



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

*International Student Scholarships* are available to support international students who are commencing an undergraduate higher education degree course at Kent Institute Australia (Kent). The Scholarships are awarded to foster diversity and inclusion and to attract students from diverse regions of the world to pursue a degree at Kent. Scholarships are awarded each year across both the Sydney and Melbourne campuses. International students who have achieved sound academic standing and results in their previous studies will be considered for the Scholarship. Each Scholarship application is assessed on a case-by-case basis and all successful applicants will be notified in writing after acceptance of their Offer of Admission and prior to the commencement date.

### 1.0 Eligibility

Prospective international students from the following countries and regions are eligible to apply for the International Student Scholarship:

- a) Europe
- b) New Zealand
- c) North America (Canada, Caribbean, Central America, Mexico, United States of America)
- d) South America (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Falkland Islands (United Kingdom), French Guiana (France), Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay and Venezuela).

### 2.0 Scholarship terms and conditions

#### Benefit

- 2.1 Scholarships reward eligible students with a 30% reduction in tuition fees **for up to three (3) years**.
- 2.2 Scholarships are calculated on a per Trimester basis and applied against each unit enrolled.
- 2.3 Scholarships are awarded each year across both the Sydney and Melbourne campuses.
- 2.4 The number and allocation of scholarships can be amended at any time at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer.

#### Selection Criteria

- 2.5 Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of Kent and on a case-by-case basis to:
  - a) International students undertaking full-time study of a Kent undergraduate degree
  - b) Kent Alumni who completed a course at Kent Institute Australia.
- 2.6 In awarding Scholarships, Kent will take into consideration a number of eligibility criteria related to academic achievement **including but not limited to:**
  - a) Kent's academic entry equivalences
  - b) Minimum English language proficiency requirements
  - c) Satisfactory completion of Year 12 / Higher Secondary School
  - d) Achievement of sound academic standing and results in prior academic studies

- e) Current grade guidelines under the Australian Government Department of Education, Home Affairs and the National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition.
- 2.7 Kent students or students studying in conjunction with any other course (including Kent vocational (VET) courses) who are currently recipients of a Kent scholarship or bursary are not eligible to apply.
- 2.8 Scholarships cannot be deferred, transferred or redeemed for cash.

### Maintaining Scholarships

- 2.9 In order to maintain the Scholarship for the duration of the Kent course, the student must:
  - a) Continue a full-time enrolment in the course listed on their Offer of Admission – International Student Enrolment Agreement
  - b) Pay all tuition and additional fees in accordance with Kent Policy and Procedure
  - c) Meet the conditions of their student visa
  - d) Maintain at least a **Credit average** (grade value of 2) in each Trimester in the course of study (*see below for the Kent Grade Point Average (GPA) scale and calculation*)
  - e) Must not receive a **Fail, Absent Fail** or a **Conceded Pass** (grade point value of 0 and 0.5) in any unit in any Trimester in the course of study
  - f) Not cancel or graduate from their course.

### Kent GPA Scale

| Grade | Description        | Percentage range  | Grade Value |
|-------|--------------------|---|-------------|
| HD    | High Distinction   | 85% and above   | 4           |
| D     | Distinction        | 75-84%  | 3           |
| C     | Credit             | 65-74%  | 2           |
| P     | Pass               | 50-64%  | 1           |
| SP    | Supplementary Pass | Students successfully passing a Supplementary Assessment task   | 1           |
| CP    | Conceded Pass      | Student undertaking last unit of their course and the unit mark is greater than 45% and less than 50% | 0.5         |
| AF    | Absent Fail        | 0   | 0           |
| F     | Fail               | 0   | 0           |

### Kent's GPA Calculation

The calculation is a standard four (4) point grading system.

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{\sum (\text{Credit Points} \times \text{Grade Value})}{\sum \text{Credit Points}}$$

## 3.0 Application and awarding of Scholarships

- 3.1 International students can apply for the Scholarship upon submission of their *Application for Admission to a Kent undergraduate course*.
- 3.2 Prospective international students can apply for the Scholarship by completing an *International Student Scholarship Application Form*.
- 3.3 Scholarship applications will be assessed by Kent Admission and Student Services staff and approved by the Chief Executive Officer.
- 3.4 A written response will be provided to the prospective student with the Kent Offer *for Admission – International Student Enrolment Agreement* and within ten (10) working days.
- 3.5 By accepting a Scholarship, recipients agree to be Kent student ambassadors which may require attendance at Kent promotional events.

- 3.6 Scholarships may be withdrawn with ten (10) days written notice, should the recipient breach any of these terms and conditions.

#### **4.0 Internal administration and reporting**

- 4.1 Details of Scholarships awarded and the recipients will be recorded on the International Student Scholarship Register and Kent Network (via the Student Information System (SIS)) maintained by Kent Admission and Student Services staff.
- 4.2 It is the responsibility of the Manager Student Services to monitor and maintain the International Student Scholarship Register to ensure that all students who are awarded Scholarships comply with the Scholarship terms and conditions and have ongoing eligibility to receive the Scholarship.
- 4.3 The Executive Dean is required to report to Academic Board on the selection quality and administration of the International Student Scholarship at the end of each Trimester.
- 4.4 The Chief Executive Officer is required to provide a regular report to the Governing Board on the strategic marketing impact and status in the student market related to the International Student Scholarship.

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| <b>AMENDMENTS</b>  |  |
| <b>09/12/2016</b> – Increase Scholarship amount to 35%. Simplify reference to eligible regions and change the reference to NOOSR (now redundant).  |  |
| <b>11/10/2017</b> – Decrease Scholarship amount to 30% and minor change for regular reporting needs by the Executive Manager Operations & Development to Governing Board regarding market impact.  |  |
| <b>28/02/2018</b> – Eligibility amended to offshore applicants only, and scholarship amount to be applied after completion of the initial 4 units of study.  |  |
| <b>03/04/2019</b> – Eligibility expanded to include onshore applicants. Addition of details related to varied eligibility for onshore and offshore Scholarship recipients  |  |
| <b>28/05/2019</b> – addition of details regarding BBus(IS) Unit exemption from Kent Scholarship/Bursaries and minor word amendments.   |  |
| <b>06/02/2020</b> – amendments to criteria to reference a GPA instead of a Fail Unit – Governing Board 5 <sup>th</sup> February, 2020 Item 5.3.2. Amend to remove criteria related to on-shore and off-shore applicants.   |  |
| <b>16/06/2020</b> – amendment to the GPA to reduce to 1.0 and include the Kent GPA details for transparency on this criteria.  |  |
| <b>04/05/2021</b> - amendment to the minimum GPA to maintain scholarship to a credit (2.0) and no unit fails, CEO approval required for all Scholarships, provide more detail as to assessing scholarship applications to provide increased transparency, and detail as to purpose of scholarships.  |  |