The Swan Family Scholarship

Terms and Conditions
September 2018

1. Background

a. Established in 2014, this Scholarship is for the support of an outstanding student from an Australian rural area and enrolled in the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program with the Faculty of Science at the University of Sydney.

b. The Swan Family Scholarship is permanently endowed from a generous gift to support students to innovate and rejuvenate the rural veterinary profession.

c. This Scholarship is a competitive merit-based scholarship, to defray the costs of accommodation and general living expenses beyond University fees and charges.

2. Eligibility

a. Applicants must be an Australian Citizen or Australian Permanent Resident.

b. Applicants must be eligible for enrolment into the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program in the year of award.

c. Applicants must have direct experience in the rural sector.

3. Selection Criteria

a. The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of

   I. academic merit,

   II. demonstration of the applicant’s leadership skills with an active interest in rural affairs, including but not limited to:

   a) commitment to their community,
   b) willingness to help and inspire others,
   c) desire to contribute to issues affecting the future of rural Australia,
   d) how the Scholarship would assist in achieving their education and career goals.

b. The Scholarship will be awarded on the nomination of the Head of School and Dean of the Sydney School of Veterinary Science, or their nominated delegate(s).

4. Value

a. The Scholarship is valued at $6,000 per annum and is tenable for the full-time duration of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program.

b. The Scholarship annual value will be paid in two equal instalments after the census date of each semester.
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c. Deferral of the Scholarship is not permitted without the prior permission of Head of School and Dean of the Sydney of School of Veterinary Science 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 a minimum Semester Average Mark (SAM) of 75 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. withdraws from the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree program,
   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 unless due to University error.

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.