

# The Frances Merenda Travelling Scholarship

## Terms and Conditions

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### 1. Background

- a. Established in 2009, this Scholarship has been generously donated by Ms Frances Merenda to support students studying at the University of Sydney, who are spending a period of study in Italy.

### 2. Eligibility

- a. Applicants must be a:
  - I. 2nd or 3rd year undergraduate student currently enrolled in an Italian Studies major at the University of Sydney, who is taking up an approved exchange place at an Italian university that is to be credited towards their degree, or
  - II. Masters or PhD student enrolled in Italian Studies at the University of Sydney, who intend to travel to Italy to pursue further language and cultural studies or to conduct research in a relevant area of study as part of their degree program.

### 3. Selection Criteria

- a. For undergraduate students, the Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of:
  - I. academic merit,
  - II. marks in both Italian language studies and cultural units,
  - III. personal statement describing applicant's reasons for their study in Italy and relevance of exchange to their future studies and/or career, and
  - IV. a letter of reference from two academics.
- b. For postgraduate students, the Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of:
  - I. academic merit,
  - II. personal statement outlining applicant's program of study, significance of proposed program of study and relevance of travel to their degree program, and
  - III. supervisor's letter of recommendation.
- c. Preference may be given to applicants who can demonstrate:
  - I. financial hardship, or
  - II. their intention to continue with Italian Honours (or joint Honours).
- d. The Scholarship will be awarded by a selection committee consisting of the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and the Chair of the Department of Italian Studies, or their nominated delegate(s).

### 4. Value

- a. The Scholarship is valued at \$4,000 and is tenable for one year only.
- b. The Scholarship annual value will be paid in a single instalment.

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- c. Deferral of the Scholarship is not permitted without the prior permission of the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and it is not transferable to another University school, faculty 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 performance.
- b. 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 major or fails to enrol,
  - II. is undertaking exchange and changes the Italian university where the exchange was approved for,
  - 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. Once the Scholarship has been terminated, it will not be reinstated.
- c. Where a student is found guilty of serious misconduct or withdraws from the relevant course or major, the University reserves the right to request that any Scholarship funds paid to the Scholarship recipient be reimbursed.