Science Top of the State Scholarship

Terms and Conditions

1. Background

a. Established in 2017 by the Faculty of Science, this Scholarship recognises the exceptional talent of applicants who are the top achiever in a science subject in the NSW Higher School Certificate (HSC). The Scholarship encourages recipients to continue to pursue their passion for science in an undergraduate degree within the Faculty of Science at the University of Sydney.

2. Eligibility

a. Applicants must be the first place achiever in one or more of the following NSW HSC subjects: Agriculture, Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Science, Geography, Mathematics, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2 and Physics.

b. Applicants must have achieved an ATAR of 95.00 or above in the year of application for this Scholarship.

c. Applicants must be commencing full-time studies in a:

I. Bachelor degree within the Faculty of Science at the University of Sydney, or
II. Bachelor combined degree in which one component of the degree is within the Faculty of Science at the University of Sydney, or
III. Bachelor double degree in which one component of the degree is within the Faculty of Science at the University of Sydney.

d. Applicants must not have previously undertaken tertiary study.

3. Selection Criteria

a. The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of academic merit.

b. The Scholarship will be awarded on the recommendation of the Dean of Science or their nominated delegate.

4. Value

a. The Scholarship is valued at $5,000 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. This scholarship may be deferred for up to one year, provided the recipient does not undertake tertiary study at another institution during that time.

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

e. 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 75 each semester.

   b. Applicants must complete, during their first year of enrolment, at least 12 credit points of units of study in the subject area associated with the NSW HSC subject in which they achieved first place.

   c. The recipient must maintain full-time enrolment during the tenure of the Scholarship.

6. **Termination**

   a. The Scholarship will be terminated if the recipient:

      I. fails to enrol in or satisfactorily complete, in their first year of enrolment, at least 12 credit points of units of study in the subject area associated with the NSW HSC subject in which they achieved first place.

      II. withdraws from an eligible course, transfers to another course, or fails to enrol, without the prior approval from the Dean of the Faculty of Science, or their nominated delegate;

      III. commences part-time study without prior approval from the Dean of the Faculty of Science, or their nominated delegate.

      IV. does not maintain satisfactory academic performance.

      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. does not resume study at the end of a period of approved leave, and/or

      VII. any other provision as indicated in these terms that would lead to termination.

   b. 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.