1. **Background**

   a. This scholarship was established in 1942 from donations made by staff of the former Sydney Teachers’ College to establish an award in recognition of the contributions made to Education by Alexander Mackie, Principal of the College from 1906 to 1940 and Professor of Education within the University of Sydney from 1910 to 1940.

   b. This scholarship is to support an outstanding scholar with travel outside Australia for the purpose of research to obtain experience and subsequently return and give the benefit of their experience to education in Australia.

2. **Eligibility**

   a. Applicants must have an unconditional offer of admission or be currently for full-time studies in a Masters by Research, Master of Philosophy or PhD within the Sydney School of Education and Social Work at the University of Sydney.

   b. Applicants must be a graduate or undergraduate of the University of Sydney.

   c. Applicants must demonstrate a need to undertake travel overseas to conduct research as part of their Masters by Research, Master of Philosophy or PhD for 12 months.

   d. Applicants must be under 30 years of age.

3. **Selection Criteria**

   a. The successful applicant will be awarded the Scholarship on the basis of:

      I. academic merit,
      II. area of study and outline of proposed research (no more than two pages),
      III. detailed budget and itinerary including date of return to Australia,
      IV. curriculum vitae,
      V. a list of publications,
      VI. two academic referees reports, and
      VII. a personal statement which demonstrates their need to travel overseas and the importance of travel to the applicant’s research.

   b. The successful applicant will be awarded the Scholarship by the Head of Sydney School of Education and Social Work on the nomination of the Awards Committee.

4. **Value**

   a. The value of the Scholarship will be up to $10,000 per annum and shall be determined by the selection committee and outlined in the successful recipient’s Scholarship Offer Letter.
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b. The Scholarship value will be paid as a once off payment after the census date of the research period in which the Scholarship Acceptance Form is received.

c. The Scholarship is tenable for one year.

d. The Scholarship is for commencement on the start date identified in the successful recipient’s Scholarship Offer Letter. It cannot be deferred or transferred to another area of research without prior approval.

e. No other amount is payable.

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

5. Eligibility for Progression

a. Successful recipients are required to maintain receipts for up to one year for all costs incurred that are relevant to this Scholarship.

c. Successful recipients may be required to produce these receipts if requested by the Sydney School of Education and Social Work.

6. Reporting

a. The Scholarship recipient must provide to the selection committee a short report on their work overseas within three months from its completion.

7. 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 Scholarship funds.

8. Termination

a. The Scholarship will terminate:

I. on resignation or withdrawal of the student from their Masters by Research, Master of Philosophy or PhD,

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 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).
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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. Once the Scholarship has been terminated, it will not be reinstated.

9. 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 Scholarship funds 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.