1. Retaining Eligibility

**CAS – Indigenous Enabling** - Applicants must maintain ALL of the following criteria to retain eligibility:

- Be an Indigenous person of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and Australian citizen
- Be from a socio-economically disadvantaged background.
  - Financial hardship *
  - Educational disadvantage**

* The criteria used to determine financial hardship are: low socio-economic background, receiving benefits or proof of low income, demonstrated financial need, parental or carer responsibilities impacting on family circumstances and study.
** The criteria used to determine Educational Disadvantage, include but is not limited to; membership of one of the basic eligibility equity groups (low socio-economic background; Indigenous Australian; rural and regional); attendance at a high school in a low socio-economic area; one or both parents have not attended University; member of an equity group which is not part of the basic selection criteria; sole parent; or primary carer responsibilities.

- Undertake a course on a full-time or part-time basis, noting that:
  A student who undertakes an enabling course on a part-time basis will not be eligible to receive a CAS-Indigenous Payment or a CAS-Indigenous Enabling while enrolled in an enabling course.

- Do not already hold any undergraduate qualification or higher level award.

**Additional** eligibility criteria that must be maintained for **CAS – Indigenous Enabling**:

(a) within the four years immediately preceding the commencement of the current higher education course of study (including study within another program or at another provider, where the student has transferred):

  (i) the student has lived in a regional or remote area of Australia for a total of at least three years; or
  (ii) the student completed the final two years of schooling in a high school or college in a regional or remote area; or
  (iii) it was necessary for the student to live away from their regional or remote home to complete the whole or the majority of their secondary schooling at a high school or college in a major city; or
  (iv) the student has lived in a regional or remote area of Australia for a total of at least two years, and the student has relocated from the regional or remote area of Australia to undertake vocational education and training (e.g. TAFE) for a maximum of two years duration immediately preceding the commencement of their undergraduate course; and

(b) it was necessary for the student to move from the regional or remote area in order to undertake higher education study; and

(c) as a result of (b), the student will incur additional accommodation costs; and
(d) the student is enrolled as an internal student in units of study that form part of the course of study the student is undertaking.

2. Duration of the Scholarship

i. The period of the scholarship shall be up to two periods CAS-Indigenous Enabling or until completion of the undergraduate course, whichever is earlier. Please note, for CAS-Indigenous Enabling; if the enrolled enabling course is six months in duration, the scholarship will remain active for only one period of a possible two period duration.

ii. Recipient eligibility will be assessed at each standard semester census date (e.g. 31 March and 31 August 2011)

iii. The recipients must continue to make satisfactory academic progress while studying at Curtin to remain eligible for the Commonwealth Scholarship.

iv. The Commonwealth Scholarship will automatically be terminated according to the conditions under Section 7, below.

3. Enrolment

i. Enrolment shall be in accordance with the University Enrolment Procedures.

ii. The recipient shall be expected to be enrolled as a full-time student or part-time (Applicants will be advised if their scholarship is awarded under these exceptional circumstances, the Commonwealth Scholarship grant will be considered as income and is not exempt by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO)).

4. Deferral of CS

i. Deferrals are not permitted in the first period of scholarship tenure.

ii. Deferral of a Commonwealth Scholarship is permitted for a period of up to twelve months after the first period of the scholarship has been subsumed. If a student wishes to defer their scholarship due to exceptional circumstances, the recipient must apply in writing to the Manager, Scholarships, Curtin University of Technology, GPO Box U1987, WA 6845.

iii. If a student defers their study and does not apply in writing to the Scholarships Manager to defer their scholarship, the student will risk cancellation of their Commonwealth Scholarship.

5. Payment of Monies

i. Payment of scholarship monies will be based on maintaining scholarship eligibility and satisfactory academic progress.

ii. All Commonwealth Scholarship students will be required to submit a Statutory Declaration prior to semester one and semester two census dates confirming that there has been no change to their circumstances that would affect their eligibility for a Commonwealth Scholarship or payment will not be made.

iii. Payment will be made to students in the first available payment period post semester one and semester two census dates after student eligibility has been assessed and confirmed.
If students are enrolled in an eligible enabling course of six months / one semester duration:

(a) Students who have been granted a *CAS – Indigenous Enabling* scholarship will receive one instalment of $2,290.00.

Or

If students are enrolled in an eligible enabling course of twelve months / two semester duration:

(b) Students who have been granted a *CAS – Indigenous Enabling* scholarship will receive one instalment of $2,290.00, within six weeks of the course start date and one instalment of $2,290.00, within 6 months of the course start date.

iv. Where a student does not maintain satisfactory academic progress or is no longer eligible for the Commonwealth Scholarship, Curtin will NOT require the student to repay the scholarship monies, in normal circumstances.

6. Transfer of Commonwealth Scholarships from other Institutions

i. A Commonwealth Scholarship is not transferable between universities.

7. Termination of a Commonwealth Scholarship

Termination of a Commonwealth Scholarship shall be when:

i. The recipient is determined as no longer eligible

ii. Satisfactory academic performance is not maintained. Satisfactory academic progress at Curtin is determined as the recipient maintaining an academic status of Good Standing for each study period. Recipients who are on a Conditional Status will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

iii. The Commonwealth Scholarship entitlement has been used or course completion (which ever is earlier)

iv. The recipient does not resume after an approved period of deferral

v. Academic misconduct.

A student may re-apply after termination of a Commonwealth Scholarship and if eligible and successful, can only receive what is left of the Commonwealth Scholarship entitlement.
Dear Scholarships Office

I have read the attached Terms and Conditions governing the Curtin University of Technology, Commonwealth Scholarships and I agree to abide by these conditions and obligations outlined therein.

I have signed each page of the Terms and Conditions.

I undertake to devote myself to my studies throughout my course and I accept your offer of a Commonwealth Scholarship under the conditions specified.

Yours faithfully

Signed: ____________________________
Name: ____________________________
Student Number: ____________________________
School/Department: ____________________________
Scholarship Commencement Date: ____________________________