The Sakuko Matsui Postgraduate Travel Scholarship in Japanese Studies

Terms and Conditions

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1. Background

a. Funded by a generous gift from Professor Sakuko Matsui, this Scholarship was established to support students completing a higher degree by research in the area of Japanese Studies within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Sydney, to undertake travel as part of their studies.

2. Eligibility

a. Applicants must be currently enrolled full-time Masters by Research or PhD students undertaking research in the Department of Japanese Studies within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Sydney.

b. Applicants must demonstrate a need to undertake travel to Japan as part of the Masters by Research or PhD studies.

3. Selection Criteria

a. The successful applicant will be awarded the Scholarship on the basis of:

   I. academic merit,
   II. area of study and research proposal,
   III. curriculum vitae, and
   IV. a personal statement which demonstrates their need to undertake travel to Japan and how it is connected to their research.

b. The successful applicant will be awarded the Scholarship by the nomination of the Chair of Department – Japanese Studies.

4. Value

a. The Scholarship will provide a one off payment of $5,000 which will be paid in the research period the recipient will commence their travel.

b. The Scholarship cannot be transferred to another area of research.

c. The recipient may defer their scholarship for a maximum period of one year with the prior approval of the Chair of Department – Japanese Studies.

d. No other amount is payable.

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

f. The Selection Committee has the discretion not to award the scholarship if there is no applicant of sufficient merit.
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5. Eligibility for Progression

a. Progression is subject to passing the annual progress review and the undertaking of relevant travel to Japan.

6. Leave Arrangements

a. Not relevant.

7. Research Overseas

a. Not relevant.

8. Suspension

a. Not relevant.

9. 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 amount paid.

10. Termination

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

   I. on resignation or withdrawal of the student from their Master by Research or PhD,
   II. upon submission of the thesis or at the end of the award,
   III. 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,
   IV. 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,
   V. if the recipient does not undertake relevant travel to Japan as part of their Masters by Research or PhD within the required time frame,
   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. Once the Scholarship has been terminated, it will not be reinstated.
11. Misconduct

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 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.