Cerebral Palsy Alliance Professor Henry J. Cowan Memorial Scholarship

Terms and Conditions

1. Background

a. Cerebral Palsy Alliance and The University of Sydney have established Scholarships for allied health students within the Faculty of Health Sciences.

b. The scholarships are called the Professor Henry J Cowan Memorial Scholarships, honouring the memory and generous bequest of Professor Cowan.

2. Eligibility

a. To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants must be an Australian Citizen, New Zealand Citizen, or Australian Permanent Resident.

b. Applicants must be enrolled full-time at the Faculty of Health Sciences in at least one of the following disciplines:

   I. Occupational Therapy,
   II. Speech Pathology, or
   III. Physiotherapy.

c. Applicants must be available to undertake one of their final practicums with the Cerebral Palsy Alliance.

d. Applicants enrolled in the Master of Occupational Therapy or Bachelor of Applied Science (Occupational Therapy) must provide a letter from the Work Integrated Learning Occupational Therapy academic confirming that a placement at Cerebral Palsy Alliance would meet their placement requirements.

e. Applicants must have a demonstrated interest in and commitment to the field of disability and paediatrics.

f. Applicants must have the following:

   I. a strong academic and/or practical achievement in the paediatric study components,
   II. a satisfactory academic achievement and,
   III. passed all practicum units prior to their final practicum.

g. The scholarship will be awarded:

   I. to undergraduate students in the third year of their course for use in the fourth year of their studies, or
   II. to Graduate Entry Master’s (GEM) students in the first year of their course for use in the second year of their studies.

3. Selection Criteria

a. The successful applicant will be awarded the Scholarship on the basis of:
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I. Academic merit,
II. Evidence of completion of a recent clinical placement, and
III. A personal statement (3 pages maximum) which demonstrates the following:
   i. evidence of interest in and commitment to paediatrics, disability and cerebral palsy,
   ii. achievements in the field of paediatrics or disability, and
   iii. interest in pursuing a career in the field of disability.

b. The Scholarship will be awarded on the nomination of a selection committee consisting of the Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences and Senior Lecturer-Work Integrated Learning, or their nominated delegates.

4. Value

a. The Scholarship is valued up to $1,500 for each successful applicant, and is tenable for one year.

b. The Scholarship will be paid as a one-off payment following a successful completion of final practicum.

c. Funds are to be used to support professional development, fees, textbooks or practicum expenses.

d. Deferral of the Scholarship is not permitted without the prior permission of the Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences, and it is not transferable to another major, University School, Faculty or University.

e. The Scholarship will be offered subject to the availability of funds.

f. No other amount is payable.

5. 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.

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
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Scholarship recipient be reimbursed.

6. Reporting

a. On successful completion of the final practicum the recipient must provide a 500 word report on their experience at the Cerebral Palsy Alliance.

7. Other Requirements

a. Recipients of the scholarship are invited to participate in the evaluation of the scholarship and in any longitudinal study of recruitment or career marketing of allied health professionals to Cerebral Palsy Alliance.

b. Recipients of the scholarship are invited to provide their contact details and general employment details on graduation and for up to two years post-graduation.