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

Terms and Conditions
August 2018

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. Applicants must have an unconditional offer of admission for the Master of Criminology in the University of Sydney Law School.

b. Students who have already commenced their Master of Criminology, or students transferring from other postgraduate programs are not eligible to apply.

c. Applicants must have achieved a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of 75 or equivalent in their prior tertiary studies.

3. Selection Criteria

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

   I. academic merit, and
   II. a personal statement which demonstrates the applicant’s 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 selection committee consisting of the Head of School and Dean of the University of Sydney Law School or their nominee, and at least one other academic member of staff from the School.

4. Value

a. The Scholarship is valued at:

   I. $6,000 per annum for a student enrolled full-time (24 credit points per semester), and
   II. $3,000 per annum for a student enrolled part-time (12 credit points per semester).

b. The Scholarship annual value will be paid in two equal instalments after the census date of each semester.

c. The Scholarship has a maximum duration of one year for full-time and two years for part-time recipients.

d. Deferral of the Scholarship is not permitted without the prior permission of the Head of School and Dean of the University of Sydney Law School and it is not transferable to another University school, faculty or university.
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e. The Scholarship will be offered subject to the availability of funds.

f. No other amount is payable.

5. Ongoing eligibility

a. To continue receipt of the Scholarship, the recipient must maintain a minimum Semester Average Mark (SAM) of 65 each semester.

b. Full-time recipient must remain enrolled in 24 credit points of study each semester and part-time recipients at least 12 each semester.

c. Recipients undertaking an exchange during the tenure of this Scholarship are required to have achieved a Satisfied Requirements grade (SR) to receive their next payment.

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 the alternative scholarship 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. Once the Scholarship has been terminated, it will not be reinstated unless due to University error.

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.

d. The University reserves the right to request a refund for any monies paid as part of this scholarship where it was terminated.

7. Other

a. Scholarship recipients may be invited to represent the School at student orientation, recruitment and corporate networking events.