

The M F and M H Joyner Scholarship in Science Rules

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GENERAL

The M F and M H Joyner Scholarship in Science (hereafter referred to as 'the Scholarship') has been established to encourage postgraduate and other advanced research in Science. The nature of the Scholarship shall be determined by Tower Trust Ltd (hereafter referred to as TTL) in consultation with Adelaide University and any other South Australian University with a Faculty of School of Science (hereafter referred to as 'the Universities'). The Scholarship will be dependent on the available income and is to be available from time to time as funds permit.

The rules of the M F and M H Joyner Scholarship in Science may be varied from time to time by TTL in consultation with the Universities but the name and the general purpose of the Scholarship shall not be changed.

ELIGIBILITY

An applicant must be an Australian citizen or have permanent residence status in Australia. Candidates should hold or expect to hold a First Class Honours degree or equivalent. Applicants must be commencing postgraduate study in the year for which the scholarship is tenable. Applicants already holding a doctorate are ineligible.

An applicant who has previously held an Australian Postgraduate Award or other Postgraduate Scholarship, whether at the university concerned or elsewhere, and who has relinquished the scholarship without completing the work for the degree concerned will be given a low priority when selecting the successful candidate.

SELECTION

A short list of eligible applicants, in order of merit, will be developed within each of the Universities.

The successful applicant will be the highest ranked applicant in an appropriate discipline from one of the Universities. The successful applicant will be selected on the grounds of academic merit and research potential by TTL on the basis of a recommendation and a reserve list provided by the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee will place eligible applicants into a single order of merit. This order of merit will constitute the reserve list if the highest ranked candidate were to decline the award.

The Selection Committee will comprise one administrative representative from each of the Universities and the Deans of Science or their nominees from each of the Universities.

STUDY

The holder of a scholarship will be required to undertake full-time research leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in an appropriate Science discipline at one of the Universities.

The successful applicant will be under no obligation to render any service to TTL or to the university concerned as a result of receiving this Scholarship, except insofar that he or she is required to pursue his or her postgraduate research as a full time student and be subject to the normal procedures for monitoring

academic progress. He or she will be supervised in the same manner and to the same extent as any other postgraduate student.

STIPEND

The stipend will be 10% above the Australian Postgraduate Award (or equivalent award) stipend per annum subject to indexation in accordance with movements in the stipend of the Australian Postgraduate Award. All other allowances will be identical to the Australian Postgraduate Award. Under present taxation law the stipend is expected to be tax exempt.

No provision has been made under the scholarship for payment of HECS, Tuition Fees, Student Union Fees, Research Maintenance Allowances or any other fees or costs arising.

TENURE

A Scholarship is available from 1 January of the year of award and a successful applicant is normally required to commence full-time study within one of the Universities by 30 June of the year of award. Payment will commence from 1 January or the date of full-time enrolment as appropriate.

A Scholarship is granted on an annual basis but is normally tenable, subject to satisfactory progress, for three years.

Tenure and annual renewal of the Scholarship will be subject to satisfactory progress, as indicated by the student's supervisor(s) and Head of Department or School, subject to the normal procedures of the university concerned.

EMPLOYMENT

Employment during working hours, after approval by the Head of the Department or School, should not exceed eight hours in any one week. Employment during working hours outside the university must not be undertaken unless approval is obtained, in advance, from the university concerned.

ILLNESS

Short absences, which will not interfere with a student's progress, need not be reported to the university concerned. However, longer absences (two weeks or more) should be reported to the University, through the Head of the Department or School. The value of any support that a student may receive from the Scholarship during a period of absence through illness shall be determined after consideration of the circumstances in each individual case. A medical certificate will be required for any period of illness in excess of two weeks. In the event of illness lasting in excess of three months a further medical certificate must be provided. If Scholarship support is to continue there must be some indication that the student will be able to resume full-time study.

ABSENCE FROM STUDIES AND SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS

The Scholarship holder is expected to continue full-time study during the period the Scholarship is held (ie there are not breaks between academic semesters or academic years). However, leave of absence may be granted in the following circumstances:

Recreation Leave

A PhD candidate will be granted recreation leave for three annual periods of four weeks during the three years of tenure. Recreation leave does not accumulate but is forfeited if not taken within the

prescribed period. All periods of recreation leave are subject to the approval of the student's supervisor.

Leave of Absence

Short absences (eg as a result of illness, attendance at a conference related to postgraduate studies or involvement in a university activity) which the supervisor considers would not interfere with the student's progress need not be reported. However, if the period of absence exceeds two weeks, approval should be sought from the University

Suspensions

In general, when a student discontinues full-time study, the Scholarship terminates. When a break in study is desired for personal reasons or is unavoidable, the student may intermit the Scholarship for a maximum total period of twelve months, subject to University approval.

Overseas Study

The Scholarship is offered to promote advanced research in Australia. However, in special circumstances, a limited period of supervised study overseas may be approved. The study abroad must be necessary and integral part of the student's research program and must not exceed twelve months duration. A student should, after consultation with their supervisor, apply for approval from the University to undertake overseas study at least three months before the proposed date of departure and must not leave Australia before approval is granted.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

If results of the research may be subject to future commercialisation, the student may be required to sign an intellectual property agreement acknowledging the rights of both the student and the university, depending on the procedures applying at the university concerned.

PAYMENTS

Payments in respect of the Scholarship will be made directly by TTL to the university concerned, half yearly in advance, upon presentation of an invoice. The Universities shall also provide at that time a half yearly acquittal of funds to TTL. Payments of the stipend to the successful applicant will be disbursed by the Scholarships Administration of the university concerned on a basis appropriate to that institution, usually fortnightly in arrears.

Funding will be approved by TTL which will be sufficient to enable the successful applicant to undertake a PhD degree over not less than three years.

DISCLAIMER

The University accept no responsibility for continuing support of the successful applicant in the event that the Scholarship ceases to be funded for any reason.