



Conditions of The Dr Aniss Chami Scholarship

The Dr Aniss Chami Scholarship (*Scholarship*) is administered in accordance with the following conditions:

1. NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP

The Dr Aniss Chami Scholarship.

2. PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The Dr Aniss Chami Scholarship offers a student from Lebanon the opportunity to commence studies as part of the International Medical Student Program with the School of Medicine at The University of Notre Dame, Sydney (*University*).

3. VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The value of the Scholarship will be \$50,000.00 per year for course tuition fees for the recipient for the duration of their four (4) year Doctor of Medicine postgraduate degree.

4. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants must:

- (i) be offered an international student place at the School of Medicine (Sydney) as a full fee paying international student in the Doctor of Medicine program;
- (ii) have completed a specific undergraduate degree in biosciences within the last 3 years at either Notre Dame University Louaize, the University of Balamand or the University of Saint Esprit Kaslik in Beirut, Lebanon;
- (iii) achieve a distinction level Grade Point Average (GPA) of 6.0 or above;
- (iv) undertake the Graduate Australian Medical School Admission Test (GAMSAT) achieving a score of at least 60 or the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) exam with a score greater than 508;
- (v) complete the Notre Dame Portfolio including the Personal Statement demonstrating mission alignment, personal qualities and a record of life achievement;
- (vi) demonstrate proficiency in the English language – IELTS at least 7 in all sections;
- (vii) be a Lebanese citizen or permanent resident applying for the International Medical Student program with the School of Medicine (Sydney) and;
- (viii) have successfully completed the International Student Application form contained in the University's Admissions Guide, by the closing date for all applications for that year.
- (ix) satisfactorily meet student visa requirements as determined by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection of Australia.

5. SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee for the Scholarship will comprise of:

- (i) Dean, School of Medicine (Sydney).
- (ii) Associate Dean and Head of Student Matters, School of Medicine (Sydney).
- (iii) Associate Dean, Personal and Professional Development Domain, School of Medicine (Sydney) and;
- (iv) Donor (or nominee).

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 that they possess superior motivation, capability and personal qualities for the study of medicine. To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants must:

- (i) possess an interest in returning to their home country and contribute to its health system, which will be demonstrated through the submission of a 500 to 1000 word (maximum) essay on "Health needs in the community and how they can be improved through medicine";

- (ii) demonstrate an understanding of the Objects of the University;
- (iii) supply two written references

7. SELECTION PROCESS AND AWARDING PROCESS

- a) The Scholarship will be advertised on the University website in the year preceding the award of the Scholarship.
- b) The Selection Committee will interview selected applicants.
- c) The successful recipient will be notified in writing by the Office of University Relations.
- f) The Scholarship is not transferable to another degree, University of Notre Dame Australia or another University.
- g) If in any year there are no eligible students, the Scholarship will not be awarded.

8. DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

4 years.

9. CONCURRENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship cannot be held concurrently with any other scholarships.

10. AWARDING PROCEDURE

- a) The Scholarship shall be presented annually by a representative of the donor/s at the School of Medicine Awards Ceremony.
- b) In the event that a representative of the donor/s is not able to attend, a nominated School of Medicine staff member will present the Scholarship on their behalf.

11. METHOD OF PAYMENT

- a) The Scholarship funds will be paid offset against the recipient's tuition fees by the Fees Office.
- b) Recipients are required to complete a Gift Expenditure Form for payment of funds.
- c) Award funds will be paid in two instalments, at the beginning of Semesters 1 and 2. The second payment will be dependent on the student's Satisfactory Academic Progress being confirmed by the School.

12. CONDITIONS OF CONTINUATION

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

- (i) maintaining satisfactory performance each semester; and
- (ii) maintaining full time enrolment.

The recipient forfeits the Scholarship if they:

- (i) fail to meet the requirement in a) and b) above;
- (ii) are found to have breached of the University's Student Code of Conduct or is the subject of disciplinary action under the University's General Regulations; and/or
- (iii) discontinue their degree in medicine.

The exception to this is if the recipient makes an application in writing to the Dean of the School of Medicine (Sydney), outlining the circumstances and reasons relating to their personal situation. The Dean has discretion to determine the ongoing status of the Scholarship.

13. STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

Scholarship recipients are required to submit mid-year and end of year reports to the donor which include:

- (i) an outline their progress throughout the year.
- (ii) academic results for the semester
- (iii) an update regarding the circumstances which warrant the recipient to be in receipt of the Scholarship, and other relevant feedback.

The Office of University Relations, Sydney will notify the Scholarship recipients of the report submission due dates. Reports should be sent to the Office of University Relations, Sydney

Scholarship recipients are required to participate in any publications, media and events related to the award of the Scholarship.

14. ADMINISTERING BODY

The Scholarship is administered by the School of Medicine (Sydney), Darlinghurst and the Office of University Relations, Sydney.

15. PRIVACY

The University will collect, use, hold and disclose personal information in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988 (Commonwealth) and the University's Privacy Policy.

16. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

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

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