

## **VC Excellence Scholarship**

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

#### **Categories and value**

VC Excellence Scholarship - Undergraduate and Postgraduate

- Up to 50% reduction in tuition fees
- All scholarships are valid for the duration of the course of study, providing continuing eligibility requirements are met
- Scholarship value is the percentage reduction specified above

#### **Eligibility, application and selection**

- Available to new students only.
- Flinders alumni returning for further study are eligible to apply for the VC Excellence Scholarships.
- Available only to full fee-paying international students of any nationality (citizens of Australia and New Zealand and Australian Permanent Residents or other permanent visa holders are ineligible to apply)
- Available to direct-entry students as well as students in packaged English, Foundation Studies Program or Pre-Masters Business Program pathways. Students in packaged Diploma programs are not eligible to apply.
- There is no separate application process, applications for courses will be automatically assessed for scholarship eligibility. Eligible applicants will be notified with their Letter of Offer to the course, and invited to complete the VC Excellence Scholarship form.
- Undergraduate applicants require an equivalent ATAR of 95 or above and submission of the VC Excellence Scholarship form.
- Postgraduate applicants require an equivalent GPA of 6.5 or above and submission of the VC Excellence Scholarship form.
- The Vice Chancellor Undergraduate and Postgraduate International Scholarships are highly competitive and are confirmed through a selection process
- Unsuccessful applicants will be considered for other international student scholarships.

#### **Exclusions**

- Selected courses are excluded from the Go Beyond Scholarship scheme. See list of excluded courses in Appendix 1
- Scholarships are not available to current Flinders students who are transferring from a Flinders course without the scholarship into an eligible scholarship course
- Scholarships are not available to students in receipt of financial support from the Australian government, a foreign government, or another Flinders University scholarship
- Scholarships are not available to students transferring to Flinders with credit from studies completed at another institution
- Scholarships are not available to students studying the full degree offshore.

- Scholarships are not available for Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma courses (with the exception of the Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced)) or Research Higher Degree courses.

### Continuing eligibility conditions

- Recipients of the Go Beyond Scholarships must actively support Flinders University in promoting the university globally, including, as required, participating in marketing or promotional activities including but not limited to photo shoots, testimonials and other designated activities
- Recipients of the VC Excellence Scholarships must:
  - actively support Flinders University in promoting the university globally, including, as required, participating in marketing or promotional activities including but not limited to photo shoots, testimonials and other designated activities and participate in the **Flinders International Ambassador Program**.
- All recipients must:
- Maintain enrolment in the initial course and specialisation as confirmed on the Letter of Offer. Transfers *within* disciplines may be approved – eg Bachelor of Business (Marketing) to Bachelor of Business (International Business) – however transfers to ineligible courses will result in loss of scholarship. Where an eligible course has a higher scholarship cut-off score, recipient must meet the higher cut-off in order to continue receiving the scholarship.
- Maintain a GPA of 5.0 on a 7.0 scale after 36 units of study. If a recipient's GPA drops below 5.0 the scholarship will be withheld in the following semester and the student will be charged the full tuition fee for that semester. If the student's GPA the following semester is above the 5.0 threshold the scholarship will be reinstated.
- Maintain full time enrolment (unless an underload has been authorised by Flinders University). If a scholarship recipient enrolls in less than a full-time load in any semester covered by the scholarship without authorisation from Flinders University, that semester's portion of the scholarship is forfeited. The scholarship may be reactivated once the student enrolls in a full-time load in the next semester however, the full value of the scholarship will not be disbursed.
- Maintain continuous enrolment without deferrals or suspensions (unless a temporary suspension has been authorised by Flinders University)
- Maintain international student status for the duration of enrolment
- Meet payment deadlines for the remaining portion of tuition fees for each study period. The scholarship will be revoked unless all remaining fees are paid by the advertised payment date. In exceptional circumstances Student Financial Services may approve a payment extension or instalment plan, in which case the scholarship can be maintained.
- The scholarship is not transferrable to any other institution. If a recipient enrolls in cross institutional study those tuition fees are not covered by the by the scholarship and the value of the scholarship applied to the Flinders tuition will be reduced pro-rata.
- The scholarship will be revoked if
  - any information submitted with the application is found to be false or misleading
  - the recipient is awarded another scholarship
  - the recipient fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the scholarship

### **Delivery of scholarship**

- The scholarship is awarded as a tuition fee reduction and will be paid directly into the student's tuition fee account
- Scholarships provide a tuition fee waiver and do not cover the costs of any non-tuition fees, visas, overseas health cover, living expenses or any other costs associated with living in Adelaide or studying at Flinders University
- There is no financial payout of any unexpended portion of this scholarship, nor is it refundable
- The scholarship is not transferrable to a third party
- The scholarship will not be extended beyond the advertised duration or amount unless otherwise advised by Flinders University
- If a recipient voluntarily withdraws from Flinders University without completing 50% of the units required for the course, the recipient will be liable to repay the value of the scholarship disbursed from the date of admission to the date of withdrawal
- These terms and conditions may be updated during the period of the scholarship. Recipients will be notified via Flinders email account of any changes.

### **Appendix 1 – Excluded courses**

- Bachelor of Clinical Science/Doctor of Medicine
- Bachelor of Health Science (Vision Science), Master of Optometry
- Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry)
- Doctor of Medicine
- Master of Audiology
- Master of Clinical Psychology
- Master of Physiotherapy
- Master of Social Work
- Master of Speech Pathology