



The Notre Dame Australia International Merit Scholarship will be governed by the following Conditions.

1. NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP

Notre Dame International Merit Scholarship

2. PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The University of Notre Dame Australia (*University*) offers multiple Notre Dame Australia International Merit Scholarships to provide tuition assistance to international students enrolling in coursework programs at Notre Dame.

3. VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The value of the Scholarship is 25 percent (25%) of annual tuition fees for up to a maximum of one (1) year or two (2) consecutive semesters.

The Scholarship is awarded as a partial tuition fee waiver and does not cover costs such as living expenses, accommodation, transport, overseas student health cover or any other costs associated with study.

4. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Any student who satisfies the eligibility requirements set out in these Conditions will be considered for the Scholarship.

To be eligible for the Scholarship, students must:

- a) Be an international full fee-paying student commencing a coursework program for the first time at The University of Notre Dame Australia in the relevant semester;
- b) Have been given an Offer of Admission (by the relevant deadline) and satisfied any admission requirements to study in any CRICOS registered undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree where the program is delivered on the University's Sydney or Fremantle (Perth) Campuses, excluding the Doctor of Medicine; and
- c) Be eligible to apply for a Higher Education Sector Visa (Subclass 500).

For clarity, students are not eligible if they:

- Hold, or are eligible to hold, permanent residency in Australia;
- Are studying at the University as part of a study abroad or exchange program;
- Are currently enrolled in a degree program at the University; or
- Do not commence study in the session (semester) and year indicated in their offer. If commencement is deferred, any scholarship will be forfeited;
- Have had more than 200 units of credit or advanced standing awarded in relation to the undergraduate program they are commencing.

5. SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

Selection will be based on academic achievement in a completed secondary or post-secondary qualification (i.e. Australian Year 12 equivalent or above) recognised by the University for Admission, along with other information/supporting documents provided as part of the application process to study at the University. No further documentation is required.

Applicants who meet the eligibility and selection criteria will have their applications presented to the Scholarship Panel for consideration against the selection criteria. The Panel will make recommendations to the Pro Vice Chancellor, International in relation to the suitability of an applicant for an award of a Notre Dame Australia International Merit Scholarship. The decision of the Pro Vice Chancellor, International is final.

The selection panel means a panel convened to determine scholarship recipients, generally comprising a minimum of two (2) members of staff from the International Office and one (1) member of staff from the Office of University Relations.

6. DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

Up to a maximum of one (1) year or two (2) consecutive semesters.

7. CONCURRENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with another scholarship awarded by the University or any other organisation that covers the cost of tuition fees (fully or partially) to study at the University.

8. AWARDING PROCEDURE

Recipients of the Scholarship will be notified as soon as practicable following their notification of Offer of Admission. Students are required to accept their offer of award/scholarship within 21 calendar days of receipt or else they will forfeit the award.

9. METHOD OF PAYMENT

Subject to the Terms and Conditions set out in clause 10 being met, the Scholarship will be awarded by way of a direct credit towards the recipient's University tuition fee account on a semester-by-semester basis.

10. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following terms and conditions apply to the Scholarship:

1. The recipient will forfeit the Scholarship if they:
 - a. Fail to accept the Scholarship by returning any required paperwork within 21 calendar days of being advised that they will receive the Scholarship;
 - b. Fail to finalise all requirements to complete the admission process to commence study at the University within the relevant timeframes;
 - c. Fail to remain enrolled on a full time basis in the initial program of study as confirmed on their University Offer of Admission;
 - d. Defer their studies and/or terminate their enrolment;
 - e. Are terminated from their program of study;
 - f. Transfer to another institution;
 - g. Transfer from full-time to part-time study, unless granted an exemption;
 - h. Fail to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress;
 - i. Have a finding of misconduct made against them whether or not that finding results in their termination from the University or any other penalties;
 - j. Fail to provide up-to-date contact and/or financial details to the University;
 - k. Do not abide by the University's deadlines for payment of tuition fees; or
 - l. Change their Australian visa status from Subclass 500 (Higher Education Section).
2. The recipient must notify the International Office in writing immediately if they:
 - a. Have been approved to transfer to another program at the University;
 - b. Want to Study Abroad on a University affiliated placement;
 - c. Wish to transfer from the University to another institution;
 - d. Intend to withdraw and/or seek retrospective withdrawal from any University courses they have enrolled in;
 - e. Have obtained approval to defer their studies and/or take a Leave of Absence from the University;
or
 - f. Want to discontinue full-time study and have been placed on an approved Intervention Strategy.
3. If the recipient completes their program of study at the University prior to the anticipated end date, they will not be eligible for any financial payment of the scholarship which has not yet been paid.
4. Any further studies taken at the University in excess of, or in addition to, the recipient's initial program of study will not be covered by the Scholarship.
5. The recipient must seek independent advice from the relevant authorities on the effect, if any, that the Scholarship may have on their eligibility for income support or any tax implications, either within Australia or their home country.

11. ADMINISTERING BODY

The Scholarship is administered by the Office of the Pro Vice Chancellor, International.

12. PRIVACY

The University is committed to the principles contained in the Privacy Act 1988 (Commonwealth) and the Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Act 2000 (Commonwealth) and will not disclose any personal information (as defined in the Privacy Act) relating to this Scholarship to any third party without the written consent of the applicant.

13. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- a) These Conditions must comply with any University Regulations regarding the awarding of scholarships and prizes.
- b) The Vice Chancellor may vary the Conditions of the Scholarship at any time.

Purpose:	The purpose of the Scholarship is to provide tuition assistance to international students commencing studies at The University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle and Sydney Campuses
Responsible Executive:	Pro Vice Chancellor, International
Responsible Office:	International Office
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