

# Peter Nicol Russell Postgraduate Scholarship in Mechanical and Mechatronic Engineering

## Terms and Conditions November 2018

### 1. Background

- a. This Scholarship was established in 1896 from a gift from Sir Peter Nicol Russell which later became known as the Peter Nicol Russell Bequest.
- b. The Scholarship is to encourage students to study a Masters by Research or PhD in mechanical engineering in the School of Aerospace, Mechanical and Mechatronic Engineering at the University of Sydney.

### 2. Eligibility

- a. Applicants must be a current full-time Master by Research or PhD student or have an unconditional full-time admission offer to study a Masters by Research or PhD in mechanical and mechatronic engineering within the School of Aerospace, Mechanical and Mechatronic Engineering, Faculty of Engineering and IT, at the University of Sydney.
- b. Applicants who currently hold or have applied for a Research Training Program (RTP) Stipend Scholarship will be automatically considered. No separate application is required.

### 3. Selection Criteria

- a. The successful applicant will be awarded the Scholarship on the basis of their RTP application, their area of study and research proposal.
- b. The successful applicant will be awarded the Scholarship on the nomination of a Selection Committee consisting of the Head of the School of Aerospace, Mechanical and Mechatronic Engineering and at least two other members at the level of Professors, Associate Professors or Reader in the school.

### 4. Value

- a. The Scholarship will provide an annual stipend supplementary allowance of \$5,000 per annum (fixed amount) for up to three years for PhD students and up to two years for Masters by Research students, subject to satisfactory academic performance. The PhD recipient may apply for an extension of up to 6 months. No extension is possible for a Master by Research recipient.
- b. 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.
- c. The Scholarship is not deferrable without prior approval or transferable to another area of research outside Mechanical and Mechatronics within the School of Aerospace, Mechanical and Mechatronic Engineering at the University of Sydney.

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- d. No other amount is payable.
- e. The Scholarship will be offered subject to the availability of funding.

### **5. Eligibility for Progression**

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

### **6. Leave Arrangements**

- a. The same conditions as indicated in the terms and conditions of the primary scholarship.

### **7. Research Overseas**

- b. The same conditions as indicated in the terms and conditions of the primary scholarship.

### **8. Suspension**

- a. The same conditions as indicated in the terms and conditions of the primary 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. Conversion Between Research Programs**

- a. The Scholarship recipient may convert a masters by research to a PhD or vice-versa provided such change in candidature is approved by the HDRAC. The maximum duration of the converted Scholarship will be the time remaining for their new candidate, providing it does not exceed more than 3.5 years in total (includes the potential extension) since the commencement of the Scholarship.

### **11. Termination**

- a. Unless terminated earlier, the Scholarship will terminate:
  - I. on resignation or withdrawal of the student from their Masters by Research or PhD,
  - II. upon submission of the thesis or at the end of the award,
  - III. 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,
  - IV. upon the student having completed 4 years equivalent full-time study for a PhD, or 2 years equivalent full time study for a Masters by Research,

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- V. on receipt of another supplementary scholarship that increases the overall supplementary rate paid to a student to more than 75% of the primary amount. In such circumstances, the supplementary scholarship of the higher value prevails,
  - VI. if the recipient 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.

### 12. 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.