Dr Albert S McKern Travelling Research Scholarship

Terms and Conditions – V317 - Students
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. The scholarship is offered subject to the applicant having an unconditional offer of admission or being currently enrolled in full-time studies in a postgraduate research degree in the Discipline of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Neonatology within the Sydney Medical School at 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.
   e. The applicant’s proposed supervisor is required to be an academic or affiliate with the Discipline of Obstetrics, Gynaecology or Neonatology at The University of Sydney.

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. **Changes in Enrolment**

   a. The Scholarship recipient must notify HDRAC and their supervisor promptly of any planned changes to their enrolment including but not limited to: attendance pattern, withdrawal, course transfer, and candidature upgrade or downgrade. If the award holder does not provide notice of the changes identified above, the University may require repayment of the scholarship.

6. **Termination**

   a. Unless terminated earlier under this paragraph, the Scholarship will terminate:

      I. on resignation or withdrawal of the student from their postgraduate research degree,
      II. upon submission of the thesis or at the end of the award,
      III. if the student ceases to be a full-time student 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. In such circumstances this Scholarship will be terminated in favour of the alternative scholarship where it is of higher value,
      V. If the student ceases to meet the eligibility requirements specified for this Scholarship,
      VI. If the student 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 student does not acknowledge the support of the scholarship,
      VIII. If the student does not provide any media articles to the Head of Discipline of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Neonatology, and
      IX. If the student 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 course of study is not being carried out with competence and diligence or in accordance with the terms of this offer,
      II. the student fails to maintain satisfactory progress, or
      III. the student 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.

7. **Misconduct**

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