Winifred O'Neill Sydney University Postgraduate Scholarship

Terms and Conditions
March 2019

1. Background

a. Established in 1997 from the estate of Dr Gregory John Lamb O'Neill who was a medical practitioner in Chatswood, NSW. This Scholarship aims to support higher degree research students enrolled in Psychology with their studies.

2. Eligibility

a. Applicants must be an Australian Citizen or Australian Permanent Resident and enrolled in either Masters by Research or PhD in the School of Psychology at the University of Sydney.

3. Selection Criteria

a. The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of academic merit.

b. Preference is given to students with, and in order:
   
   I. a visual impairment, or
   II. an alternative disability.

   c. The Scholarship will be awarded on the nomination of a selection committee consisting of the Head of School - Psychology, or their nominated delegate, and at least one other academic member of staff from the School.

4. Value

a. The Scholarship is valued between $3000 and $5000 per annum and will be determined by the selection committee each year.

b. The Scholarship is tenable for one year only and is paid in one instalment after award.

c. Deferral of the Scholarship is not permitted without the prior permission of the Head of School – Psychology and it is not transferable to another school, faculty or university.

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

e. No other amount is payable.

5. Ongoing eligibility

a. Not applicable.
6. 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 the maximum candidature for their degree as per the University of Sydney (Higher Degree by Research) Rule 2011 Policy,
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.

7. 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.