University of Sydney Merit Scholarship
2014 Conditions of Award

1. University of Sydney (‘University’) Merit Scholarships are awarded to recipients who:
   (a) apply to the University through UAC;
   (b) enrol in a University undergraduate degree or combined degree (‘Degree Program’) within the Faculty nominated on their application form (‘Agreed Faculty’);
   (c) commence their studies at the University in the year immediately following their HSC or equivalent (or after a period of deferral, see no. 3);
   (d) complete the NSW Higher School Certificate (HSC) or a University approved equivalent secondary school examination in the year of application;
   (e) achieve an ATAR of at least 95, except for recipients in the Faculty of Dentistry, Sydney College of Arts, or Sydney Conservatorium of Music. Students in those Faculties named must achieve an ATAR of at least 90 and be among the top 5 percent of applicants as assessed by portfolio, performance or other criteria.

2. University Merit Scholarships are awarded for the normal full-time duration of the recipient’s Degree Program plus one additional honours year if an additional year is required for honours. The University Merit Scholarship is worth $6,000 per annum.

3. A University Merit Scholarship may be deferred for up to two years only, subject to Faculty approval.

4. Scholarship recipients must enrol full-time in a Degree Program within the Agreed Faculty during the tenure of their Scholarship. Students who have approval to transfer to another degree within the same faculty may continue to hold their Scholarship. Requests to hold the Scholarship part-time must be submitted in writing to the Scholarships and Financial Support Service and will only be approved in exceptional circumstances such as a disability, medical condition or carer commitment which limits the student’s capacity to undertake full-time study. Part-time payments will be half the normal amount of the Scholarship.

5. University Merit Scholarships will be paid in two equal instalments – normally, the first in late March and the second in late August, subject to the continued full-time enrolment of the recipient and the recipient maintaining excellent academic progress in accordance with the requirements set out in clause 6 (b) below.

6. The Merit Scholarship shall be terminated if the recipient:
   (a) accepts any another scholarship of equal or higher value;
   (b) fails to maintain excellent academic progress as indicated by an average mark each semester of at least 75, that is, at Distinction level in the agreed Degree Program; and/or
   (c) withdraws from study from the Agreed Faculty.

7. Once terminated, a Merit Scholarship will not be reinstated by the University. The University makes this decision in its sole discretion.