The Reca Stone Scholarship in Legal Theory

This scholarship was established to support an exemplary postgraduate research student working in the field of legal theory.

Scholarship value and duration
$10,000 tenable for up to 1 year with the possibility of extension upon application in suitable cases

Eligibility criteria
− Scholarship shall be available to full time postgraduate students enrolled in a research degree in Sydney Law School.
− One scholarship shall be offered each year subject to the availability of funds and shall be tenable for one year. The holder of a scholarship is entitled to apply again for the scholarship in competition with other applicants.
− Scholarship may be held in conjunction with other scholarships or awards

Background
The Reca Stone Scholarship in Legal Theory was established by the generous donation of the Wolfensohn Family Foundation. Mr James Wolfensohn, President of the World Bank Group, is a Graduate of the University of Sydney Law School. The donation is intended to support postgraduate research in the field of legal theory. The object of the scholarship is to assist an exemplary postgraduate research student in financial need to further his/her research and work in the field of legal theory.

Selection criteria
− Academic merit
− Quality of the proposed research in the field of legal theory
− Financial need

Ongoing eligibility
− The recipient must enrol full time through the tenure of their scholarship.
− Requests to suspend will only be approved under exceptional circumstances, such as a medical condition which limits the student’s capacity to undertake full time study. Such requests must be supported by the PhD supervisor and the Associate Dean (Research Education).
− The continuation of the scholarship is conditional on evidence of satisfactory progress. Each scholarship is renewed every semester on the recommendation of the Associate Dean (Research Education).

Payment schedule
− Payment will be made after the 31 March census date and the 31 August census date subject to continued enrolment and satisfactory performance.

Termination
− In the event that a scholarship holder falls below academic progression requirements, chooses to enrol part time, changes degree or discontinues study, the scholarship is no longer tenable and will be withdrawn.

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Faculty: Sydney Law School
Scholarship name: The Reca Stone Scholarship in Legal Theory
Scholarship number: SC0598
RC/PC:
The Reca Stone Scholarship in Legal Theory

Terms and Conditions

1. Background

   a. The Reca Stone Scholarship in Legal Theory was established by the generous donation of the Wolfensohn Family Foundation. Mr James Wolfensohn, President of the World Bank Group, is a Graduate of the Faculty of Law at the University of Sydney. The donation is intended to support postgraduate research in the field of legal theory. The object of the scholarship is to assist an exemplary and needy postgraduate research student working in the field of legal theory to further his or her research. It is awarded annually through the Julius Stone Institute of Jurisprudence, University of Sydney Law School. The name of the scholarship is "The Reca Stone Scholarship in Legal Theory".

2. Eligibility

   a. The scholarship shall be available to fulltime postgraduate students enrolled in a research degree in the Sydney Law School.

3. Selection Criteria

   a. The criteria for the award of the scholarship are
      
      i) academic merit;
      
      ii) research in the field of legal theory
      
      iii) financial need.

   b. The successful applicant will be awarded the Scholarship by the nomination of the Management Committee of the Julius Stone Institute of Jurisprudence.

4. Value

   a. The value of the scholarship will up to $10,000 per annum.

   b. One scholarship shall be offered each year subject to the availability of funds and shall be tenable for up to one year. The holder of a scholarship is entitled to apply again for the scholarship in competition with other applicants.

   c. No other amount is payable.

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

   e. The scholarship may be held in conjunction with other scholarships or awards.

5. 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.
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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 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.

6. 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 Department and 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.

7. 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 for any reason during the tenure of their Scholarship. Periods of suspension are cumulative and failure to resume study after suspension will result in the award being terminated. Approval to suspend must be given by both HDRAC and the head of the department concerned. Periods of study towards the degree during suspension of the Scholarship will be deducted from the maximum tenure of the Scholarship.

8. 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.

9. Termination

a. Unless terminated earlier under this paragraph, the Scholarship will terminate:

   I. on resignation or withdrawal of the student from their 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. if the recipient receives an alternative primary scholarship. In such circumstances this Scholarship will be terminated in favour of the alternative scholarship where it is of higher value,
   V. does not resume study at the end of a period of approved leave, or
VI. 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.

10. 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.