Joyce Beatrice Pirchan Research Scholarship in Bio-Engineering

Terms and Conditions

1. General

   a. Funded by a bequest from Joyce Beatrice Pirchan to the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies, the Joyce Beatrice Pirchan Research Scholarship in Bio-Engineering was established in 2016 to encourage postgraduate research and innovation in bio-engineering.

2. Eligibility

   a. The Scholarship shall be open to Australian citizens and Australian permanent residents only.

   b. Applicants must have an unconditional offer of admission for full-time enrolment in a PhD program in the School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering within the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies at the University of Sydney.

   c. The candidate’s proposed research area must be within bio-engineering.

3. Awarding of the Scholarship

   a. The Scholarship shall be awarded based on academic merit and the applicant’s statement addressing how their PhD relates to bio-engineering on the recommendation of the selection committee consisting of the Associate Dean (Research) or their nominee, and one other academic member of staff from the School of Chemical and Bio-molecular Engineering.

4. Tenure

   a. The Scholarship is tenable for a period of up to 3 years subject to the recipient maintaining satisfactory academic progress as per their annual progress review and remaining enrolled full-time in their PhD.

   b. The Scholarship may be extended for an additional 6 months at the discretion of the Associate Dean (Research).

   c. The Scholarship cannot be deferred.

   d. The Scholarship shall be tenable in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies at the University of Sydney and shall not be transferable to another non engineering program, another Faculty at the University of Sydney or another University.

5. Value

   a. The value of the Scholarship shall be equivalent to the current year stipend rate of the APA. A $5000.00 annual top up to the APA stipend is also payable.

   b. The Scholarship will be paid in fortnightly instalments.

   c. If the recipient obtains an Australian Postgraduate Award while in recipient of this Scholarship, only the $5000.00 top-up will continue to be paid. The APA will become the primary scholarship.

   d. The Scholarship shall be awarded subject to the availability of funds.
6. Termination

a. The Scholarship will be terminated on the following grounds:

   I. The recipient withdraws from their PhD,

   II. the recipient transfers into a non-engineering PhD, or their research area no longer relates to bio-engineering,

   III. the recipient commences part-time study,

   IV. the recipient does not maintain satisfactory academic performance as per Term 4.a, and

   V. The recipient receives and accepts another primary Scholarship that is equivalent to, or similar to this Scholarship subject to Term 5.c. An equivalent scholarship includes an Australian Postgraduate Award (APA).

b. In the event that the recipient discontinues their course, any money paid to the student during that academic year may be requested to be repaid to the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies. This is subject to the Associate Dean (Research)’s discretion.

c. The recipient may be entitled to a ‘leave of absence’ during the Scholarship program in the event of extenuating circumstances subject to the discretion of the Associate Dean (Research).

Approved