

# Janet O'Connor Postgraduate Scholarship

To assist outstanding female students undertaking a Master of English Studies or a Master of Creative Writing.

## Scholarship value and duration

The value of this Scholarship is \$15,000 tenable for up to 3 semesters.

## Eligibility criteria

- Applicants must be female and have accepted an offer to commence or be enrolled in their second semester of the Master of English Studies or Master of Creative Writing.
- Students transferring from a Graduate Diploma in English Studies or Graduate Diploma in Creative Writing are not eligible for this award.
- Recipients must not be in receipt of an equivalent award or scholarship.

## For more information

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## Background

Established in 2015, this Scholarship was bequeathed to the University of Sydney by Janet O'Connor to assist female students to further their study of writing or related topics.

## Selection Criteria

- Awarded based on academic merit.
- An application is not required. All newly commencing students will be considered.

## Value

- The Scholarship is valued at \$5,000 per semester, and is tenable up to three semesters.

## Ongoing Eligibility

- The recipient must remain enrolled in the Master of English Studies or Master of Creative Writing until completion and maintain a semester average mark of 65% or above in each semester.

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### Terms and Conditions

#### 1. Background

- a. Established in 2015, this Scholarship has been bequeathed to the University of Sydney by Janet O'Connor to assist female students to further their study of writing or related topics.

#### 2. Eligibility

- a. To be eligible for the Scholarship, the applicant must:
  - I. be female, and
  - II. be a commencing student, or a continuing student in Year 1 of the Master of English Studies or Master of Creative Writing
- b. The applicant must not be transferring from a Graduate Diploma in English Studies or Graduate Diploma in Creative Writing.
- c. The applicant must not be receiving another scholarship offered by the university to undertake the proposed study.

#### 3. Selection Criteria

- a. The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of academic achievement prior to the commencing of the Master of English Studies or Master of Creative Writing.
- b. The Scholarship will be awarded by Head of School/ Chair of Department, or their nominated delegates on the recommendation of a selection committee.
- c. Students are not required to apply. Eligible students will be considered for the scholarship.

#### 4. Value

- a. The Scholarship is valued at \$5,000 per semester, and is tenable for up to three semesters. Total scholarship value is capped at \$15,000 for each recipient.
- b. For commencing students, a payment of \$5,000 will be made after census date of each semester.
- c. For continuing students, a payment of \$10,000 will be made after census date in the second semester, and a payment of \$5,000 will be made after census date in the final semester.
- d. Recipients who are enrolled part-time will receive 50% of the normal scholarship value for each semester. Part time scholarship must be approved by the Scholarships Office.
- e. Deferral of the Scholarship is not permitted without the prior permission of the Associate Dean and it is not transferable to another honours program, school, faculty or university.
- f. The Scholarship will be offered subject to the availability of funds.
- g. No other amount is payable.

## 5. Ongoing eligibility

- a. To continue receipt of the Scholarship, the recipient must remain enrolled in the Master of English Studies or Master of Creative Writing at the University of Sydney until completion.
- b. To continue receipt of the Scholarship, the recipient must maintain a semester average mark of 65% or above each semester.
- c. The recipient must maintain full-time enrolment during the tenure of this Scholarship unless approved.

## 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. completes their study,
  - 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 terminated, a scholarship 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.