The School of Information Technologies Master of Data Science Entry Scholarship

Terms and Conditions

1. Background

a. This Scholarship has been established to encourage and support high achieving candidates commencing in the Masters of Data Science (MDS) degree program.

2. Eligibility

a. The applicant must have a full/unconditional offer of study at the University of Sydney for the Masters of Data Science at the time of the Scholarship application closing date for the relevant semester it is being offered.

b. Applicants must have achieved a distinction average or above in their previous tertiary studies to apply. If an applicant has completed postgraduate studies in addition to an undergraduate program, they must have a distinction average in both unless the undergraduate program is unrelated to quantitative degree program.

c. Applicants must also be a graduate of a quantitative degree program. A quantitative discipline includes Data Science, Computer Science, Mathematics, Statistics, Engineering, Physics, Economics and Finance or other disciplines that are deemed quantitative by the relevant School Academic Director. As a guideline, the curriculum of a quantitative discipline should include a minimum of 12 credit points of mathematics or statistics at the tertiary level.

d. Students who have already commenced their studies in the above named program in the Faculty, or that transfer into that program from another postgraduate program are not eligible.

3. Awarding of the Scholarship

a. The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of academic merit. Both an applicant’s overall result and performance in quantitative subjects will be considered.

b. The Scholarship will be awarded on the recommendation of the Associate Dean, (Education) or nominee and a nominated academic from the School of Information Technologies. The Associate Dean (Education) shall be the Committee Chair.

4. Tenure

a. The Scholarship is tenable for one year only for full-time students and subject to satisfactory academic progress deemed to be a high credit average (70%) or above each semester.
b. For part-time students, the Scholarship is tenable on a pro-rate basis up until the $6000 Scholarship amount is exhausted and is subject to the student maintaining satisfactory academic progress deemed to be a high credit average (70%) or above each semester.

c. The recipient of the Scholarship may enrol as a full or part-time student. In the event a student enrolls part-time, the Scholarship will be paid on a pro-rate basis.

d. Deferment of the Scholarship is not permitted.

e. The Scholarship shall be tenable in the School of Information Technologies at the University of Sydney and shall not be transferable to another School, Faculty or University program.

5. Value and Payment

a. The value of the Scholarship is $6,000 per annum

b. Payment will be made in equal instalments after the Census Date of each semester for full-time students. Part-time students will receive payments on a pro-rate basis each Semester until the $6000 Scholarship amount is exhausted.

c. Pro-rate payments will be calculated on the number of credit points taken each semester, with 24 credit points being considered a full-time semester load for the purposes of this Scholarship.

d. The Scholarship shall be awarded subject to the availability of funds.

6. Termination of Scholarship

The Scholarship will be terminated on the following grounds:

a. The recipient withdraws from their degree program,

b. if the recipient changes their program (i.e. course, major or stream) in their first year of study without the prior approval of the Associate Dean (Education),

c. the recipient commences part-time study without the prior consent of the Associate Dean (Education),

d. the recipient does not maintain satisfactory academic performance as defined in Term 4.a and 4.b, and

e. the recipient receives and accepts another primary University of Sydney Scholarship or Faculty scholarship during the duration of this Scholarship.

f. In the event that the recipient discontinues their course any money paid to the student during that academic year, may be requested to be repaid to the Faculty of
Engineering and Information Technologies. This is subject to the Associate Dean (Education)’s discretion.

g. The recipient will not pursue a course of studies at any institution other than the University of Sydney during the course of the Scholarship.

h. The recipient may be entitled to a ‘suspension’ during the Scholarship program in the event of extenuating circumstances subject to the discretion of the Associate Dean (Education).

Approved