School of Computer Science 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. Applicants must have an unconditional offer of admission for the Masters of Data Science within the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies at the University of Sydney.
   
b. Applicants must be a graduate of a quantitative degree program. A quantitative program 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.
   
c. Applicants must have achieved a minimum distinction average (equivalent to 75 at the University of Sydney) in their undergraduate studies. If an applicant has completed postgraduate studies in addition to an undergraduate program, they must have a distinction average in both programs, unless the undergraduate degree is unrelated to a quantitative subject.
   
d. All applicants must be commencing their degree in the same Semester and Year the Scholarship is offered.
   
e. 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:
      I. academic merit, and
      II. performance in quantitative subjects.
   
b. The Scholarship will be awarded on the recommendation of a selection committee consisting of the Associate Dean (Education) and a nominated academic from the School of Computer Science, or their nominated delegates.

4. Value
   a. The Scholarship is valued at $6,000 and is tenable for one year only.
   
b. The Scholarship annual value will be paid in two equal instalments after the census date of each semester.

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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. The Scholarship is for commencement in the relevant Semester and Year in which it is offered.

e. Deferral of the Scholarship is not permitted without the prior permission of the Associate Dean (Education) and it is not transferable to another University school, faculty or university.

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

g. 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. 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. does not maintain satisfactory academic performance,
   III. 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,
   IV. 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,
   V. does not resume study at the end of a period of approved leave, or
   VI. 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.

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