The William McIlrath Rural Scholarship
Terms and Conditions

1. Background
   
a. This Scholarship was established in 2016 to assist to students from remote or very remote areas of New South Wales to undertake studies at the University of Sydney.

   b. This Scholarship has been donated by Michael Winston Smith.

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

   b. Applicants must be enrolled or will enrol in a University of Sydney undergraduate degree or combined degree (including a combined Law degree) in the Faculty of Science or the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology.

   c. Recipients are not permitted to undertake majors in the areas of:
      - History and Philosophy of Science, or
      - Philosophy

3. Selection Criteria
   
a. The Scholarship will be awarded to applicants whose residential postcode or address falls within an area designated as ‘remote’ or ‘very remote’ by the Australian Standard Geographical Classification.

4. Value
   
a. The Scholarship is valued at $24,000 and is tenable for three years only.

   b. The Scholarship will pay $10,000 in the first year, and $7,000 for each subsequent year.

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

   d. Deferral of the Scholarship is not permitted.

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

   f. 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 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.
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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. accepts an alternative scholarship, administered by the University of Sydney, valued at $6,000 per annum or more for the same purpose as this Scholarship,
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.

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.