Metso Australia Mechanical Engineering Undergraduate Industry Placement Scholarship

Terms and Conditions

1. Background
   a. The name of the Scholarship shall be the “Metso Australia Mechanical Engineering Undergraduate Industry Placement Scholarship”. The objective of the Scholarship is to facilitate a recipient’s structured learning and to provide them with practical industry experience to advance their growth as an engineering practitioner.

2. Eligibility
   a. The Scholarship is open to all Australian citizens and Australian permanent residents who are enrolled as a full-time University of Sydney mechanical engineering undergraduate student and who will be commencing their third year of studies in mechanical engineering in Semester One 2016.
   
   b. Applicants must have achieved a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of 65 and above from their current degree at the time of application.
   
   c. Combined degree students are not eligible.

3. Tenure
   a. The Scholarship shall be tenable for a period of two years, being the recipient’s third and fourth years of study, subject to the Scholarship recipient meeting all the requirements of the Scholarship and maintaining satisfactory academic progress, deemed to be a credit average (65%) and above each semester.
   
   b. The Scholarship recipient must enrol and continue to be enrolled in the Mechanical Engineering degree that they applied for at the commencement of the Scholarship to continue receipt the Scholarship.
   
   c. Deferment of the scholarship is not permitted.
   
   d. The Scholarship is tenable at the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies at the University of Sydney and is not transferable to another Faculty or University.

4. Awarding the Scholarship
   a. The Scholarship will be awarded based on academic merit as indicated by the applicant’s performance in the first two years of their degree. The applicant must also demonstrate interpersonal skills, leadership qualities, communication skills, creativity, self-motivation and achievements in non-academic pursuits and involvement in both University and community activities.
   
   b. In the event that the Scholarship is being offered to replace a student who has left the program, the replacement will be chosen on the basis of when the withdrawal occurs and the timeframe available to offer the scholarship to the next eligible student.
c. The Scholarship will be awarded by the Faculty Associate Dean (Education) or their delegate. Up to two representatives from Metso Australia will also be present at the interview with the shortlisted applicants. The final decision rests with the University of Sydney representative being the Associate Dean (Education).

5. Value and Payment

a. The total value of the scholarship is $8,000 per annum for two years. The annual work placement component may be paid and will be managed directly between Metso Australia and the Scholarship recipient.

b. Payments shall be made in equal instalments after the Census date of each semester.

c. The Scholarship shall be awarded subject to the availability of funds.

6. Practical Experience

a. The recipient must at the conclusion of their third year and in order to satisfy the requirements for the award of a degree and/or specified units study for engineering students (ENGG2001, ENNG3001 and ENGG4001, or as equivalent), undertake practical work experience with the donor ‘Metso Australia Ltd’.

b. The practical work experience schedule will be as follows unless otherwise advised:

   i. At the end of Year Three – 10 weeks between late November and February.

c. The intended purpose of the practical experience is to ensure the recipient gains appropriate practical skills and achieves the goals of the Scholarship.

d. There shall be no bonding or other commitment with regard to employment with Metso Australia beyond the practical experience placement.

e. In the event that Metso Australia provides payment for the placement undertaken with them, this shall be negotiated and managed directly between the Scholarship recipient and Metso Australia.

f. The thesis or project topic chosen should, where possible, be related to the industry supporter’s area of interest. The industry supporter shall where possible provide support with facilities, engineering supervisions and technical material.

g. Further placement or employment opportunities provided to the recipient shall also be negotiated directly between the Scholarship recipient and Metso Australia.

h. A practical experience report must be submitted by the Scholarship recipient to the Faculty Scholarships Officer after each work experience period.

7. Termination of Scholarship and other

a. The Scholarship will be terminated on the following grounds:
b. The recipient withdraws from their degree program,

c. if the recipient changes their program (i.e. course/degree, major or stream) without the prior approval of the Associate Dean (Education),

d. the recipient commences part-time study without the prior consent of the Associate Dean (Education),

e. the recipient fails to provide a report on their practical experience each year,

f. the recipient’s practical work experience is terminated by Metso Australia on the basis of the recipient’s serious misconduct or other wrong doing while completing their placement. In the event of this occurring, evidence to support the allegation must be provided to the University of Sydney Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies. The recipient will be given the opportunity to address the allegation prior to the Scholarship potentially being terminated,

g. the recipient does not maintain satisfactory academic performance as defined in Term 3.a, and

h. the recipient receives and accepts another primary University of Sydney Scholarship or Faculty scholarship during the duration of this Scholarship.

i. 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 (Education)'s discretion.

j. The recipient must not pursue a course of studies at any institution other than the University of Sydney during the course of this Scholarship.

k. The recipient may be entitled to a ‘suspension’ during the Scholarship program in the event of extenuating circumstances subject to the discretion of the Associate Dean (Education).

Approved