Francis Henry Loxton Supplementary Scholarship (Agriculture)

Terms and Conditions
November 2017

1. Background

a. Established in 1960 by a bequest from Francis Henry Loxton, this scholarship supports higher degree by research students undertaking research in agriculture, including plant breeding and production, carbon, water, soil, food quality and safety, livestock, dairying, field robotics, agricultural data analytics, agricultural/resource economics and development agriculture.

2. Eligibility

a. Applicants must have an unconditional offer of admission for full-time studies in a PhD, or be currently enrolled as a full-time PhD student within any faculty or school at the University of Sydney so long as the research is within the discipline of agriculture.

b. Applicants must also be in recipient of a primary Research Training Program (RTP) scholarship from the University of Sydney that provides a stipend allowance.

c. Applicants must be male.

3. Selection Criteria

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

I. academic merit, and
II. research potential

b. The successful applicant(s) will be determined by a selection committee consisting of the Dean of Science (or nominee) and the Director of the Sydney Institute of Agriculture (or nominee).

4. Value

a. The Scholarship will provide an annual stipend supplementary allowance of $10,000 per annum for up to three years, subject to satisfactory academic performance.

b. The recipient may apply for an extension of up to six months. No further extension will be approved.

c. 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.

d. No other amount is payable.

e. 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 same conditions as indicated in the terms and conditions of the Scholarship holder’s primary RTP scholarship.

7. **Research Overseas**
   
a. The same conditions as indicated in the terms and conditions of the Scholarship holder’s primary RTP scholarship.

8. **Suspension**
   
a. The recipient may not suspend their Scholarship, except with prior approval from the selection committee.

b. The Scholarship recipient cannot suspend their degree within their first six months of study, unless a legislative provision applies.

c. The Scholarship recipient may apply for up to 12 months suspension of their degree 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 their degree must be given by both HDRAC and the head of the department concerned. Periods of study undertaken towards the degree during suspension of the Scholarship will be deducted from the maximum tenure of the Scholarship.

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 Scholarship 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 under this paragraph, the Scholarship will terminate:

    I. on resignation or withdrawal of the student from their degree,
    II. upon the student having completed 4 years equivalent full-time study for a PhD,
    III. upon submission of the thesis or at the end of the degree,
    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. does not resume study at the end of a period of approved leave, or
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VI. 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.

11. Misconduct

a. Where a student engages in misconduct or other inappropriate conduct during the tenure of their Scholarship (i.e. 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.