



## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### Vice-Chancellor's International Academic Excellence Postgraduate Scholarship 2025 & 2026 (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;
  - c) **Credit Points** means the value of a Subject or Unit of Study.
  - d) **CRICOS** means the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students
  - e) **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
  - f) **Eligible Program** means any postgraduate Program delivered by the University except for the Ineligible Programs specified in clause 3.
  - g) **Full Time Study Load means** a Study Load comprising 40 Credit Points per Study Period
  - h) **Ineligible Programs** are specified in clause 3;
  - i) **Intake** means the date when a Student commences in their first Study Period. (Most Programs have two Intakes but these may vary).
  - j) **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.
  - k) **Overseas Student** has the same meaning as in s.5 of the ESOS Act
  - l) **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 .A Postgraduate Program or Course at the University usually comprises 24 Subjects or Units which is equivalent to 240 Credit Points.
  - m) **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.
  - n) **Reduced Study Load** means a Study Load which is less than a Full Time Study Load (40 Credit Points).
  - o) **Scholarship** means the Vice-Chancellor's International Academic Excellence Postgraduate Scholarship 2025 & 2026.
  - p) **Scholarship Recipient** means an Overseas Student who is awarded a Scholarship by the University.
  - q) **Student** means a person enrolled in a Postgraduate degree with the University and includes Overseas Student.
  - r) **Study Load** means the numbers of Credit Points in which a Student is enrolled.
  - s) **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 based and some are quarterly.
  - t) **Subject or Unit** means a discrete component of a Program or Course respectively and is usually equivalent to 10 Credit Points at the University.
  - u) **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 (**strictly up to 160 credit points only**) 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 All CRICOS registered postgraduate coursework degrees with a minimum one year and up to a maximum two years duration. Excludes Postgraduate research degrees, Master of Nursing Practice (Preregistration), Master of Clinical Psychology, Master of Research and Higher Degree Research programs.
- 3.3 Any Programs or Subjects delivered at the WSU-SCC or any other partnering campus 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 by the acceptance date as stated in the email which scholarship offer was sent**. Failure to notify the University will lead to the Scholarship offer being withdrawn and made available to another person. The scholarship recipient agrees to observe the terms and conditions of the Scholarship as set out in this document. The scholarship recipient must be enrolled in an eligible course at the University as published on the scholarship webpage.
- 4.2 The scholarship recipient will be paid 50% of the annual scholarship value per study period to the student fee account (not the scholarship recipient's bank account).
- 4.3 The scholarship recipient will be paid the first Postgraduate tuition fee scholarship after the Census date of scholarship recipient's first session. Subsequent scholarship value will be allocated to the scholarship recipient's fee account (not bank account) within two weeks of enrolment of each session. Census date for each session is published on the university website.
- 4.4 The scholarship recipient must commence the eligible Postgraduate coursework program at Western Sydney University in 2025 or 2026 for the first time. Commencement may not be deferred to a different intake or year after scholarship offer was made, subject to scholarship availability.
- 4.5 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.
- 4.6 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 Scholarship Team. The applications are to be submitted via WesternNow. The recipient's scholarship eligibility will be re-assessed in line with these Scholarship Terms and Conditions and may result in cancellation of scholarship.
- 4.7 The scholarship is for the nominated course identified in the offer letter which the scholarship recipient has accepted when scholarship offer was accepted. Changes in course are subject to approval from Western Sydney International. Application must be submitted via WesternNow.
- 4.8 Withdrawal from study, unit or changes in visa status renders the scholarship recipient liable to repay any scholarship funds received for offsetting tuition fees of the relevant session. For example, if the scholarship recipient decides to withdraw from his/her study in Autumn 2025 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 2025 semester's tuition fee, the scholarship recipient is required to repay the scholarship value for Autumn 2025 semester. No scholarship value can be refunded to the scholarship recipient.
- 4.9 Scholarship Recipients must notify the International Scholarship Team, by submitting a scholarship enquiry form via WesternNow, of any plans of resignation or any change in their Visa type or status.
- 4.10 Scholarship Recipients may make request a change, reduction or suspension of their Study Load, or to take a leave of absence, and for an associated extension of their Scholarship. The University will re-assess the Scholarship Recipients eligibility for the Scholarship in these circumstances.
- 4.11 The University will assess all requests to suspend or reduce a Study Load or take a leave of absence, and for ongoing eligibility for or an extension to a Scholarship on a case-by-case basis and may request that the Scholarship Recipients provide supporting documentation from the Scholarship

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Recipients. The decision will be made by the University in its sole and absolute discretion and no correspondence will be entered into.

- 4.12 Scholarship recipients are not expected to enrol less than 30 credit points per semester or over two quarters. Scholarship approval will not be granted.
- 4.13 If the University (and the International Scholarship Team) gives written approval for a change to a Study Load, and agrees to extend the Scholarship, the Scholarship will be extended for a maximum of one year. Scholarship duration cannot be further extended.
- 4.14 The Application for Withdrawal (W grade) from the subjects must be submitted to the university within two weeks of the result release date. Approval of all W grade applications submitted after two weeks of the result release date, will not be taken into consideration for scholarship re-Instatement.
- 4.15 The scholarship 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.
- 4.16 The scholarship covers the minimum total credit points for completing the course program. Repeating, withdrawn, or failed units are not covered.
- 4.17 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 scholarship 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 scholarship recipient's mode of study must be full-time (40 credit points per semester or 20 credit points per quarter).
- 5.3 The scholarship recipient must not seek to receive advanced standing throughout their course.
- 5.4 The scholarship recipient must notify Western Sydney International by submitting relevant application of changes to study pattern via WesternNow and seek for scholarship approval, i.e. course changes, study load, withdrawal, resignation or leave of absence.
- 5.5 It is the scholarship 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 scholarship recipient agrees to periodically check their University email account for updates regarding their Scholarship.

## 6. SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

6.1 Scholarship Recipients may be invited to:

- a) participate in University events for Students (e.g. Orientation, Open Day);
- b) assist in providing information to Students about Programs and the Scholarship program;
- c) provide a personal profile and photograph for use in promotional material;
- d) participate in peer mentoring/tutoring; and
- e) undertake other engagements within and outside the University as required.

6.2 Scholarship Recipients:

- a) Consent to the University
  - i. photographing/videoing them and using any image of them in relation to the Scholarship;
  - ii. using any written material that they have produced about their experiences at the University and in relation to the Scholarship;
  - iii. being involved, if requested, in any Scholarship related publicity as the University thinks fit in its absolute discretion to promote the University, Sponsors of Scholarships or any of the University's activities;
- b) Acknowledge that all right, title and interest in or relating to any Scholarship written material that they have produced or image taken of them by or on behalf of the University belongs to the University, absolutely for its own use;
- c) Release the University from any claim by them or on their behalf, arising out of the University's use of any Scholarship written material they produce, and photograph/video of them; and
- d) If requested, agree to attend Scholarships ceremonies, and participate in activities to promote their scholarship, including public speaking, Open Days, media interviews and

photographs. Photos/video taken at these events may also be used for newsletters published by the University.

## **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 scholarship recipient's enrolled course prior to the conclusion of the Scholarship.
- 7.3 The Scholarship will be terminated if the scholarship recipient:
- defers commencement to a different intake.
  - does not commence in 2025 or 2026 sessions 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),
  - resigns, withdraws or ceases to be enrolled with the University,
  - enrolment is discontinued by the University,
  - changes their enrolment (Reduced Study Load, Leave of Absence and Program Transfer) without the prior written approval of the University and AND the International Scholarship Team,
  - enrolls in less than 40 credit points per Study Period without approval of from the International Scholarship Team,
  - achieves GPA less than 5 out of 7,
  - fails any subjects attempted,
  - 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 found guilty by the University of any misconduct as stated in the Student Misconduct Rule (<https://policies.westernsydney.edu.au/document/view.current.php?id=304>),
  - is granted a Permanent Resident status prior to census date of scholarship recipient's each semester or quarter,
  - Is no longer paying international student tuition fees.

## **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 Director, International Strategy, Mobility & Operations, Western Sydney University (International), 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 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. University's Rights**

- 9.1 University reserves the right to make any changes to these Terms and Conditions in its sole and absolute discretion at any time.

## CONTACT

All scholarship related enquiries or requests, including for Reduced Study Loads, adjustments, extensions or change of Program; withdrawal, resignation or leaves of absence; change in Visa type or status; Scholarship payments, pro-rating postponement of such payments and appeals must be asked during the Zoom Q&As session on every Monday (1pm Sydney Time), the International Scholarship Team will answer your questions during the session.

**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=QVc3NTFMc0hZNlphTWpocCtwY2JEZz09>

Meeting ID: 882 6404 8567

Password: 869960

**Alternatively**, lodge your scholarship related enquiry via WesternNow.

[https://wsu.service-now.com/student?id=sc\\_cat\\_item&sys\\_id=21f53de5db2f34509dd2bc56f3961966](https://wsu.service-now.com/student?id=sc_cat_item&sys_id=21f53de5db2f34509dd2bc56f3961966)

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Answers to over 95% of scholarship related questions can be found from the Scholarship FAQ published on the university website.

<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/applying/fees-and-costs/scholarships/faqs>

When Contacting International Scholarship Team, all Scholarship Related Enquiry or Request must be made by the Scholarship Recipient directly, not via any Third Party!