The School of Computer Science Postgraduate Coursework Diversity Scholarships

Terms and Conditions
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1. Background

a. The purpose of the School of Computer Science Diversity Scholarships is to expand and enrich the School’s student community by recognising and supporting outstanding students from diverse cultural, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds. The Scholarship aims to help them achieve their academic goals in Computer Science.

2. Eligibility

a. International applicants whose country of origin/citizenship is from Latin America, the Middle East or Asia Pacific. The School reserves the right to prioritise/restrict individual countries within the stated regions, each year, according to its strategic objectives.

b. Applicants must have an unconditional offer of admission at the University of Sydney for one of the following postgraduate coursework programs:

   I. Master of Information Technology (MIT),
   II. Master of Data Science (MDS),
   III. Master of Information Technology Management (MITM), or
   IV. MIT/MITM at the time of the Scholarship application closing date, for the relevant semester it is being offered for.

c. Applicants must have achieved a minimum distinction average (equivalent to 75 at the University of Sydney) in their undergraduate studies.

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

3. Selection Criteria

a. The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of academic merit, with reference to both overall academic merit and specific performance in information technology units of study.

b. The Scholarship will be awarded on the recommendation of a selection committee consisting of the Associate Dean (Education), or their nominee, and at least one other academic staff member form the School of Computer Science. The Associate Dean (Education) acts as the Committee Chair.

4. Value

a. The Scholarship is valued at $6,000 and is tenable for one year only.

b. The Scholarship value will be paid in two equal instalments after the census date of each semester.
c. Students enrolled part-time will receive 50% of the full-time rate of this Scholarship and will be tenable for a two year period.

d. Deferral of the Scholarship is not permitted without the prior permission of the Head of School in the School of Computer Science and it is not transferable to another school, faculty or University.

e. The Scholarship will be offered subject to the availability of funds.

f. No other amount is payable.

5. Ongoing eligibility

a. To continue receipt of the Scholarship, the recipient must maintain a minimum Semester Average Mark (SAM) of 70 each semester.

b. The recipient required to maintain their enrolment as a full-time international student and for the full duration of the Scholarship.

c. Recipients undertaking an exchange during the tenure of this Scholarship are required to have achieved a Satisfied Requirements grade (SR) to receive their next payment.

6. Termination

a. The Scholarship will be terminated if the recipient:
   I. withdraws from an eligible course or fails to enrol,
   II. commences part-time study without prior approval,
   III. does not maintain satisfactory academic performance,
   IV. is no longer enrolled as an international student,
   V. is determined by the University to be guilty of serious misconduct, including, but not limited to, having provided false or misleading information as part of their Scholarship application,
   VI. is awarded an alternative primary scholarship. In such circumstances this scholarship will be terminated in favour of the alternative scholarship where the alternative scholarship is of higher value,
   VII. does not resume study at the end of a period of approved leave, or
   VIII. any other provision as indicated in these terms that would lead to termination.

b. Once the Scholarship has been terminated, it will not be reinstated unless due to University error.

c. Where a student is found guilty of serious misconduct or withdraws from the relevant course, the University reserves the right to request that any Scholarship funds paid to the Scholarship recipient be reimbursed.