The William McIlrath Rural Scholarship

Terms and Conditions 2018

1. Background

   a. Established in 2016, this Scholarship has been generously donated by Michael Winston Smith to assist students from remote or very remote areas of New South Wales to undertake studies at the University of Sydney.

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, the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology or the Faculty of Agriculture and Environment.

   c. Recipients are not permitted to undertake majors in the areas of (a) History and Philosophy of Science or (b) 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. Recipients undertaking a four-year degree will not receive the fourth year funding.

   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 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
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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.

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.