

Warning: Fraudulent payment scams targeting students

Several educational institutions, including UTS Insearch and many universities, have recently become aware of a tuition fee payment scam targeting students.

Scammers, claiming to be authorised international 'agents', are offering to pay students' tuition fees directly on behalf of the student at a discounted rate (sometimes 10-20% off).

The scammer makes the full payment to the educational institution or university on behalf of the student and instructs the student to pay them the reduced tuition fee amount. The payment to the educational institution or university is subsequently cancelled as the scammer has used a fraudulent credit card to make the payment.

Victims lose the money they paid to the scammer and are still required to pay their full tuition fees directly to the educational institution.

Please ensure that you are familiar with the approved methods for payment by checking your offer letter or payment options contained on your UTS Insearch *Invoice and Re-enrolment Advice*.

If you are concerned that you may be a victim of such a scam, have any questions or want to verify the authenticity of any payment method or agent, please contact studentcentre@insearch.edu.au or visit us at the Student Centre.

Please note that scammers may also use other methods, and we advise all students to be wary.