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.

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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.
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Terms and Conditions

1. Background
   a. 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. Awarded annually to commencing students in the Master of Criminology by coursework.

2. Eligibility
   a. To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants must be commencing, domestic and international students, entering their first semester of study in the Master of Criminology.
   
b. Students who have already commenced their postgraduate studies, or students transferring from other postgraduate programs are not eligible to apply.

3. Selection Criteria
   a. The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of academic merit to the most outstanding applicant assessed against the following two selection criteria:
      I. Prior academic achievement, which must include a University degree with an Australian-equivalent average of at least 75%;
      II. Demonstrated commitment to applying the learning offered in the Master of Criminology to make a positive difference to the criminal justice system.
   
b. The Scholarship will be awarded by a committee chaired by the Associate Dean, Postgraduate Coursework.

4. Value
   a. The Scholarship is valued at $6,000 per annum and is tenable for up to two years.
      I. Students studying fulltime will receive two equal instalments of $3000.
      II. Students studying part time will receive four equal instalments of $1500.
   
b. 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.
   
c. The scholarship must be taken up in the semester in which it is offered.
   
d. Scholarship holders are not able to defer or suspend their enrolment in the degree to receive the scholarship.
   
e. The Scholarship will be offered subject to the availability of funds.
   
f. No other amount is payable.

5. Ongoing eligibility
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a. 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 students.

b. To continue receipt of the Scholarship, the recipient must maintain a minimum WAM of 65 each semester.

6. Termination

a. The Scholarship will be terminated if the recipient:

I. Withdraws from an eligible course or fails to enrol,
II. Commences part-time study without prior approval,
III. Does not maintain satisfactory academic performance,
IV. Is determined by the University to be guilty of serious misconduct, including, but not limited to, having provided false or misleading information as part of their Scholarship application,
V. Is awarded an alternative primary scholarship. In such circumstances this Scholarship will be terminated in favour of the alternative scholarship where it is of higher value,
VI. Does not resume study at the end of a period of approved leave, or
VII. Any other provision as indicated in these terms that would lead to termination.

b. The recipient will be required to repay the scholarship if they withdraw their enrolment after payment has been made.

c. Where a student is found guilty of serious misconduct or withdraws from the relevant course, the University reserves the right to request that any Scholarship funds paid to the Scholarship recipient be reimbursed.