The Dr Albert S McKern Travelling Research Scholarship was established in 2009 by a bequest from Dr Albert S McKern to establish a travelling scholarship for the purpose of investigations into the cause, prevention and treatment of mental and physical pain and distress during pregnancy, labour and puerperium. The scholarship is for travel between the University of Sydney and the University of Edinburgh, Scotland and/or Yale University, USA. The scholarship will be awarded under the following conditions:

1. The scholarship shall be known as the Dr Albert S McKern Travelling Research Scholarship.

2. Applicants must be a graduate of the University of Sydney, Australia or the University of Edinburgh, Scotland or Yale University, USA and members of the Discipline of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Neonatology engaged in research into “investigations into the cause, prevention and treatment of mental and physical pain and distress during pregnancy, labour and puerperium”.

3. The scholarship shall be awarded to cover actual expenses incurred while travelling to either or both of the University of Edinburgh, Scotland or Yale University, USA for the purpose of collaborative research.

4. The number of scholarships offered shall be determined by the Sydney Medical School depending on funds available.

5. The value of the scholarship shall be up to $15,000 tax exempt and shall be paid on receipt of invoices or as reimbursement of actual expenses.

6. The scholarships shall be awarded by the Dean of Sydney Medical School on the recommendation of the Head of the Discipline of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Neonatology.

7. Dr Albert S McKern Travelling Research Scholarship recipients must acknowledge the support of their scholarship in any publications arising from the work undertaken whilst on this scholarship.

8. Any media coverage arising from the research supported by the grant must acknowledge the scholarship’s support of the project. Copies of media articles must be sent to the Head of Discipline of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Neonatology.

9. Failure to satisfy any of these conditions may (at the absolute discretion of the Dean of Sydney Medical School) result in termination of the Scholarship.

10. The recipient will be required to submit within 12 months of the Scholarship award a brief report of about 500 words on the study undertaken at the overseas institution to the Head of Discipline of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Neonatology.
11. The recipient may be required to refund all or part of the Scholarship if he/she fails to complete the intended study at the overseas institution.

12. Priority may be given to individuals who have not received this award within the last three years.

I hereby agree to abide by the Conditions of Award and accept the Dr Albert S McKern Travelling Research Scholarship.

Name (Please print)

Signature        Date

Intended commencement date: ……………………………………………………………………..