Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies Leadership Scholarship

Terms and Conditions

1. Background

a. The name of the Scholarship shall be the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies Leadership Scholarship. The objective of the Scholarship is to facilitate structured learning to advance the Scholarship recipient’s growth as a professional and leader consistent with the aims and objectives of the Faculty Leadership Program and in accordance with University’s rules and policies as are made and amended from time to time.

2. Eligibility

a. The Scholarship is open to all recent school leavers who are either Australian citizens or Australian permanent residents that qualify and enter into an undergraduate program in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies at the University of Sydney.

b. Program is defined as a course/degree, and/or associated stream.

c. Applicants must obtain an ATAR of 98 or higher in the NSW HSC or equivalent. Exceptional applicants with an ATAR of up to 3 points lower may be accepted at the discretion of the Associate Dean (Education).

3. Tenure

a. The Scholarship shall be tenable for the normal full time duration of the recipient’s degree up to a maximum of four years, subject to the Scholarship recipient meeting all the requirements of the Faculty Leadership Program and maintaining satisfactory academic progress, deemed to be a credit average (65%) or above in each semester.

b. Where a combined degree, or honours student, must undertake an additional year of study as part of their degree program, the University may approach the industry sponsor to fund the additional year. This will be managed on a case by case basis and an additional year of funding is not guaranteed.

c. The successful applicant must enrol and continue to be enrolled in the program that they applied for at the commencement of the Scholarship, except where a transfer has been approved at the discretion of the Associate Dean (Education), to continue receiving the Scholarship and remain part of the Faculty Leadership Program.

d. Deferment of the Scholarship is not permitted.
4. Awarding the Scholarship

a. The awarding of the Scholarship will be awarded based on a combination of academic merit and relevant personal attributes. Academic merit will be as indicated by the applicant’s performance in the NSW HSC or equivalent. The applicant must also demonstrate interpersonal skills, leadership qualities, communication skills, creativity, self-motivation and achievements in non-academic pursuits and involvement in both school and community activities.

b. In the event that the Scholarship is offered to replace a student who has left the program, the replacement will be chosen on the basis of their academic performance at university and other demonstrated skills as outlined in Term 4.a.

c. The Scholarship will be awarded by the Faculty Associate Dean (Education) or their nominee and the Director of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies Leadership Program. The above panel may hold an interview with the top ranked applicants if and when required.

d. The following targets (subject to eligible candidates having applied) have been initially set to guide the awarding of the Scholarship; however these can be varied at the discretion of the Associate Dean (Education) in accordance with University and Faculty strategic priorities each year.

   a. a maximum of 8 places can be awarded to combined degree students,
   b. a minimum of 4 are to be awarded to female students,
   c. a minimum of 1 to a student who identifies as gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans, intersex or queer (LGBTIQ),
   d. a minimum of one to a student of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent, and
   e. a minimum of 1 to a student from a low SES background.

e. The Faculty defines low SES to include those suffering from financial hardship, a disability, significant medical hardship, family hardship, EAS or equivalent listed school, or other. For SES applicants, preference will be given to those from a rural or regional background.

f. The Faculty may reduce the minimum ATAR required from 98 to 95 to make an offer to any of the above groups, aside from combined degree students, to meet minimum targets. If no student for a particular target group has achieved an ATAR of 95 or more, the Scholarship will be reallocated to the general pool of applicants.
5. Value and Payment

a. The total value of the scholarship is $18,000 per annum. No other amount is payable by the University of Sydney.

b. Payments shall be made in equal instalments after the census date of each semester.

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

6. Professional Experience

a) Recipients must, in order to satisfy the requirements of the Scholarship, undertake professional experience with one or more of the associated industry sponsors as established and agreed to by the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies. Recipients must also complete the official requirements of the Faculty Leadership Program including enrolling into specified units of study that capture the requirements of the Leadership Scholarship.

b) The professional experience and Leadership Program schedule will be as follows unless otherwise advised for engineering students (4 year single degree programs within the Faculty):

   I. From the end of Year One through to and including Year Two – completion of the Faculty Leadership Program.

   II. From the end of Year Two through to the middle of Year Three – 8 weeks professional experience with the industry sponsor (usually between December and February).

   III. From the end of Year Three to the middle of Year Four – 12 weeks professional experience with the industry sponsor (usually between November and February).

c) The professional experience and Leadership Program schedule will be as follows unless otherwise advised for computer science, information technologies and project management students (3 year single degree programs within the Faculty):

   I. From the end of Year One through to mid-Year Two – completion of the Faculty Leadership Program.

   II. From the end of Year One through to the middle of Year Two – 6 weeks professional experience with the industry sponsor (usually between December and February).

   III. From the end of Year Two to the middle of Three – 12 weeks professional experience with the industry sponsor (usually between November and February).
d) Combined degree students will follow Terms 6b or 6c in accordance with their core degree offered by the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies.

e) The intended purpose of the professional experience is to ensure a recipient gains appropriate practical skills and achieves the goals of the Scholarship and Faculty Leadership Program.

f) Scholarship recipients will be allocated to an industry sponsor to undertake their professional experience placement at the end of their first year for 3 year degree program students and at the end of their second year for 4 year program students. Scholarship recipients and industry sponsors may indicate a preference, however the final decision rests with the University of Sydney through the Associate Dean (Education) and the Director of the Faculty Leadership Program.

g) Scholarship recipients will ideally remain with the same industry sponsor; however the University of Sydney maintains the discretion through the Faculty Associate Dean (Education) to vary a Scholarship recipient’s professional experience provider from year-to-year.

h) All recipients must also sign a student placement agreement before undertaking their first placement with each industry sponsor.

i) There shall be no bonding or other commitment with regard to employment with either the industry sponsor providing the professional experience placement.

j) In the event that the industry sponsor offers payment for the placement undertaken with them, this shall be negotiated and managed directly between the Scholarship recipient and industry sponsor only.

k) The thesis or project topic chosen should, where possible, be related to the industry sponsors’ area of interest. The industry sponsor shall where possible provide support with facilities, supervision and technical material.

l) The Scholarship recipient must submit a professional experience placement report no more than 4 weeks post the completion of each placement.

7. Termination of Scholarship and other

a. The Scholarship will be terminated on the following grounds:

   I. The recipient withdraws from their degree program,

   II. if the recipient changes their program (i.e. course/degree, major or stream) without the prior approval of the Associate Dean (Education),
III. the recipient commences part-time study without the prior consent of the Associate Dean (Education),

IV. the recipient fails to provide a report on their professional experience by the specified deadline each year,

V. the recipient’s professional experience is terminated by the industry sponsor on the basis of the recipient’s serious misconduct or other wrong doing while completing their placement. In the event of this occurring, evidence to support the allegation must be provided to the University of Sydney Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies. The recipient will be given the opportunity to address the allegation prior to any final decision being made by the University,

VI. the recipient fails to meet the requirements of the Faculty Leadership Program or to enrol in any of the required specified units of study,

VII. the recipient does not maintain satisfactory academic performance as defined in Term 3.a, or

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

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

c. The recipient must not pursue a course of studies at any institution other than the University of Sydney during the course of this Scholarship, without the prior approval of the Associate Dean (Education).

d. 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).

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