Western Union Foundation Scholarship

Terms and Conditions
February 2019

1. Background

a. Established in 2017, this Scholarship is provided by the Western Union Foundation. Western Union’s signature program ‘Education for Better’, aims to provide education and jobs skills training that provide economic upward mobility for individuals, families and communities around the world.

2. Eligibility

a. To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants must be an Australian Citizen, New Zealand Citizen, or Australian Permanent Resident.

b. Students must be currently enrolled or commencing an undergraduate degree program with the Faculties of Science, Engineering and Information Technology or The University of Sydney Business School.

3. Selection Criteria

a. The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of academic merit, student’s financial circumstances and a personal statement which demonstrates the applicant’s interest and focus on the social impact enhancing the benefit of economic opportunity and education.

b. Preference will be given to students from Indigenous or refugee backgrounds.

c. The Scholarship will be awarded on the nomination of a selection committee consisting of Deputy Vice Chancellor (Education) and their nominees.

4. Value

a. The Scholarship is valued at $7,000 and is tenable for the duration of the student’s degree up to a maximum of three years.

b. The Scholarship value will be paid in two equal instalments after the census date of each relevant semester.

c. Deferral of the Scholarship is not permitted without the prior permission of the Head of Scholarships and it is not transferable to another faculty or university.

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 of 65 each semester.
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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. withdraws from the nominated course,
III. commences part-time study without prior approval,
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. 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.

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.