The Walter and Eliza Hall Trust Opportunity Scholarship for a Student with a Physical Disability

Terms and Conditions

1. Background

   a. Walter and Eliza Hall were active philanthropists during their life together. Following her husband’s death Eliza set up a million-pound charitable trust in 1912 calling it the Walter and Eliza Hall Trust, as a means of assisting those in need. Since that time the trust has helped thousands of Australians to reach their full potential.

2. Eligibility

   a. Applicants must be an Australian Citizen,

   b. Applicants must have a formally diagnosed physical disability as defined in Appendix (A),

   c. Applicants must demonstrate financial disadvantage,

   d. Applicants must have completed at least 48 credit points in an undergraduate or postgraduate coursework program at the University of Sydney, and

   e. Applicants must be enrolling in at least two subjects each semester.

   f. Applicants must consent to their application and personal details (including name and correspondence address) being forwarded to and reviewed by The Walter and Eliza Hall Trust

3. Selection Criteria

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

      I. academic merit,  
      II. financial disadvantage, and  
      III. a personal statement.

   b. The Scholarship will be awarded by a selection committee consisting of a representative from the Walter and Eliza Hall Trust, and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) or their nominated delegate.

4. Value

   a. The Scholarship is valued at $10,000 and is tenable for one year only.

   b. The Scholarship annual value will be paid in two equal instalments after the census date of each semester.

   c. Deferral of the Scholarship is not permitted without the prior permission of Head of Scholarships 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.
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5. **Ongoing eligibility**

   a. To continue receipt of the Scholarship, the recipient must maintain a minimum Semester Average Mark (SAM) of 65 each semester.

   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 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 scholarship valued at $6,000 per annum or more. 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,
      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 Scholarship recipient be reimbursed.

A. **Appendix**

The Walter and Eliza Hall Charitable Foundation employs the following eligibility guidelines for the Walter and Eliza Hall Trust Opportunity Scholarship for a Student with a Physical Disability

**DEFINITION:** For the purposes of assessing eligibility for the Walter and Eliza Hall Trust Scholarships for Students with a Physical Disability, a student must have a level of severity of permanent physical disability / impairment which seriously impacts their ability to function as that of an able-bodied person. The physical impacts of the condition are not minimised by the use of on-going medication etc. in order to control pain which in turn allows the individual to function unimpeded as a non-disabled person.