only.
- 2.2 The scholarship is a tuition fee waiver and does not cover costs associated with living expenses, accommodation, transport, overseas student health cover or other costs associated with study.

3. DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP AND ELIGIBLE COURSES

- 3.1 The duration of the Scholarship will be to a maximum of two continuous years (**up to 160 credit points**) from the effective date of the commencement of the Scholarship, which is defined as the commencement date of the session following the date of the offer or such other date as set out in the University's Scholarship offer.
- 3.2 High research courses and Master of Nursing not included.

4. PAYMENT DETAILS & CONDITIONS

- 4.1 The scholarship recipient must notify the University in writing that he/she will accept the Scholarship offer by **signing and returning the Scholarship Recipient Agreement together with admission acceptance within TWO WEEKS from the date the scholarship offer was sent**. Failure to notify the University will lead to the Scholarship offer being withdrawn and made available to another person. The recipient agrees to observe the terms and conditions of the Scholarship as set out in this document. The recipient must be enrolled in an eligible postgraduate coursework program at the University as published on the scholarship webpage - https://westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/scholarships/uws_students/_nocache
- 4.2 The scholarship recipient will be paid 50% of the annual scholarship value per study period to the student fee account (not the recipient's bank account).
- 4.3 The recipient will be paid the postgraduate tuition fee scholarship after the Census date (please refer to 1.2b) of scholarship recipient's **each** semester or quarter.
- 4.4 The scholarship value can be viewed from the recipient's statement of account six weeks prior to the subsequent session commences.
- 4.5 The recipient must commence the eligible Postgraduate coursework program at Western Sydney University in 2023 or 2024 for the first time. Commencement may not be deferred to a different intake or year after scholarship offer was made, subject to scholarship availability.
- 4.6 The University is required to provide the student with an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE) to enable the student to apply for an Australian student Visa. The eCoE will not be issued until the student has paid the required deposit amount as indicated in the offer letter.
- 4.7 The recipient must maintain a full-time study load (40 credit points in each semester or 20 credit points in each quarter). Changes in enrolment (i.e. course changes, study load, withdrawal, resignation or leave of absence) require prior approval of the University **AND** Western Sydney International. The recipient must notify Western Sydney International, by joining the regular Zoom session or submitting scholarship enquiry form via WesternNow for any change of enrolments. Their scholarship eligibility will be re-assessed in line with these Scholarship Terms and Conditions and may result in cancellation of scholarship.
- 4.8 The scholarship is not available for a program or unit offered at Sydney City campus or offshore campus.
- 4.9 Withdrawal from study or changes in visa status renders the recipient liable to repay any scholarship funds received for the relevant session. For example, if the recipient decides to withdraw from his/her study in Autumn 2023 semester or is no longer considered as international student and the value of the scholarship has been allocated to the student fee account and has been used to pay for the Autumn 2023 semester's tuition fee, the recipient is required to repay the scholarship value for Autumn 2023 semester. No scholarship value can be refunded to the student.
- 4.10 The recipient must notify Western Sydney International, using their student email account, of any plans of changes to study pattern/enrolment, i.e. change course, study load, withdrawal, resignation or leave of absence. Their scholarship eligibility will be re-assessed in line with these Scholarship Terms and Conditions.
- 4.11 If any of the specified conditions are not met, the recipient status and continuation of the scholarship will be assessed and determined by the Director International Strategy, Mobility & Operations, Western Sydney International
- 4.12 The recipient will be responsible for any costs associated with obtaining a student Visa, overseas student health cover, student services amenities fee (SSAF) and any other associated costs of study.
- 4.13 The scholarship covers the minimum total credit points for completing the course program. Repeating or failed units is not covered.
- 4.14 For Scholarship taxation implications, recipients are advised to seek their own financial and tax advice on the impact of the receipt of the scholarship funds and review the Australian Taxation Office website at <http://www.ato.gov.au/>

5. SCHOLARSHIP CONTINUING CONDITIONS

- 5.1 The recipient is expected to maintain satisfactory academic progress **by passing all unit attempts AND maintaining a credit average (cumulative GPA 5 or greater) over the academic year** (January to December) for the duration of the scholarship.
- 5.2 The recipient's mode of study must be full-time (40 credit points per semester or 20 credit points per quarter).

- 5.3 The recipient must not seek to receive advanced standing for any period throughout their course.
- 5.4 The recipient must notify Western Sydney International (internationalscholarships@westernsydney.edu.au), using their student email account, of changes to study pattern and seek for scholarship approval, i.e. course changes, study load, withdrawal, resignation or leave of absence, prior to any changes happen officially.
- 5.5 It is the recipient's responsibility to ensure that the scholarship's terms and conditions are met and must not expect any form of reminder from the university.
- 5.6 The recipient agrees to periodically check their University email account for updates regarding their Scholarship.

6. SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- 6.1 The recipient may be invited to:
 - participate in University events for students and prospective students (eg Orientation, Open Day),
 - assist in providing information to prospective students about courses and scholarship programs.
 - provide a personal profile and photograph for use in promotional material,
 - participate in peer mentoring/tutoring,
 - undertake other engagements within and outside the university as required.

7. TERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

- 7.1 The Scholarship will be for the duration set out in clause 3 of these Terms & Conditions, subject to the following conditions of this clause 7.
- 7.2 On completion of the recipient's enrolled course prior to the conclusion of the Scholarship.
- 7.3 The Scholarship will be terminated if the recipient:
 - fail to return the Scholarship Recipient Agreement together with Admission Acceptance within TWO WEEKS from the date the scholarship offer was sent.
 - defer commencement to a different intake.
 - does not commence in 2023 or 2024 session as stated in the letter of offer and approved by the scholarship,
 - ceases to meet the specific eligibility of the Scholarship,
 - does not resume study at the conclusion of leave of absence (if scholarship approval was granted in advance),
 - ceases to be enrolled,
 - changes of enrolment (reduced study load, leave of absence and program transfer) without prior approval from Western Sydney International,
 - has been granted advanced standing,
 - has been awarded another scholarship by the University or another organisation that covers the cost of the tuition fees (fully or partially) to study at Western Sydney University.
 - is suspended or excluded from the University for misconduct,
 - is granted a Permanent Resident status prior to census date of scholarship recipient's each semester or quarter.
 - Is no longer considered as international student.
- 7.4 On the recipient's death, resignation or withdrawal from the University

8. APPEAL

- 8.1 Scholarship Recipients may make a written appeal against the termination of their Scholarship on the grounds of exceptional circumstances by applying to Western Sydney University (International) and providing supporting documentary evidence. Refer to the contact details below.
- 8.2 The Scholarship Recipient may not make an appeal against the termination of their Scholarship on the grounds that they did not read, know or understand these Terms and Conditions.
- 8.3 The International Scholarship Team will consider the appeal and make a determination on whether the appeal is upheld and the Scholarship continued, or the appeal is dismissed and the Scholarship is terminated. The appeal may be escalated to the Director International Strategy, Mobility & Operations, Western Sydney University (International), the decision of the Director International Strategy, Mobility & Operations is final and binding and the University will not enter into any further discussions or communications about that decision.

9. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 9.1 Where there is a difference in interpretation on the operation of this Agreement, the recipient may submit a case in writing to Western Sydney International.
- 9.2 Should the recipient not meet these conditions, the University has the right to withdraw payments and reallocate the Scholarship to another eligible applicant.

10. University's Rights

10.1 University reserves the rights to make any changes to the terms and conditions at any point of time.

CONTACT

All scholarship related enquiries must be raised during the International Scholarship Team regular Q&As Zoom session held on every Monday in the first instance.

Topic: Scholarship + Sponsored students FAQs and Q&As session

Time: 1pm to 1:30pm (Sydney time)

Days: Every Monday

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uws.zoom.us/j/88264048567?pwd=QVc3NTFMc0hZNlphTWpocCtwY2JlZz09>

Meeting ID: 882 6404 8567

Password: 869960

Only special consideration request with supporting documents can be emailed the International Scholarship Team

Email: InternationalScholarships@westernsydney.edu.au.