The GPT Group Honours Scholarship in Real Estate Finance and Investment

The GPT Group Honours Scholarship is provided to support outstanding applicants to Honours Programs within the Discipline of Finance.

Scholarship Value
The scholarship will be awarded to a value of $15,000 to the top ranked applicant enrolled full time in the Finance Honours program.

Eligibility criteria
To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants must apply, be accepted and subsequently enrol full-time into the Finance Honours Program within the University of Sydney Business School.

Applicants must undertake their honours’ research in the field of real estate finance and investment while completing their Honours Program.

Applicants undertaking Honours from 2019 must have completed the unit of study “Real Estate Finance” prior to commencing their Honours Program.

For more information
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Background
Established in 2017, this Scholarship has been generously sponsored by GPT Group, one of Australia’s largest diversified listed property groups, to assist students complete honours level studies in real estate finance with the University of Sydney Business School.

Selection Criteria
The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of:
I. academic merit,
II. proposed research topic, and
III. a personal statement which demonstrates an interest in real estate finance, investment, leadership and potential for undertaking research.

Ongoing Eligibility
To continue receipt of the Scholarship, the recipient must maintain satisfactory academic progress to ensure successful on-time completion of their honours program.

Payment Schedule
Payments will be made at the commencement of each semester, following census date.

Termination
The Scholarship will be terminated if the recipient withdraws from an eligible course or fails to enrol, or does not maintain satisfactory academic performance.
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2. **Eligibility**
   a. To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants must apply, be accepted and subsequently enrol full-time into the Finance Honours Program within the University of Sydney Business School.
   
   b. Applicants must undertake their honours’ research in the field of real estate finance and investment while completing their Honours Program.
   
   c. Applicants undertaking Honours must have completed the unit of study “Real Estate Finance” prior to commencing their Honours Program.

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      b. proposed research topic, and
      c. a personal statement which demonstrates an interest in real estate finance, investment, leadership and potential for undertaking research.
   
   b. Shortlisted applicants may be requested to attend an interview either in-person or by Skype/phone.
   
   c. The Scholarship will be awarded on the nomination of a selection committee consisting two senior academic staff within the Discipline of Finance with teaching and research experience in the field of real estate finance, the Finance Honours Coordinator, and a representative from the GPT Group. The final decision rests with the University of Sydney.

4. **Value**
   a. The Scholarship is valued at $15,000 and is tenable for one year only.
   
   b. The Scholarship value will be paid in two equal instalments after the census date of each semester.
   
   c. Deferral of the Scholarship is not permitted without the prior permission of the Associate Dean and it is not transferable to another school, faculty or University.
   
   d. The Scholarship will be offered subject to the availability of funds.
   
   e. No other amount is payable.
5. Ongoing eligibility

a. To continue receipt of the Scholarship, the recipient must remained enrolled full-time in the Finance Honours Program.

6. Internship

a. The recipient may also be offered an internship opportunity with the sponsor GPT Group. If the recipient accepts this opportunity, they will be separately remunerated by the GPT Group. The internship duration and timing will be outlined in the internship letter of offer.

b. The internship does not create an employment relationship with the University of Sydney, nor does it create any future employment relationship with either the University or GPT Group.

7. Termination

a. The Scholarship will be terminated if the recipient:

   I. withdraws from an eligible course or fails to enrol,
   II. withdraws from their Finance Honours Program or no longer is undertaking research relevant to real estate finance and investment,
   III. commences part-time study without prior approval,
   IV. does not maintain satisfactory academic performance,
   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 the Scholarship is 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.

8. Other

a. The recipient may be invited by the University of Sydney Business School to represent the School at marketing or corporate networking events.