Student Scholarships, Prizes and Awards

1.0 Purpose

This Policy outlines the University's commitment to the recognition and support of strategically important cohorts of students through scholarships, prizes and awards.

2.0 Scope

This Policy applies to all student scholarships, bursaries, prizes and awards managed or maintained by the University.

Students include both prospective and current students across all academic career levels - undergraduate (UGRD), postgraduate (PGRD), research (RSCH) and non-award (NAWD).

3.0 Policy statement

The University establishes and maintains scholarships, prizes and awards that:

- align with the University's Strategic Plan;

- attract and retain strategically important cohorts of students;

- acknowledge and recognise excellence and achievement;

- support and enable access for students from diverse populations and communities;

- foster partnerships with value aligned sponsors and donors; and

- comply with legislative and regulatory requirements.

3.1 Establishment and administration

The establishment and administration of student scholarships, prizes and awards are outlined in the following procedures:

- *Student Scholarships, Prizes and Awards Procedure*; and

- *Higher Degree by Research Scholarship Procedure*.

4.0 Roles, responsibilities and delegations

Responsibility for the strategic oversight of scholarships, prizes and awards sit with the following roles:

ROLE	RESPONSIBILITY
Deputy Vice Chancellor (Education)	Undergraduate and Postgraduate Coursework Scholarships, Prizes and Awards
Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research)	Higher Degree by Research Scholarships, Prizes and Awards
Vice President (Global)	Scholarships, prizes and awards specifically for international students

Academic and administrative roles and responsibilities are outlined in the related Procedures.

5.0 Definitions

For the purposes of this policy and related policy documents, the following definitions apply:

Award is a generic term that covers scholarships, bursaries, grants, medals, and prizes which are specifically defined below.

Bursary or grant is a one-off monetary payment that students must apply for. Recipients are awarded on meeting set criteria at the time of assessment but are not required to maintain standard of criteria after the award.

Medals are annual awards made to students based on designated criteria for academic excellence. Their design is prescribed in the *University and Chancellor's Medals Procedure*.

Prizes are annual awards made to students based on designated quantifiable criteria for eligibility, academic excellence and/or practical performance or exhibition. They may include additional non-financial benefits.

Scholarships are a monetary merit-based awards, paid as a continuing contribution (more than one payment), where the recipient must continue to meet an approved set of criteria. Students must apply for a scholarship. Scholarships generally last for a period of 12 months or more. They may include additional non-financial benefits.

6.0 Information

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7.0 Related Policy Documents and Supporting Documents

Legislation	Higher Education Support Act 2003
Policy	Conflict of Interest
	Code of Conduct
	Privacy Statement
	Information Security
Procedure	Student Scholarships, Prizes and Awards Procedure
	Higher Degree by Research Scholarship Procedure
	University and Chancellor's Medals Procedure
	Student Financial Requests Procedure