1. **Background**

   a. An opportunity is available for an outstanding MPhil or PhD scholar in the area of Anthropology.

   b. This Scholarship was established in 1988 by Mrs Fancy Lawrence, wife of Emeritus Professor Peter Lawrence who was a Professor of Anthropology at the University of Sydney from 1971 to 1986. He had a particular interest in Papua New Guinea and Melanesia.

2. **Eligibility**

   a. This Scholarship is offered subject to the applicant having an unconditional offer of admission or being currently enrolled for full-time studies in a MPhil or PhD within the Department of Anthropology at the University of Sydney.

   b. The applicant must be willing to undertake overseas research in the field of Anthropology.

   c. To be considered for this Scholarship, applicants must apply for a Research Training Program (RTP) Stipend Scholarship.

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. previous research experience.

   b. Preference will be given to applicants enrolled in the following order:

      I. in Papua New Guinean social/cultural anthropology,
      II. in interdisciplinary research in the areas of Papua New Guinean history, religion, law, politics, social medicine or tropical medicine,
      III. in Melanesia (excluding Papua New Guinea), Micronesia, Polynesia and Southeast Asia social/cultural anthropology.

   c. The successful applicant will be awarded the Scholarship by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences on the recommendation of a selection committee consisting of:

      I. the Chair of Department of Anthropology,
      II. the Postgraduate Research Coordinator in Anthropology, and
      III. one other academic staff member of the Department of Anthropology,
4. Value

a. The Scholarship will provide an annual stipend allowance of equivalent to the minimum rate of the Research Training Program (RTP) Stipend Scholarship, as escalated on 1 January of each year, for up to three years, subject to satisfactory academic performance.

b. This clause applies to domestic students only. A domestic student who relocates their place of residence to take up the Scholarship may claim an allowance for eligible expenses as published in the University’s Stipend Scholarship relocation allowance information. The value of the allowance is up to $515 for each eligible adult and $255 for each eligible child. The absolute maximum value of relocation expenses that a student may receive is $1,485.

c. This clause applies to international students only:

i. A student who relocates from countries outside Australia to take up the Scholarship may claim a relocation allowance. The value of the allowance is up to $1,250 travel from their home country to Sydney at the commencement of studies and up to $1,250 for travel to return to their home country after successful completion of studies.

ii. Students who had commenced their postgraduate research degree studies in Australia prior to the scholarship being awarded are not entitled to claim relocation allowance for travel to Australia. Students who become a permanent resident of Australia are not entitled to claim travel allowance to return to their home country.

d. A successful PhD applicant may apply for an extension of up to 6 months.

e. Academic course fees and the Student Services Amenities fee are not provided for a successful international applicant.

f. If a successful applicant converts from a MPhil to a PhD or vice-versa, the maximum duration of the Scholarship becomes that of the new candidature.

g. Periods of study already undertaken towards the degree prior to the commencement of the Scholarship will be deducted from the maximum duration of the Scholarship excluding the potential extension period.

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

i. No other amount is payable.

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

5. Eligibility for Progression

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

6. 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 twelve months of their award, and for international students subject to relevant VISA conditions, they are entitled to a maximum of twelve 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 twelve months of their award may access unpaid maternity leave through the suspension provisions.

7. Research Overseas

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

b. The Scholarship holder is required to conduct up to 12 months of their research outside Australia. Approval must be sought from the student’s supervisor, Head of School and the Faculty via application to the Higher Degree by Research Administration Centre (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.

8. Suspension

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 of the Scholarship for any reason during the tenure of the Scholarship. Periods of Scholarship suspension are cumulative and failure to resume study after suspension will result in the award being terminated. Approval must be sought from the student’s supervisor, Head of School and the Faculty via application to the Higher Degree by Research Administration Centre (HDRAC). Periods of study towards the degree during suspension of the Scholarship will be deducted from the maximum tenure of the Scholarship.

c. Female holders of the Scholarship are entitled to up to an additional 12 months suspension (less any period of paid maternity leave) following each birth. The Scholarship holder should apply for the suspension within four weeks of the expected date of confinement. For international students, this clause is subject to relevant VISA conditions.
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 overpaid stipend.

10. Termination

a. Unless terminated earlier, the Scholarship will terminate:

   I. on resignation or withdrawal of the student from their 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 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 that provides a stipend allowance. 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 unless due to University error.

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 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.