

# Susan Wakil Scholarships - Postgraduate Rural and Regional Australia

## Terms and Conditions

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### 1. Background

- a. Established in 2016, this Scholarship has been generously donated by the Susan and Isaac Wakil Foundation to encourage and support students from the rural or regional Australia to undertake postgraduate nursing education at The University of Sydney Susan Wakil School of Nursing and Midwifery (Sydney Nursing School).

### 2. Eligibility

- a. To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants must:
  - I. be Australian citizens or Australian permanent residents,
  - II. be from a rural or regional area of Australia prior to commencing. This includes areas that are classified as inner (rural) and outer regional (RA2 and RA3 respectively) and remote or very remote (RA4 and RA5 respectively) under the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS),
  - III. be commencing the first year of a Master of Nursing (graduate entry) or advanced learning specialty Masters degree at Sydney Nursing School, and
  - IV. be enrolled in minimum 12 credit points for the first semester.
- b. If successful, recipients must not defer their tuition fees to a HECS-HELP loan for the tenure of the Scholarship.

### 3. Selection Criteria

- a. The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of:
  - I. academic merit, and
  - II. a personal statement, and
  - I. a curriculum vitae.
- b. Shortlisted applicants will need to attend an interview (face to face or online) with the selection committee.
- c. Applicants will be shortlisted and interviewed by the selection committee. The selection committee will consist of the Head of School and Dean of Sydney Nursing School (or delegate), at least one representative of the Susan and Isaac Wakil Foundation, Academic Lead (Education), Postgraduate Program Director, School Manager, Associate Director Development, and Administration Officer.

### 4. Value

- a. For successful recipients enrolled in the pre-registration (Master of Nursing – graduate entry) program, the Scholarship is tenable for four (4) full-time semesters only. The Scholarship is valued at \$5,281.25 per semester to cover tuition fees. Any remaining funds for each relevant semester will be dispersed to the student. The total value received by each recipient is capped at \$21,625.

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- b. For successful recipients enrolled in the post-registration (specialty Master) program, the Scholarship is tenable for five (5) 12 credit point semesters only. The Scholarship is valued at \$4,225 per semester to cover tuition fees. Any remaining funds for each relevant semester will be dispersed to the student. The total value received by each recipient is capped at \$21,625.
- c. An additional one-off payment of \$500 will be paid to the recipient in the first semester of award.
- d. Where a recipient has been permitted to study part-time, the amount awarded for each relevant semester will be 50% of the full-time rate.
- e. Scholarship funds will be paid after the relevant census date of each semester.
- f. Deferral of the Scholarship is not permitted without the prior permission of the Academic Lead (Education) and it is not transferable to another faculty or University.
- g. The Scholarship will be offered subject to the availability of funds.
- h. No other amount is payable.

### **5. Ongoing eligibility**

- a. To continue receipt of the Scholarship, recipients must maintain a minimum Semester Average Mark (SAM) of 50 each semester and must remain enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit points each semester in their eligible course.
- b. Recipients may request to study less than 12 credit points where they can demonstrate a medical condition or other significant hardship impacts their ability to successfully undertake the required workload. Requests must be approved by the Academic Lead (Education) prior to the commencement of the reduced workload.
- c. Recipients undertaking an exchange during the tenure of this Scholarship must achieve a Satisfied Requirements grade (SR) to receive their next payment.
- d. Recipients must not defer their fees to a HECS-HELP loan during the tenure of this Scholarship.

### **6. Other Requirements**

- a. Successful recipients of this Scholarship are required to:
  - I. attend annual School Scholarships and Prizes events to receive their award during the tenure of this Scholarship,
  - II. contribute to other communications and events to update the Foundation on their progress,
  - III. actively participate in Susan Wakil Scholars Academy, and
  - IV. meet with the Academic Lead (Education) or the designated academic once each semester during the tenure of this Scholarship to discuss their academic progression.

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### 7. Termination

- a. The Scholarship will be terminated if the recipient:
  - I. withdraws from an eligible course or fails to enrol,
  - II. enrolls in less than 12 credit points without prior approval from the Academic Lead (Education),
  - III. undertakes a leave of absence without prior approval,
  - IV. does not maintain satisfactory academic performance,
  - V. 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,
  - VI. is awarded an alternative primary tuition fee Scholarship. In such circumstances this Scholarship will be terminated in favour of the alternative Scholarship where it is of higher value,
  - VII. does not resume study at the end of a period of approved leave, or
  - VIII. does not meet any other provision as indicated in these terms that would lead to termination.
- b. 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.