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1 OBJECTS OF THE UNIVERSITY

- 1.1 The Objects of the University of Notre Dame Australia (the University) are defined in Section 5 of *The University of Notre Dame Australia Act 1989 (WA)*.
- 1.2 The Objects of the University are:
 - 1.2.1 the provision of university education, within a context of Catholic faith and values; and
 - 1.2.2 the provision of an excellent standard of:
 - teaching, scholarship and research
 - training for the professions; and
 - pastoral care for its students.

2 PURPOSE

- 2.1 This policy governs the awarding of fee remission scholarships available each year to international students undertaking a higher degree by research, known as International Fee Remission Research Scholarships (IFRRS).
- 2.2 As part of its commitment to transformative research and with a particular view to enhancing its research engagement, these scholarships are aimed at attracting high quality international students to undertake study in areas of research strength at the University.

3 PERIOD OF SUPPORT

- 3.1 The period of support available for a student who is awarded an IFRRS is:
 - 3.1.1 if the student is undertaking an research doctorate at a full-time student load, a minimum of three years and, at the University's discretion up to a maximum of four years, and
 - 3.1.2 for a maximum of two years if the student is undertaking a research masters at a full-time student load.

4 SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

- 4.1 The maximum value of an IFRRS in a year will be equal to the estimated annual tuition fee, as specified in the Letter of Offer for the program.
 - 4.1.1 Where the recipient's enrolment goes beyond their IFRRS funded period, they will incur tuition fees until they submit their thesis.

5 CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT OF IFRRS APPLICATIONS

- 5.1 IFRRS applications will be considered on an ongoing basis.
- 5.2 IFRRS applicants must:
 - 5.2.1 submit their application for an IFRRS to the Research Office in the required form with supporting documents
 - 5.2.2 meet the University's admission criteria for a higher degree by research program
 - 5.2.3 not be a citizen or permanent resident of Australia

- 5.2.4 be granted an Australian student visa, meeting requirements specified by the Department of Home Affairs, including the requirement to purchase and maintain a standard Overseas Student Health Cover for the duration of their program, and
- 5.2.5 not be receiving a scholarship for which tuition fees are a component under any other scholarship scheme.
- 5.3 Applications will be assessed by the Research Degrees and Scholarship Committee (RDSC).
- 5.4 In assessing applications RDSC will consider:
 - 5.4.1 the past academic performance of the applicant
 - 5.4.2 the area of study the applicant wishes to pursue including whether appropriate supervision can be provided
 - 5.4.3 evidence of the applicant's research capability for successful completion within three (3) years
 - 5.4.4 alignment with University Research Strategy and Transformative Research Themes
 - 5.4.5 any further information requested from the applicant and may request to interview the applicant, and
 - 5.4.6 any other matters the RDSC deems relevant.
- 5.5 The RDSC will, following consideration of an IFRRS application, make a recommendation to the Vice Chancellor (via the Pro Vice Chancellor, Research) whether or not to award the applicant an IFRRS.
- 5.6 Each application will be considered on its merits and the decision whether or not to award a IFRRS to an applicant will be made at the sole discretion of the Vice Chancellor.

6 CONDITIONS FOR AWARDING AN IFRRS

- 6.1 An IFRRS will be awarded on the following conditions:
 - 6.1.1 the recipient is required to enrol by the census date of the relevant semester for which the offer is made, or seek approval for deferment of the IFRRS for up to one session within the same calendar year
 - 6.1.2 the recipient must be assessed by their supervisor as making satisfactory progress each semester, in accordance with the *Procedure: Higher Degree by Research Candidature*
 - 6.1.3 the recipient must act in accordance with the University's research objectives and engage in development and cultural activities offered by the University
 - 6.1.4 the IFRRS is solely for remission of fees; any accommodation and living costs, Overseas Student Health Cover, extension of a student visa, thesis expenses, costs associated with study-related field trips and any other expenses incurred must be borne by the recipient
 - 6.1.5 the recipient must at all times hold a current Australian Student Visa and comply with any conditions or requirements imposed by the Department of Home Affairs and any other the relevant Australian government authorities
 - 6.1.6 the recipient must agree in writing to have regular and direct contact with their research supervisor and must comply with this written agreement and any other reasonable requirements of their supervisor and the University
 - 6.1.7 the recipient must comply with the *Code of Conduct: Student*, *Code of Conduct: Research*, and all other regulations, policies, procedures and rules of the University as

applicable from time to time, and

6.1.8 the scholarship is not transferable to another institution.

6.2 A recipient of an IFRRS will be eligible for support offered to all higher degree by research students in accordance with the *Guideline: Support for Higher Degree by Research Students*.

6.3 A Scholarship may be terminated by the University in the event of any of the following:

6.3.1 the student becomes unable to comply with any of the conditions set out in clause 6.1

6.3.2 a student submits a thesis for examination

6.3.3 the University determines the student has not complied with academic progress requirements as specified in the *Procedure: Higher Degree by Research Candidature*

6.3.4 the student takes leave of absence without leave approval for more than a semester

6.3.5 the student has had their enrolment terminated due to misconduct in accordance with the *General Regulations*, or

6.3.6 the University knows or has reason to believe that a student in receipt of an IFRRS has provided false or misleading information to the University in relation to the IFRRS.

7 RELATED POLICY AND REGULATIONS

This document should be read in conjunction with the following:

7.1 *General Regulations*

7.2 *Code of Conduct: Students*

7.3 *Code of Conduct: Research*

7.4 *Policy: International Students*

7.5 *Policy: Higher Degree by Research Supervision*

7.6 *Procedure: Higher Degree by Research Candidature*

8 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Policy, the following definitions apply:

8.1 **Full-time Student Load** in respect to a program of study, is at least 75 per cent of an equivalent full-time student load in the period for which the Scholarship support is received.

8.2 **Higher Degree by Research** has the same meaning as defined in the *Policy: Higher Degree by Research Supervision*.

8.3 **International student** has the same meaning as defined in the *Policy: International Students*.

IFRRS means the International Fee Remission Research Scholarships established in this Policy.

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