



## Conditions of The Walter and Eliza Hall Trust Opportunity Scholarship for a Student with a Physical Disability

The Walter and Eliza Hall Trust Opportunity Scholarship for a Student with a Physical Disability (*Scholarship*) is governed by the following conditions:

### 1. NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP

The Walter and Eliza Hall Trust Opportunity Scholarship for a Student with a Physical Disability.

### 2. PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The purpose of the Scholarship, provided by The Walter and Eliza Hall Trust (*Donor*), is to support a commencing or continuing student with a diagnosed physical disability for the duration of their undergraduate studies at The University of Notre Dame Australia, Sydney (*University*).

### 3. VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The value of the Scholarship is \$10,000 per annum. Two scholarships are available per annum, with only two students holding the Scholarship at any time.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants must:

- a) Be currently enrolled at The University of Notre Dame Australia, Sydney as an undergraduate student;
- b) Have a physical disability (to include, but not limited to: visual or hearing impairments; osteoarthritis; muscular dystrophy; multiple sclerosis; spina bifida; Parkinson's disease; polio; spinal cord injuries; amputation; paralysis; cerebral palsy) or a medical illness (cancer; epilepsy; diabetes) which has been formally diagnosed and eligible for a Disability Support Benefit;
- c) Be financially disadvantaged;
- d) Be studying a minimum of two courses per semester;
- e) Be a permanent Australian resident; and
- f) Be studying as a Commonwealth Supported student (HECS funded).

### 5. SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Selection Committee will comprise of staff from the University and can include representative(s) appointed by the Donor.

### 6. SELECTION CRITERIA

The Scholarship is awarded to the applicant who, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, best demonstrate through their application and supporting documentation:

- a) Financial need;
- b) Academic merit; and
- c) Personal circumstances which warrant special consideration;

In the event that a unanimous decision cannot be reached by the Selection Committee, the Donor will have the casting vote

### 7. SELECTION PROCESS AND AWARING PROCESS

- a) Scholarship will be advertised on the University website in the year preceding the award of the Scholarship.
- b) Written applications setting out compliance with the Eligibility Requirements and addressing the Selection Criteria must be made on the application form available from the University website.
- c) Applications will be submitted to The University of Notre Dame Australia.
- d) Documentation detailing formal diagnosis of physical disability must accompany application.
- e) The Selection Committee may interview selected applicants.
- f) The successful recipient will be notified in writing by the University.
- g) If in any year there are no applicants of sufficient merit, no Scholarship will be awarded.

## **8. DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP**

Subject to the conditions in Clause 11 below, the Scholarships will be tenable for the duration of the recipient's undergraduate degree in the School in which they were enrolled when the Scholarship was offered, for a period no longer than five (5) years.

## **9. AWARDING PROCEDURE**

The Scholarship will be awarded by the University on the recommendation of the Selection Committee.

## **10. METHOD OF PAYMENT**

- a) Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the student as determined by the University.
- b) Recipients are required to complete a Gift Expenditure Form for payment of funds.
- c) Scholarship funds will be paid in two instalments. Ordinarily the second and subsequent payments will be made after the results release date of the relevant semester on confirmation of continuing enrolment and Satisfactory Progress

## **11. CONDITIONS OF CONTINUATION**

The Scholarship will continue to be paid subject to the recipient:

- a) Maintaining satisfactory performance each semester; and
- b) Maintaining enrolment in a minimum of two courses per semester.

The recipient forfeits the Scholarship if they:

- a) Fail to meet the requirement in a) and b) above;
- b) Are found to have behaved in a manner that is in breach of the University's Student Code of Conduct or is the subject of disciplinary action under the University's General Regulations;
- c) Discontinue their degree;
- d) Take a leave of absence; or
- e) Defer their enrolment for a period greater than 12 months.

The exception to this is if the recipient makes an application in writing to the National Director, Student Success outlining the circumstances and reasons relating to their personal situation. The National Director, Student Success has discretion to determine the ongoing status of the Scholarship.

## **12. STUDENT REQUIREMENTS**

- a) The Scholarship may be used by the recipient to cover the total or partial costs of any or all of the following:
  - i) Education/Equipment expenses (e.g. laptop, assistive technologies, textbooks, additional tutoring, transport costs etc. required by the recipient to undertake/enhance their studies);
  - ii) Living expenses (on the condition that no more than 30% of the total Scholarship funds may be used for this purpose).
- b) Any expenditure of funds must be for the direct benefit of the recipient only.
- c) Funds are not to be used for the payment of the recipient's HECS debt or overseas travelling costs.
- d) A report is required to be submitted to the Donor by the recipients at the conclusion of each academic year, along with advice of academic results and confirmation from the University that the student is able to progress to the next stage of their program.

## **13. ADMINISTERING BODY**

The Scholarship is administered by The University of Notre Dame Australia.

## **14. PRIVACY**

The University is committed to the principles contained in the Privacy Act 1988 (Commonwealth) and the Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Act 2000 (Commonwealth) and will not disclose any personal information (as defined in the Privacy Act) relating to this Scholarship to any third party without the written consent of the applicant.

## **15. GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

- a) These Conditions must comply with any University Regulations regarding the awarding of scholarships and prizes.
- b) The Vice Chancellor, in consultation with the Donor, may vary the Conditions of the Scholarship at any time.

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