Conditions of The Avant Foundation Medical Scholarship

The Avant Foundation Medical Scholarship *(Scholarship)* has been established by Avant Foundation. The Scholarship is administered in accordance with the following scholarship program conditions, and the University's Student Scholarships Policy and Procedure.

1. NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP

The Avant Foundation Medical Scholarship

2. PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The purpose of the Scholarship is to provide financial support and encouragement to students enrolled in a Doctor of Medicine at The University of Notre Dame Australia *(University)* who are experiencing educational disadvantage.

3. CATEGORY OF SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship will be categorised as equity, based on its core purpose and criteria.

4. VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The value of the Scholarship will be up to $10,000 per annum.

5. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants must:

a) Be enrolled in the Doctor of Medicine at the University.
b) Meet one or more of the circumstances set out in section 6.

6. SELECTION CRITERIA

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

a) Meet at least one of the following criteria:
   i. Be from a low socio-economic background – as determined by a permanent home address falling within the lowest quartile in the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Index of Education and Occupation by Statistical Area 1;
   ii. Be from a regional or remote area – as determined by a permanent home address being classified as Inner Regional, Outer Regional, Remote or Very Remote in the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Edition 3;
   iii. Be an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.
b) Personal circumstances resulting in educational disadvantage.

7. APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

a) Applications and selection are administered in accordance with the Student Scholarships Procedure.
b) Applications must be made via the University website.
c) Selection must be undertaken by the Notre Dame Scholarships Selection Committee.
d) Selections will be made based on assessment of the application and any supporting documentation required by sections 4 and 6 above.
e) All applicants will be notified of an outcome via email.
f) The University reserves the right not to award the scholarship.

8. DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

a) Subject to section 11, the Scholarship will be tenable for one year of full-time equivalent study.
b) The Scholarship is not transferable to any other organisation or institution.

9. QUANTITY OF SCHOLARSHIPS

One (1) scholarship will be available annually.

10. METHOD OF PAYMENT

a) Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the student as determined by the University.
b) Recipients are required to provide payment details for payment of funds.
c) Scholarship funds will be paid in two instalments, at the beginning of each semester, provided the recipient meets the Conditions of Continuation in section 11.

11. CONDITIONS OF CONTINUATION

The Scholarship will continue to be paid subject to the recipient meeting the General Scholarship Terms outlined in the Student Scholarships Procedure, including:

a) Maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress each semester; and
b) Maintaining full-time enrolment in the same program upon receiving the scholarship.

The recipient forfeits the Scholarship if they:

a) Fail to meet the requirements in a) and b) above;
b) Are found to have breached the University's Student Code of Conduct or is the subject of disciplinary action under the University's General Regulations;
c) Discontinue their program;
d) Defer their enrolment.

The recipient can suspend the scholarship if they take an approved leave of absence.

If the recipient has not maintained the Conditions of Continuation due to extenuating circumstances, the recipient may make an application in writing to the National Manager, Student Success, who holds discretion to determine the ongoing status of the Scholarship.

12. STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

Scholarship recipients are required to:

a) Submit an Annual Scholarship Update at the end of each calendar year throughout the scholarship term.
b) Notify the University of any changes in circumstance throughout the scholarship term.
c) Consider a complimentary membership at Avant.
d) Consider attending the annual Avant awards dinner.

Scholarship recipients may be invited to participate in publications, media and events related to the award of the Scholarship.

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 as obtained by the student declarations on the student application form.

The University may share personal information obtained through (the Scholarship application) with third parties where the third-party is a member of a selection committee. This information is shared for the purposes of selection only.

For reporting, the University may also share personal information for the purposes of the student meeting the recipient requirements; or where the student consents in writing to participate in publications, media and events related to the award of the Scholarship. This may include arranging for media opportunities that include the student and the third-party donor.

15. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

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

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