

## **Kickstart Scholarship**

### ***Terms and Conditions***

#### **Value and duration**

- Scholarship value is 20% reduction in tuition fees for eligible courses.
- Valid for the expected duration of study as stated in the offer letter, providing recipients meet the terms and conditions of the scholarship during their study.

#### **Eligibility**

- Available to new international commencing students only. Commencing students who were required to defer their offer due to visa application delays are still considered commencing students for this scholarship if it is still available by the intended commencement semester/study period.
- Available only to full fee-paying international applicants of any nationality (citizens of Australia and New Zealand and Australian Permanent Residents or other permanent visa holders are ineligible for the Scholarship).
- Applicants must meet the application criteria for the eligible course they wish to study to be considered for the scholarship.
- Scholarships are not available to individuals who have received credit for more than one third of the total unit value of their course, including on studies completed at another institution.

#### **Application and selection**

- There is no separate application process for this scholarship as eligibility will be determined during the course application assessment process.
- Selection for the scholarship may be on the qualification and score achieved (if applicable) to gain entry into their course, known as the basis of admission for the course.
- Eligible applicants need to accept their offer and make payment by deadlines if specified in their offer correspondence for the scholarship to be awarded.
- By accepting their offer, applicants acknowledge that they have read and understood these terms and conditions of the scholarship and agree to adhere to these for the duration of study as stated in their offer letter.

#### **Scholarship Terms**

- The scholarship is awarded when recipients meet all conditions of their course offer (if applicable) and are admitted into their course.
- The scholarship is awarded as a tuition fee reduction and will be reflected in the student tuition fee account in the student management system.
- There is no financial payout of any unspent portion of this scholarship, nor is it refundable if the scholarship is revoked or forfeit due to not meeting the terms or conditions of the scholarship.
- The scholarship does not cover the costs of any non-tuition fees including visa application, overseas student health cover, living expenses or any other costs associated with living in Adelaide or studying at Flinders University.
- The scholarship is not transferrable towards tuition fees for study at another institution. If a recipient enrolls in cross institutional study, or in study as part of a partnership with another institution, those tuition fees are not included in the scholarship.

#### **Exclusions**

- Selected courses are excluded from the scholarship as listed on the scholarship webpage. As these may change year to year, the scholarship may not be awarded retrospectively if the course eligibility changes from year to year.
- The scholarship is not available to applicants in receipt of financial support from the Australian

- government, a foreign government, or another Flinders University Scholarship.
- Scholarships are not available to students studying the full course offshore.
- The scholarship is not transferrable to a third party.

### Scholarship conditions

- All recipients are expected to adhere to the [Student Code of Conduct](#).
- Recipients of the scholarship must actively support Flinders University in promoting the university globally, including, as required, participating in marketing or promotional activities such as photo shoots or testimonials.
- All scholarship recipients must:
  - maintain full-time enrolment (18 units in a standard semester/study period or the number of units per the program of study for non-standard semester/study period courses) unless an underload has been authorised by the University.
    - If a scholarship recipient enrolls in less than a full-time equivalent load in any semester/study period covered by the scholarship without authorisation, that semester/study period's scholarship is forfeit.
    - The scholarship may be reinstated once the recipient enrolls in a full-time equivalent load in the next semester/study period, however the value of the scholarship will not be retrospectively applied.
  - maintain continuous enrolment without deferral, leave of absence or suspensions, unless this has been authorised by the University.
  - maintain international student status for the duration of enrolment in their course.
  - achieve and maintain a GPA of 4.0 on a 7.0 scale for the duration of study in the course per offer letter:
    - If a recipient's GPA drops below 4.0 by the end of expected duration of study in the course per the offer letter, no extension of scholarship will be given, even if an extension of study is granted to be able to complete the course.
    - If GPA is 4.00 or above for the duration of study in the course per offer letter, the scholarship will be extended for maximum of one year only, if an extension of study is granted to be able to complete the course.
  - meet payment deadlines for the remaining portion of tuition fees for each semester/study period or non-standard study period. Failure to make payment of all remaining fees by the advertised payment date may result in the Scholarship being forfeit for that semester/study period. In special cases, Student Financial Services may approve a payment extension or instalment plan, in which case the Scholarship can be maintained.
- Recipients of the scholarship who successfully apply to transfer to another course are not permitted to transfer the scholarship between courses if the new course is listed as excluded from the scholarship.
- The Scholarship may be approved to be transferred from one eligible course to another if the recipient is successful in their application to internally transfer courses and the transfer is within a closely related discipline or specialisation:
  - For undergraduate students, this transfer could be between Bachelor of Information Technology (Data Science) to Bachelor of Information Technology (Data Analytics) for example.
  - For postgraduate applicants, this transfer could be between Master of Business (Marketing) to Master of Business (International Business) for example.
- The scholarship will be revoked, and the recipient will not be considered for scholarships in future applications:
  - if any information submitted with an application for admission is found to be false or misleading and the offer for the course will also be withdrawn; or
  - if the recipient is awarded another scholarship; or
  - if the recipient fails to adhere to or meet the terms and conditions of the scholarship; or
  - if the recipient is precluded from their course at any point during their study or excluded from studying at Flinders; or
  - if the recipient's student visa is cancelled at any point during their study; or

- if the recipient withdraws from their Flinders study without attempting 50% or more of the total course units and does not re-enrol in the next semester/study period; or
- if the recipient fails to enrol to commence the course and their CoE (confirmation of enrolment) is subsequently cancelled.

However, if compassionate or compelling circumstances apply and can be substantiated with documentary evidence, recipients may be reconsidered for a scholarship if they return to study at a later date or apply for another eligible course.

These terms and conditions may change without notice. Recipients will be notified via email of any changes.

The scholarship may not be offered from one intake to another and may be discontinued without notice.

#### **Definitions**

##### ***Semester***

The term Semester is used in these terms and conditions; however, students enrolled in a course delivered over Study Periods or Trimesters over the year are to take Semester to mean Study Period or Tri-Mester in their case where this is not specified.

##### ***Full-time study load***

means 18 units per semester or sufficient units in each study period to be able to complete a course in the minimum time.

##### ***Onshore student***

means an international student studying or an applicant intending to study a course that is delivered at a Flinders campus in Australia.

##### ***Compassionate or compelling circumstances***

circumstances beyond the student's direct control that significantly impact the student's ability to study such as serious illness or injury, death of a close family member, traumatic experience (involvement or witnessing a serious accident or crime), major political upheaval or natural disaster, mandatory military service in home country. Circumstances not considered compassionate or compelling are those considered to be within the control of the student such as desire to change course, failure to enrol in the course by deadline, family or customary obligations, minor illness or homesickness, financial difficulties, desire to move providers to be with friends/family, work commitments.

##### ***Documentary evidence***

Independent evidence (including statements from doctor, death certificate or death notice, legal documents, police reports etc) provided by counsellors, psychologists or official authorities which include details and impact of the circumstances to support claims for special consideration.