The Raymond Hsu Scholarship

Terms and Conditions
January 2018

1. Background

a. Established in 2013, this scholarship has been generously bequeathed by the late Eulalia Sau-Kuen Hsu to support postgraduate research in Chinese studies, Chinese literature, or Chinese linguistics.

2. Eligibility

a. Applicants must be enrolled in Master of Arts (Research), Master of Philosophy or Doctor of Philosophy in the Department of Chinese Studies at the University of Sydney.

b. Applicants must be in the final stage of their candidature and be on track to complete and submit their thesis within the normal candidacy period (two full-time years for Masters or four full-time years for PhD or part-time equivalent).

c. Applicants must not have previously received or currently hold a primary scholarship for their current degree at the University of Sydney.

3. Selection Criteria

a. The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of:
   I. academic excellence,
   II. research progress, and
   III. research achievement.

b. Applicants will submit a brief introduction to their research project, an outline of their current progress towards completion of the thesis and a plan for completion.

c. The Scholarship will be awarded by the Head of School of Languages and Cultures or their nominated delegate on the recommendation of a selection committee consisting of members of the Department of Chinese Studies.

4. Value

a. The Scholarship is tenable for six months only valued at:
   I. $5,000 for a full-time enrolled student, and
   II. $2,500 for a part-time enrolled student.

b. The Scholarship will be paid in a single instalment after census date.

c. Deferral of the Scholarship is not permitted without the prior permission of Dean of Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and it is not transferable to another faculty or university.

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

e. No other amount is payable.
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f. The Head of School of Languages and Cultures has or their nominated delegates has the discretion not to award the scholarship if there is no applicant of sufficient merit.

5. Ongoing eligibility

a. To continue receipt of the Scholarship, the recipient must maintain satisfactory academic performance.

6. Leave Arrangements

a. The Scholarship recipient receives up to 10 working days recreation leave for the six months of the Scholarship and this may be accrued. However, the student will forfeit any unused leave remaining when the Scholarship is terminated or complete. Recreation leave does not attract a leave loading and the supervisor’s agreement must be obtained before leave is taken.

b. The Scholarship recipient may take up to 5 working days sick leave for the six months of the Scholarship and this may be accrued over the tenure of the Scholarship. Students with family responsibilities, caring for sick children or relatives, or experiencing domestic violence, may convert up to five days of their annual sick leave entitlement to carers leave on presentation of medical certificate(s). Students taking sick leave must inform their supervisor as soon as practicable.

7. Research Overseas

a. The Scholarship recipient may not conduct research overseas.

8. Suspension

a. The Scholarship recipient cannot suspend their award.

9. 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, suspension, leave of absence, 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 any overpaid stipend.

10. Termination

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

   I. on resignation or withdrawal of the student from their Research Masters or PhD,
   II. upon the student having completed 4 years equivalent full-time study for a PhD, or 2 years equivalent full time study for a masters by research,
   III. upon submission of the thesis or at the end of the award,
   IV. 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,
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V. 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,

VI. does not resume study at the end of a period of approved leave, or

VII. if the student ceases to meet the eligibility requirements specified for this Scholarship, (other than during a period in which the Scholarship has been suspended or during a period of approved leave).

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. Payment will be suspended throughout the duration of any enquiry/appeal process.

d. Once the Scholarship has been terminated, it will not be reinstated.

11. 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 stipend amounts 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.