Ross Waite Parsons Postgraduate Coursework Law School Scholarship

The Ross Waite Parsons Postgraduate Coursework Law Scholarship has been established to promote academic excellence in legal education through the Masters programs offered by the Sydney Law School. This scholarship will be awarded to the most outstanding students entering eligible Masters programs.

**Scholarship value and duration**

Total $10,000 tenable up to 2 years.

**Eligibility criteria**

- Open to commencing domestic and international students entering their first semester of study in one of the eligible Master's degrees involving eight units of study.
- Students who have already commenced their postgraduate studies, or students transferring from other postgraduate programs are not eligible to apply.
- The scholarship must be taken up in the semester for which it is offered. No deferment of enrolment or scholarship is allowed.
- The scholarship may not be held concurrently with other University scholarship funds.
- The recipient will be required to repay the scholarship if they withdraw their enrolment after payment has been made.

**For more information**

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**Background**

Ross Waite Parsons was Professor of Law at the University of Sydney 1961-1986. In that time he established the Australian paradigms for postgraduate coursework legal education and continuing professional development, as well as being Australia’s acknowledged leader in tax law research and a foremost scholar in commercial and corporate law.

**Selection criteria**

The scholarship is competitive and awarded on merit to the most outstanding applicant assessed against the following two selection criteria:

- Prior academic achievement, which must include a relevant university degree with an Australian-equivalent average of at least 75%;
- motivation to succeed by demonstrating a commitment to applying the learning offered in the chosen Master’s degree to making a positive difference to professional and/or legal practice.

Applicants are required to submit an online application addressing the above criteria, including certified details of prior academic results.

Scholarships will be awarded by a committee chaired by the Associate Dean, Postgraduate Coursework.

**Ongoing eligibility**

- The scholarship recipient must maintain a continuous enrolment during their degree from the semester for which they sought entry. Continuous enrolment requires four units of study per semester for all full-time candidates, and a minimum of two units per semester for part-time candidates.
- The scholarship is conditional on the recipient meeting all requirements of the program, and subject to satisfactory academic progress deemed to be a credit average (65%) each semester.
Payment schedule

- Students studying full time will receive two equal installments of $5000.
- Students studying part time will receive four equal installments of $2500.
- Payment will be made after the 31 March census date and the 31 August census date subject to continued enrolment and satisfactory performance, as detailed in the eligibility criteria.
- Up to ten scholarships will be awarded per year.

Termination

Ross Waite Parsons Postgraduate Coursework Law Scholarship termination:

- In the event that a scholarship holder falls below a credit average, falls below minimum enrolment requirements, changes to a degree program outside of the Sydney Law School, or discontinues study, the scholarship is no longer tenable and will be withdrawn.
- The recipient will be required to repay the scholarship if they withdraw their enrolment after payment has been made.
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Terms and Conditions

1. Background
   a. Ross Waite Parsons was Professor of Law at the University of Sydney 1961-1986. In that time he established the Australia paradigms for postgraduate coursework legal education and continuing professional development, as well as being Australia’s acknowledged leader in tax law research and a foremost scholar in commercial and corporate law.
   b. The Ross Waite Parsons Postgraduate Coursework Law Scholarship has been established to promote academic excellence in legal education through the Masters programs offered by the Sydney Law School.

2. Eligibility
   a. To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants must be commencing, domestic and international students, entering their first semester of study in one of the eligible Masters programs involving 8 units of study.
   b. Students who have already commenced their postgraduate studies, or students transferring from other postgraduate programs are not eligible to apply.

3. Selection Criteria
   a. The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of academic merit to the most outstanding applicant assessed against the following two selection criteria:
      I. Prior academic achievement, which must include a University degree with an Australian-equivalent average of at least 75%;
      II. Motivation to succeed by demonstrating a commitment to applying the learning offered in the chosen Masters program to making a positive difference to professional and/or legal practice.
   b. The Scholarship will be awarded by a committee chaired by the Associate Dean, Postgraduate Coursework.

4. Value
   a. The Scholarship is valued at $10,000 per annum and is tenable for up to two years.
      I. Students studying fulltime will receive two equal instalments of $5000.
      II. Students studying part time will receive four equal instalments of $2500.
   b. Payment will be made after the 31 March census date, and the 31 August census date subject to continued enrolment and satisfactory performance, as detailed in the eligibility criteria.
   c. The scholarship must be taken up in the semester in which it is offered.
   d. Scholarship holders are not able to defer or suspend their enrolment in the degree to receive the scholarship.
   e. The Scholarship will be offered subject to the availability of funds.
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f. No other amount is payable.

5. Ongoing eligibility

a. The scholarship recipient must maintain a continuous enrolment during their degree from the semester for which they sought entry. Continuous enrolment requires four units of study per semester for all full-time candidates, and a minimum of two units per semester for part-time students.

b. To continue receipt of the Scholarship, the recipient must maintain a minimum WAM of 65 each semester.

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 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,
   VII. Any other provision as indicated in these terms that would lead to termination.

b. The recipient will be required to repay the scholarship if they withdraw their enrolment after payment has been made.

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.