

**Office of Marketing, Scholarships**

**UWS Aspire Program Scholar  
Terms and Conditions**

The following terms and conditions govern the relationship between you, as an applicant to the UWS Aspire Program and the University of Western Sydney (UWS).

If you are successful in your application to the UWS Aspire Program (“the Program”), you will be expected to participate in additional activities beyond the University’s regular coursework requirements. These activities are designed to provide opportunities in the areas of leadership and professional development. The core activities of the UWS Aspire Program are mandatory for all participants however, will not result in additional academic credit. Participation criteria for non-core activities and events must also be adhered to.

**UWS Aspire Program Membership Selection**

All applicants to the UWS Aspire Program are required to meet the criteria set by UWS before an invitation to the Program will be offered. Selection into the Program is not guaranteed and remains within the discretion of UWS.

UWS is under no obligation to accept you as member of the UWS Aspire Program

You, as an applicant to the UWS Aspire Program, you will be required to indicate acceptance of all terms and conditions of membership. New applications and renewals will not be processed until confirmation of acceptance of the terms and conditions of membership of the Program is received.

Membership to the UWS Aspire Program comes with a service obligation which requires you, to be an ambassador for UWS and to adhere to the Role and Responsibilities determined under the UWS Aspire Program.

**UWS Aspire Program Membership Obligations**

**You agree to do the following,**

- To enter an agreement with the University of Western Sydney governing the terms and conditions of the Program, which will include these terms and conditions;
- To remain in good standing with the University and the Community or otherwise not bring the University in disrepute, as reasonably determined by the University;
- That to qualify to as a member of the Program, you must currently hold a UWS Scholarship (which means any one of the following, the UWS Academic Excellence Scholarship, the UWS Emerging Careers Scholarship, the UWS Vice Chancellor’s Leadership Scholarship and such other UWS Scholarships as the University may advise from time to time). You must continue to be a holder of a UWS Scholarship and abide by the terms and conditions of such scholarship;
- To Maintain enrolment through satisfactory progress (GPA 5: Credit Average) during your membership;
- To allow a plan consistent with and contributing to the achievement of the objectives of the UWS Aspire Program as determined by UWS from time to time;
- That, as an ambassador and representative of UWS, you are required to, at all times, observe the highest standards of conduct and present yourself in a professional manner;

- To acknowledge, where appropriate, UWS and the UWS Aspire Program when representing UWS at external conferences, workshops, and media activities;
- To attend and participate in all workshops;
- To present at or participate in at least one UWS Open Day or alternative UWS promotional program annually.
- To actively participate in at least one of the Volunteer Program Community Projects\*
- To participate in an internship program as arranged by or on behalf of UWS
- To make available outcomes from activities connected to the UWS Aspire Program to UWS including reports, photographs etc; and
- To comply with all relevant policies, procedures and codes of conduct of the University of Western Sydney which may be issued, published and amended from time to time (“UWS Policies”) .

These are all available for view at - <http://policies.uws.edu.au/index.php>

## **UWS Obligations to Aspire Scholars**

### **UWS agrees to do the following**

- Give you recognition of your membership to the Program and acknowledgment of your support to the University as a
- Ensure that UWS Aspire Program members have access to appropriate resources to undertake their membership obligations; and
- To provide objective counsel to UWS Aspire Program members, as appropriate

## **Renewal**

Subject to you continuing to observe these terms and conditions of the Program, membership of the Program will continue until you complete your studies at UWS, unless withdrawn in accordance with the ‘Membership Withdraw’ below.

## **Membership Withdraw**

UWS may, with notice, withdraw or terminate your membership to the UWS Aspire Program if you:

- i. Fail to maintain the minimum grade point average of 5 (Credit) for more than two consecutive semesters;
- ii. Cease to have a UWS scholarship;
- iii. Fail to participate in or attend one or more of the mandatory Aspire activities, without prior written notification of special extenuating circumstances, which prevented your attendance and/or participation;
- iv. Act in an improper or otherwise unethical manner in your dealings and activities under or in connection with your activities in relation to the Program; do anything that would bring UWS into disrepute or diminish the reputation or goodwill associated with UWS in any way, otherwise engage in conduct which would constitute academic or non-academic misconduct under the UWS Policies or be in breach of any the relevant UWS Policies.

You acknowledge that your continued membership of the UWS Aspire Program is not guaranteed, is subject to you complying with the terms and conditions of the Program and that UWS reserves the right to terminate your membership if in its discretion it is deemed necessary to do so.

## **Membership Suspension**

Membership suspension may only be granted under a medical exception upon presentation of a valid medical certificate. Medical suspensions are for a maximum period of 3 months after which time a formal notification to withdraw your membership would be submitted.