1. Retaining Eligibility

*Indigenous Access Scholarship* - 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).
- Have accepted offer of a place and be a *commencing* student at Curtin as an internally enrolled, full-time (minimum of 75 credits per semester) Commonwealth Supported Student in an eligible enabling or undergraduate course of study.
- Do not already hold any undergraduate qualification or higher level award.

2. Duration of the Scholarship

i. Indigenous Access Payment is a one off payment. No scholarship duration applies.

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

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, 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 a CAS – Indigenous Payment scholarship will receive one instalment of $4,321.00 as soon as possible after the scholarship offer has been accepted within 6 weeks of the first census date of study (April/May or 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
   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, Commonwealth Scholarships and I agree to abide by these conditions and obligations outlined therein.

☐ I declare that I have not accepted the offer of a CAS-Indigenous Payment at any other provider.

☐ 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: ____________________________