Sir John Loewenthal Scholarship

Terms and Conditions

1. Background
   a. This Scholarship was established in 2008 by a gift from Professor John Wong in memory of Professor Sir John Loewenthal.

2. Eligibility
   a. This Scholarship is offered subject to the applicant having an unconditional offer of admission or being currently enrolled in full time studies in one of the following degrees in the Sydney Medical School at the University of Sydney.
      I. Master of Surgery by Coursework,
      II. Master of Surgery by Research,
      III. Master of Philosophy, or
      IV. Doctor of Philosophy.
   b. Applicants must be an Australian Citizen, Australian Permanent Resident, or citizens of New Zealand or Hong Kong.

3. Selection Criteria
   a. The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of:
      I. academic merit,
      II. area of study and research proposal,
      III. previous research experience including any publications,
      IV. two confidential academic references, and
      V. displaying an aptitude for surgery and a likelihood to devote themselves to the learning of surgery and the furthering of knowledge in that subject.
   b. The successful applicant will be awarded the Scholarship by the nomination of the Dean of the Sydney Medical School at the University of Sydney.

4. Reporting
   a. The Scholarship recipient must submit an annual report towards the end of their scholarship.

5. Acknowledgement
   a. The Scholarship recipient must acknowledge the support of the Scholarship in any publications or presentations arising from the research whilst on the Scholarship.

FOR POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK STUDENTS:

6. Value
   a. The Scholarship is valued at $20,000 per annum and is tenable for one year.
   b. The Scholarship value will be paid in two equal instalments after the census date of each semester.
   c. Deferral of the Scholarship is only permitted when the applicant’s candidature is approved for deferral.
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d. This Scholarship cannot be transferred to another major, faculty or university.

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

f. No other amount is payable.

7. Ongoing eligibility

a. To continue receipt of the Scholarship, the recipient must maintain a minimum SAM of 50 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.

8. 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.

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.

FOR POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH STUDENTS:

9. Value

a. The Scholarship will provide a stipend allowance of $20,000 per annum for up to one year, subject to satisfactory academic performance.
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b. Deferral of the Scholarship is only permitted when the applicant’s candidature is approved for deferral.

c. This Scholarship cannot be transferred to another major, faculty or university.

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

e. No other amount is payable.

10. Eligibility for Progression

a. Progression is subject to passing the annual progress review.

11. Leave Arrangements

a. The Scholarship recipient receives up to 20 working days recreation leave each year of the Scholarship and this may be accrued. However, the student will forfeit any unused leave remaining when the Scholarship is terminated or complete. Recreation leave does not attract a leave loading and the supervisor’s agreement must be obtained before leave is taken.

b. The Scholarship recipient may take up to 10 working days sick leave each year of the Scholarship and this may be accrued over the tenure of the Scholarship. Students with family responsibilities, caring for sick children or relatives, or experiencing domestic violence, may convert up to five days of their annual sick leave entitlement to carer’s leave on presentation of medical certificate(s). Students taking sick leave must inform their supervisor as soon as practicable.

c. Once the Scholarship recipient has completed 12 months of their award, they are entitled to a maximum of 12 weeks paid maternity leave during the tenure of the award. Students applying for paid maternity leave must do so at least four weeks prior to the expected date of birth. Periods of paid maternity leave are added to the normal duration of the award. Scholarship holders who have not completed 12 months of their award may access unpaid maternity leave through the suspension provisions.

12. Research Overseas

a. The Scholarship recipient may not normally conduct research overseas within the first six months of award.

b. The Scholarship holder may conduct up to 12 months of their research outside Australia. Approval must be sought from the student's supervisor, Head of Department and HDRAC, and will only be granted if the research is essential for completion of the degree. All periods of overseas research are cumulative and will be counted towards a student’s candidature. Students must remain enrolled full-time at the University and receive approval to count time away.

13. Suspension
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a. The Scholarship recipient cannot suspend their award within their first six months of study, unless a legislative provision applies.

b. The Scholarship recipient may apply for up to 12 months suspension for any reason during the tenure of their Scholarship. Periods of suspension are cumulative and failure to resume study after suspension will result in the award being terminated. Approval to suspend must be given by both HDRAC and the head of the department concerned. Periods of study towards the degree during suspension of the Scholarship will be deducted from the maximum tenure of the Scholarship.

14. Changes in Enrolment

a. The Scholarship recipient must notify HDRAC and their supervisor promptly of any planned changes to their enrolment including but not limited to: attendance pattern, suspension, leave of absence, withdrawal, course transfer, and candidature upgrade or downgrade. If the award holder does not provide notice of the changes identified above, the University may require repayment of any overpaid stipend.

15. Termination

a. Unless terminated earlier under this paragraph, the Scholarship will terminate:

I. on resignation or withdrawal of the student from their Masters by Research, MPhil or PhD,
II. upon the student having completed 4 years equivalent full-time study for a PhD, or 2 years equivalent full-time study for a Masters by Research or MPhil,
III. upon submission of the thesis or at the end of the award,
IV. if the student ceases to be a full-time student and prior approval has not been obtained to hold the Scholarship on a part-time basis,
V. if the recipient receives an alternative primary scholarship. In such circumstances this Scholarship will be terminated in favour of the alternative scholarship where it is of higher value,
VI. does not resume study at the end of a period of approved leave, or
VII. if the student ceases to meet the eligibility requirements specified for this Scholarship,
   (other than during a period in which the Scholarship has been suspended or during a period of approved leave).

b. The Scholarship may also be terminated by the University before this time if, in the opinion of the University:

I. the course of study is not being carried out with competence and diligence or in accordance with the terms of this offer,
II. the student fails to maintain satisfactory progress, or
III. the student has committed misconduct or other inappropriate conduct.

c. Stipend payments will be suspended throughout the duration of any enquiry/appeal process.

d. Once the Scholarship has been terminated, it will not be reinstated.

16. Misconduct
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a. Where during the Scholarship a student engages in misconduct, or other inappropriate conduct (either during the Scholarship or in connection with the student’s application and eligibility for the Scholarship), which in the opinion of the University warrants recovery of funds paid to the student, the University may require the student to repay stipend amounts and any other payments made to the student in connection with the Scholarship. Examples of such conduct include and without limitation; academic dishonesty, research misconduct within the meaning of the Research Code of Conduct (for example, plagiarism in proposing, carrying out or reporting the results of research, or failure to declare or manage a serious conflict of interests), breach of the Code of Conduct for Students and misrepresentation in the application materials or other documentation associated with the Scholarship.

b. The University may require such repayment at any time during or after the Scholarship period. In addition, by accepting this Scholarship, the student consents to all aspects of any investigation into misconduct in connection with this Scholarship being disclosed by the University to the funding body and/or any relevant professional body.