The Robert R. Sterling Distinguished Honours Scholarship in Accounting

Terms and Conditions
March 2018

1. Background
   a. The Scholarship was established in 2008 from a generous donation from Mr. Robert R Sterling to the University of Sydney Business School. The Scholarship is intended to support academic study and investigation in the field of financial accounting.

2. Eligibility
   a. To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants must apply, be accepted and subsequently enrol into the Accounting Honours Program within the University of Sydney Business School.
   b. Applicants must be completing Accounting Honours in the field of financial accounting, specifically study pertaining to the empirical foundations of measurement in accounting and the usefulness of accounting measurements for financial decision making.

3. Selection Criteria
   a. The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of overall academic merit with special attention paid to financial accounting units and the application for admission into the Accounting Honours Program.
   b. The Scholarship will be awarded by a Selection Committee consisting of the Academic Director of the Accounting Foundation and Accounting Honours Coordinator, or their nominated delegates.

4. Value
   a. The Scholarship is valued at $10,000 per annum and is tenable for one year only.
   b. The annual payment will be made in two equal instalments after the census date of each semester.
   c. Deferral of the Scholarship is not permitted without the prior permission of the Associate Dean and it is not transferable to another honours project, faculty/University school or University.
   d. The Scholarship will be offered subject to the availability of funds.
   e. No other amount is payable.

5. Ongoing eligibility
   a. To continue receipt of the Scholarship, the recipient must maintain satisfactory academic progress to ensure successful on-time completion of their honours program.

6. Termination
   a. The Scholarship will be terminated if the recipient:
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I. withdraws from an eligible course or fails to enrol,
II. withdraws from the Honours Program in the Discipline of Accounting,
III. commences part-time study without prior approval,
IV. does not maintain satisfactory academic performance,
V. 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,
VI. 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,
VII. does not resume study at the end of a period of approved leave, or
VIII. any other provision as indicated in these terms that would lead to termination.

b. 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.