CURTIN UNIVERSITY
Commonwealth Scholarships
Terms and Conditions Indigenous CAS
2011

1. Retaining Eligibility

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

- Be an Australian citizen; and
- Be an indigenous person.
- Meet the low socio-economic requirements through either:
  a. receipt of a means-tested Commonwealth income support payment or
  b. an assessment conducted through the information provided in the application form (the following factors can be taken into account; geographical isolation, stability of financial status, as well as family circumstances, such as illness or bereavement, which may affect the level of family financial support).

- Be enrolled at Curtin as a full-time (minimum of 75 credits per semester) Commonwealth Supported Student in an undergraduate course of study leading to a higher education award (not limited to areas of National Priority) leading to a higher education award or a graduate diploma (or equivalent post graduate course of study) in an area of National Priority required for initial registration to practice in the chosen national Priority.
- Do not already hold an undergraduate qualification or higher level award, unless each such award is a prerequisite to their current undergraduate course of study.

Additional eligibility criteria that must be maintained for Indigenous CAS:

(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 eight periods (unless a recipient has used periods under a CAS Associate Degree).

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 as part of the conditions of the Scholarship. For the Commonwealth Scholarships, a full time enrolment is considered as 75 credit points or above per semester.

iii. Part-time enrolment may be permitted under exceptional circumstances and will be determined by the Selection Panel. 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.

iv. Students who have been granted an Indigenous CAS scholarship will receive one instalment of $2,290, within 6 weeks of each semester census date (approximately April and September).

v. 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: ____________________________