The Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) Undergraduate Scholarship was established in 2010 by a donation from Tata Consultancy Services. The scholarship shall be awarded to a candidate from a NSW Department of Education and Communities Low Socio-economic Transitional Equity Funding Program (formerly NSW Priority Schools Funding Program) high school commencing studies in the Bachelor of Computer Science & Technology (BCST), Bachelor of Computer Science & Technology (Advanced), or the Bachelor of Information Technology (BIT) degrees in the School of Information Technologies.

The scholarship shall be awarded under the following terms and conditions:

1. General
   a. The name of the scholarship shall be the “Tata Consultancy Services Undergraduate Scholarship”.
   b. Applicants must be Australian citizens or holders of a Permanent Humanitarian Visa.
   c. Applicants must have just completed Year 12 or equivalent at school on the NSW Department of Education and Communities Low Socio-economic Transitional Equity Funding Program (formerly NSW Priority Schools Funding Program) list and qualify to enter the BCST, BCST (Advanced) or BIT.
   d. Applicants must be able to demonstrate in the scholarship application their:
      I. Commitment to the university and a career in IT
      II. Leadership ability
      III. Strong communication skills
      IV. Creativity and problem solving
      V. Community involvement
   e. Students enrolled in combined degrees are not eligible.
2. **Awarding of the scholarship**

a. The scholarship shall be awarded on the recommendation of the Associate Dean, Education, and the Head of School, School of IT or nominee, based on academic merit as indicated by the student’s performance in the NSW HSC or equivalent and meeting all the scholarship criteria.

b. Scholars shall not be in recipient of another primary scholarship simultaneously.

3. **Tenure**

a. The scholarship shall be tenable for a maximum of four (4) years (that is, duration of the 3 year Bachelor of Computer Science or Bachelor of Computer Science (Advanced) degree plus an additional 1 year for Honours; or 4 years for the Bachelor of IT degree).

b. Continuation of the scholarship each year is dependent on the recipient maintaining a satisfactory academic record, with an average mark of at least 50 (this is a pass average). If a recipient decides to study for an Honours year, and the maximum duration of the scholarship has not already been reached, the scholarship will be extended for that year.

c. Scholarship recipients must enrol full time during the tenure of their scholarship. Requests to hold the scholarship part time will only be approved under exceptional circumstances such as a medical condition which limits the student’s capacity to undertake full-time study. Such requests must be made directly to the Head of School.

4. **Value and payment**

a. The scholarship is valued at $5,500 per annum.

b. Payments shall be made in equal instalments after the Census dates of each semester subject to satisfactory progress as indicated in clause 3b above.
5. Additional conditions

a. The scholarship shall be terminated if the recipient:
   
   a. reaches the maximum duration of the scholarship;
   
   b. fails to maintain an average mark of 50 or above in the agreed degree program;
   
   c. enrolls part time without the prior approval from the University to hold the scholarship part time;
   
   d. suspends from study for any period of time without the prior approval from the University to suspend;
   
   e. commits serious misconduct;
   
   f. withdraws completely from the agreed degree program; or
   
   g. become ineligible as defined by these conditions due to a change in circumstances.