Dr Albert S McKern Travelling Research Scholarship

Terms and Conditions – V317 - Staff
July 2017

1. Background

a. The Dr Albert S McKern Travelling Research Scholarship was established in 2009 by a bequest from Dr Albert S McKern to establish a travelling scholarship for the purpose of investigations into the cause, prevention and treatment of mental and physical pain and distress during pregnancy, labour and puerperium.

b. The Scholarship is awarded to cover actual expenses incurred while travelling to either or both The University of Edinburgh, Scotland or Yale University, USA for the purpose of collaborative research.

2. Eligibility

a. Applicants must be an academic affiliate with the Discipline of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Neonatology, Sydney Medical School, The University of Sydney.

b. Applicants must be a graduate of The University of Sydney, Australia or The University of Edinburgh, Scotland or Yale University, USA.

c. Applicants must be willing to undertake research investigating the cause, prevention and treatment of mental and physical pain and distress during pregnancy, labour and puerperium.

d. Applicants from The University of Sydney, at the time of their application, must be Australian citizens.

3. Selection Criteria

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

   I. academic merit, and
   II. curriculum vitae.

b. Priority may be given to individuals who have not received this scholarship within the last three years.

c. The successful applicant(s) will be awarded the Scholarship by the Dean of the Sydney Medical School, The University of Sydney on the recommendation of the Head of the Discipline of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Neonatology.

d. The number of successful applicants shall be determined by the Sydney Medical School, The University of Sydney depending on the funds available.
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4. Value
   a. The value of the scholarship shall be up to $15,000 and shall be paid on receipt of invoices or as reimbursement of actual expenses.
   b. No other amount is payable.

5. Termination
   a. Unless terminated earlier under this paragraph, the Scholarship will terminate:
      I. On resignation of the staff member from their full time appointment with Discipline of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Neonatology, Sydney Medical School, The University of Sydney,
      II. At the end of the award,
      III. If the staff member ceases to be full-time and prior approval has not been obtained to hold the Scholarship on a part-time basis,
      IV. If the recipient receives an alternative primary scholarship or fellowship, and does not relinquish the current scholarship within two months. In such circumstances this Scholarship will be terminated in favour of the alternative scholarship or fellowship where it is of higher value,
      V. If the staff member ceases to meet the eligibility requirements specified for this Scholarship,
      VI. If the staff member does not acknowledge the support of their scholarship in any publications arising from the research undertaken whilst on the scholarship,
      VII. If media coverage arises from the research and the staff member does not acknowledge the support of the scholarship,
      VIII. If the staff member does not provide any media articles to the Head of Discipline of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Neonatology, and
      IX. If the staff member does not submit within 12 months of receiving the scholarship a brief report (approximately 500 words) on the study undertaken at the overseas institution to the Head of Discipline of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Neonatology.
   b. The Scholarship may also be terminated by the University before this time if, in the opinion of the University:
      I. The staff members appointment is not being carried out with competence and diligence or in accordance with the terms of this offer,
      II. The staff member fails to maintain satisfactory progress, or
      III. The staff member has committed misconduct or other inappropriate conduct.
   c. Payments will be suspended throughout the duration of any enquiry/appeal process.
   d. Once the Scholarship has been terminated, it will not be reinstated.

6. Misconduct
   a. Where during the Scholarship a staff member engages in misconduct, or other inappropriate conduct (either during the Scholarship or in connection with the staff member’s application and eligibility for the Scholarship), which in the opinion of the University warrants recovery of funds paid to the staff member, the University may
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require the staff member to repay all or part of the scholarship and any other payments made to the staff member 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 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 staff member 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.

7. Intellectual Property

a. The University asserts certain ownership rights of intellectual property created in the course of this scholarship subject to the University’s Intellectual Property Rule.