John O'Brien Memorial Coursework Scholarships in Criminal Law and Criminology

The John O'Brien Memorial Coursework Scholarship was established to assist students studying criminal law and criminology at the University of Sydney Law School.

**Scholarship value and duration**

Total $6,000 tenable up to 2 years

**Eligibility criteria**

- Open to commencing domestic and international students entering their first semester of study in the Master of Criminology by coursework.
- Students who have already commenced their postgraduate studies, or students transferring from other postgraduate programs are not eligible to apply.
- The scholarship must be taken up in the semester for which it is offered. No deferment of enrolment or scholarship is allowed.
- The scholarship may not be held concurrently with other University scholarship funds.
- The recipient will be required to repay the scholarship if they withdraw their enrolment after payment has been made.

**For more information**

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**Background**

Established in 2008 by a bequest to establish a memorial fund in perpetuity named the John O'Brien Memorial Fund. The purpose of the bequest is to provide scholarships in the University of Sydney Law School in particular for students in criminal law and criminology. Awarded annually to commencing students in the Master of Criminology by coursework.

**Selection criteria**

- The scholarship is competitive and awarded on merit to the most outstanding applicant assessed against the following two selection criteria:
  - prior academic achievement, which must include a relevant university degree with an Australian-equivalent average of at least 75%;
  - demonstrated commitment to applying the learning offered in the Master of Criminology to make a positive difference to the criminal justice system.
- Applicants are required to submit an online application addressing the above criteria, including certified details of prior academic results.
- Scholarships will be awarded by a committee chaired by the Associate Dean, Postgraduate Coursework.

**Ongoing eligibility**

- The scholarship recipient must maintain a continuous enrolment during their degree from the semester for which they sought entry. Continuous enrolment requires four units of study per semester for all full-time candidates, and a minimum of two units per semester for part-time candidates.
- The scholarship is conditional on the recipient meeting all requirements of the program, and subject to satisfactory academic progress deemed to be a credit average (65%) each semester.
**Payment schedule**

- Students studying full time will receive two equal installments of $3000.
- Students studying part time will receive four equal installments of $1500.
- Payment will be made after the 31 March census date and the 31 August census date subject to continued enrolment and satisfactory performance, as detailed in the eligibility criteria.
- Up to three scholarships will be awarded per year.

**Termination**

- John O’Brien Memorial Coursework Scholarships in Criminal Law and Criminology termination:
  - In the event that a scholarship holder falls below a credit average, falls below minimum enrolment requirements, changes to a degree program outside of the Sydney Law School, or discontinues study, the scholarship is no longer tenable and will be withdrawn.
  - The recipient will be required to repay the scholarship if they withdraw their enrolment after payment has been made.