1. **Background**
   
a. Established in 1973 by a bequest from Professor G.C. Henderson, the G.C. Henderson Research Scholarship aims to promote and encourage research into the history of the South Sea Islands.

2. **Eligibility**
   
a. The Scholarship is offered subject to the applicants having an unconditional offer of admission or being currently enrolled full-time in Masters by Research or a PhD in one of the following Departments at the University of Sydney:  
   I. Anthropology,  
   II. Archaeology (Prehistoric and Historical), or  
   III. History.

b. Applicants must be willing to undertake research in the field of history of the Polynesian, Melanesian and Micronesian communities.

c. Applicants must spend at least three months, during the tenure of their Scholarship, in the island or islands whose history they are studying.

d. Applicants must have completed their undergraduate degree or equivalent within four years or less at the time of application.

e. Applicants must have completed a course of lectures in Anthropology.

3. **Selection Criteria**
   
a. The successful applicant will be awarded the Scholarship on the basis of:
   
   I. academic merit,  
   II. research experience,  
   III. professional experience,  
   IV. area of study and research proposal,  
   V. curriculum vitae,  
   VI. reports from two academic referees who are familiar with their recent studies and able to comment on their research ability/potential and relevance of their proposed research project, and  
   VII. a personal statement which:  
      i. demonstrates their interest in the area of study,  
      ii. explains in no more than 100 words how it relates to the purpose of this Scholarship,  
      iii. briefly outlines their plans and budget to spend at least three months in the island or island whose history they are studying, and  
      iv. includes a detailed budget relative to living expenses over the course of the fellowship.
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b. The Scholarship will be awarded by the Academic Board on the advice of a committee comprising the Head of the School of Philosophical and Historical Inquiry (Chair) and the Chairs of the Departments of Anthropology, Archaeology, History or their nominees.

4. Value

a. A successful recipient enrolled in a Masters by Research will be provided with a stipend allowance equivalent to the minimum Research Training Program (RTP) Stipend Rate for up to 1.75 years, subject to satisfactory academic performance.

b. A successful recipient enrolled in a PhD will be provided with a stipend allowance equivalent to the minimum Research Training Program (RTP) Stipend Rate for up to 2 years, subject to satisfactory academic performance.

c. If the successful recipient of the Scholarship relocates their place of residence to take up the Scholarship, they may claim an allowance for eligible expenses. The value of relocation expenses will be determined by the Academic Board based on the applicant’s detailed budget justification (which may include childcare expenses).

d. Academic course fees and the Student Services and Amenities fee are not provided for a successful international applicant.

e. Periods of study already undertaken towards the degree prior to the commencement of the Scholarship, will be deducted from the maximum duration of the Scholarship excluding the potential extension period.

f. The Scholarship is for commencement in relevant research period in which it is offered for and cannot be deferred or transferred to another area of research.

g. No other amount is payable.

h. The Scholarship will be offered subject to the availability of funding.

i. Only one award shall be made at any one time.

5. Eligibility for Progression

a. Progression is subject to passing the annual progress review.

6. Leave Arrangements

a. The Scholarship recipient receives up to 20 working days recreation leave each year of the Scholarship and this may be accrued. However, the student will forfeit any unused leave remaining when the Scholarship is terminated or complete. Recreation leave does not attract a leave loading and the supervisor’s agreement must be obtained before leave is taken.

b. The Scholarship recipient may take up to 10 working days sick leave each year of the Scholarship and this may be accrued over the tenure of the Scholarship. Students with family responsibilities, caring for sick children or relatives, or experiencing domestic violence, may
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convert up to five days of their annual sick leave entitlement to carers’ leave on presentation of medical certificate(s). Students taking sick leave must inform their supervisor as soon as practicable.

c. Once the Scholarship recipient has completed twelve months of their award, and for international students subject to relevant VISA conditions, they are entitled to a maximum of twelve weeks paid maternity leave during the tenure of the award. Students applying for paid maternity leave must do so at least four weeks prior to the expected date of birth. Periods of paid maternity leave are added to the normal duration of the award. Scholarship holders who have not completed twelve months of their award may access unpaid maternity leave through the suspension provisions.

7. Research Overseas

a. The Scholarship recipient may not normally conduct research overseas within the first six months of award.

b. The Scholarship holder may conduct up to 12 months of their research outside Australia. Approval must be sought from the student’s supervisor, Head of School and the Faculty via application to the Higher Degree by Research Administration Centre (HDRAC), and will only be granted if the research is essential for completion of the degree. All periods of overseas research are cumulative and will be counted towards a student’s candidature. Students must remain enrolled full-time at the University and receive approval to count time away.

8. Suspension

a. The Scholarship recipient cannot suspend their award within their first six months of study, unless a legislative provision applies.

b. The Scholarship recipient may apply for up to 12 months suspension of Scholarships for any reason during the tenure of their Scholarship. Periods of Scholarships suspension are cumulative and failure to resume study after suspension will result in the award being terminated. Approval must be sought from the student’s supervisor, Head of School and the Faculty via application to the Higher Degree by Research Administration Centre (HDRAC). Periods of study towards the degree during suspension of the Scholarship will be deducted from the maximum tenure of the Scholarship.

9. Changes in Enrolment

a. The Scholarship recipient must notify HDRAC and their supervisor promptly of any planned changes to their enrolment including but not limited to: attendance pattern, suspension, leave of absence, withdrawal, course transfer, and candidature upgrade or downgrade. If the award holder does not provide notice of the changes identified above, the University may require repayment of any overpaid stipend.

10. Termination

a. The Scholarship will terminate:

i. on resignation or withdrawal of the student from their Masters by Research or PhD,
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II. upon the student having completed the maximum candidature for their degree as per the University of Sydney (Higher Degree by Research) Rule 2011 Policy,
III. upon submission of the thesis or at the end of the award,
IV. if the student ceases to be a full-time student and prior approval has not been obtained to hold the Scholarship on a part-time basis,
V. if the recipient receives an alternative primary stipend scholarship. In such circumstances this Scholarship will be terminated in favour of the alternative scholarship where it is of higher value,
VI. does not resume study at the end of a period of approved leave, or
VII. If the student ceases to meet the eligibility requirements specified for this Scholarship, (other than during a period in which the Scholarship has been suspended or during a period of approved leave).

b. The Scholarship may also be terminated by the University before this time if, in the opinion of the University:
   I. the course of study is not being carried out with competence and diligence or in accordance with the terms of this offer,
   II. the student fails to maintain satisfactory progress, or
   III. the student has committed misconduct or other inappropriate conduct.

c. Stipend payments will be suspended throughout the duration of any enquiry/appeal process.

d. Once the Scholarship has been terminated, it will not be reinstated unless due to University error.

11. Misconduct

a. Where during the Scholarship a student engages in misconduct, or other inappropriate conduct (either during the Scholarship or in connection with the student’s application and eligibility for the Scholarship), which in the opinion of the University warrants recovery of funds paid to the student, the University may require the student to repay stipend amounts and any other payments made to the student in connection with the Scholarship. Examples of such conduct include and without limitation; academic dishonesty, research misconduct within the meaning of the Research Code of Conduct (for example, plagiarism in proposing, carrying out or reporting the results of research, or failure to declare or manage a serious conflict of interests), breach of the Code of Conduct for Students and misrepresentation in the application materials or other documentation associated with the Scholarship.

b. The University may require such repayment at any time during or after the Scholarship period. In addition, by accepting this Scholarship, the student consents to all aspects of any investigation into misconduct in connection with this Scholarship being disclosed by the University to the funding body and/or any relevant professional body.

12. Thesis

a. The successful recipient must present a thesis on the work he has accomplished within three years of the date of the award.