Qualitas Honours Scholarship in Real Estate Finance and Investment

Terms and Conditions
August 2018

1. Background

In line with the introduction of the Business School’s quality teaching in the area of Real Estate Finance, the University of Sydney Business School welcomes a new business relationship with Qualitas Administrators Pty Ltd. Qualitas is a real estate investment management firm investing equity and debt across the entire property spectrum, including core, opportunistic and value-add strategies.

Supported by the Qualitas Administrators Pty Ltd, The Qualitas Honours Scholarship in Real Estate Finance and Investment is to encourage new thinking in real estate finance.

2. Eligibility

a) The Scholarship is open to all local and international students who will enrol to an Honours Degree with the Discipline of Finance, at the University of Sydney Business School, commencing in 2019.

b) The honours thesis topic must be related to real estate finance and investment.

3. Selection Criteria

a) The Scholarship will be awarded based on:
   i) academic merit,
   ii) curriculum vitae,
   iii) A short essay (up to 500 words) to demonstrate the applicant’s commitment in Real Estate Finance and investment

b) A shortlist will be assessed by an academic staff from the Discipline of Finance and applicants will be invited to an interview with a selection committee.

   The selection committee will comprise of
   i) the honours coordinator within the discipline of finance - Chair
   ii) a leader of the real estate finance & investment group, and
   iii) a representative(s) from Qualitas

   The committee will nominate a candidate/s to the Dean of the University of Sydney Business School who will determine the final recipient for the award.

4. Value

a. The Scholarship is valued at $15,000 and is tenable for one year only.

b. Payment will be made in two instalments of $7,000 after respective census dates. A final instalment of $1,000 will be paid on submission of thesis.

c. The scholarship must be taken up in the semester in which it is offered. Deferral of the Scholarship is not permitted without the prior permission of the chair of the selection committee and it is not transferable to another University school, faculty or university.
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d. The Scholarship will be offered subject to the availability of funds.

e. No other amount is payable.

5. Ongoing eligibility

a. Payments are subject to satisfactory progress as advised by the Honours supervisor or alternative supervisor as approved by the Qualitas.

b. The recipient is required to maintain a continuous full-time enrolment in the agreed Honours program and meet all regulations of that program.

c. At the end of the program, the recipient will present a one-hour presentation to the Qualitas group on an agreed date.

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. 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 unless due to University error.

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.