Ross Waite Parsons Postgraduate Coursework Law Scholarship

Terms and Conditions
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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. Applicants must have an unconditional offer of admission for a masters by coursework program in the Sydney law School.
   b. Applicants must have achieved a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of 75 in their prior university level studies.
   c. Students who have already commenced their postgraduate studies, or students transferring from another postgraduate program are not eligible.

3. Selection Criteria
   a. The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of:
      I. academic merit, and
      II. a personal statement which demonstrates a commitment to applying the learning offered by the relevant masters program and how the study will contribute to making a positive difference to professional and/or legal practice.
   b. The Scholarship will be awarded on the nomination of a selection committee chaired by the Associate Dean, Postgraduate Coursework in the Sydney Law School and at least one other academic staff member from the School.

4. Value
   a. The Scholarship is valued at $10,000.
   b. Recipients studying full-time will receive two equal instalments of $5,000 after each relevant census date. Students studying part-time will receive four equal instalments of $2,500 after the relevant census dates.
   c. Deferral of the Scholarship is not permitted without the prior permission of the Associate Dean, Postgraduate Coursework and it is not transferable to another University school, faculty or university.
   d. The Scholarship will be offered subject to the availability of funds.
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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 65.

b. Recipients must remain continuously enrolled in the masters program. Full-time recipients must remain enrolled in 24 credit points of study each semester, part-time recipients must remain enrolled in 12 credit points of study each semester.

c. A reduction in study load to 18 credit points per semester for full-time recipients may be approved by the relevant Associate Dean in extenuating circumstances. If approval is provided, payments will continue at the same rate. If the change in candidature results in a recipient’s course end date being extended, the end date of the scholarship will not also be extended.

d. 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 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 unless due to University error 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.