

# The George Murray Scholarships Rules



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Enabled to do so by the bequests (amounting to about \$280,000) of the late Sir George Murray, KCMG, Chancellor of the University from 1916 to 1942, and of his sister, the late Miss Margaret Tinline Murray, the Council has established a number of scholarships and made the following rules relating to them:

1. The scholarships shall be known as the "George Murray Scholarships".
2. The purpose of the scholarships is to enable graduates of the University of Adelaide to undertake further postgraduate study or postdoctoral research in approved universities or other institutions outside of Australia.
3. Until otherwise determined by the Graduate Scholarships Committee the number of scholarships available for award in each year shall be determined by the available income but, where possible, should comprise one award in each category. There shall not be more than two new Category A awards in any one year.

## ELIGIBILITY

4. (a) There shall be two categories of awards, the minimum qualifications for award in each category being as follows:

### CATEGORY A

A candidate for a postdoctoral award must hold the degree of PhD awarded by the University of Adelaide or expect to submit a thesis for the degree of PhD at the University of Adelaide by the closing date for applications. Any scholarship offer made will be subject to qualification for the award of the degree of PhD prior to departure from Australia.

### CATEGORY B

To be eligible to apply a candidate must be a graduate of the University of Adelaide and must hold either (a) a First Class Honours degree or equivalent qualification or (b) the degrees of MBBS, followed by at least one year of clinical experience or the degree of BDS followed by at least one year of postgraduate study or (c) a research Master's degree awarded by the University of Adelaide.

## TENURE

5. The normal period of tenure of a Category A award shall be **one year**.  
The normal period of tenure for a Category B award shall be up to a **maximum of three years**.

All George Murray Scholars are to forward a final report to the Dean of Graduate Studies upon completion of the tenure of the George Murray Scholarship.

Tenure of scholarships will be determined on an individual basis after consideration of the applications. Maximum tenure will be specified in initial offer letter.

## BENEFITS

6. (a) The value of a scholarship will be:

### CATEGORY A

The stipend of the postdoctoral award shall be the equivalent of the appropriate step of the salary scale applying to postdoctoral fellows at the University of Adelaide. No other allowances will be payable. The award will be taxable.

### CATEGORY B

For full postgraduate scholarships, the living allowance will be based on the living allowance provided by other comparable awards (such as CS&FP) to study in the country nominated, and, funds permitting, will include the cost of approved compulsory university fees up to a maximum value equivalent to AUD \$30,000 pa. The value of the living allowance shall normally be determined by the Graduate Scholarships Committee on a case by case basis. The Graduate Scholarships Committee will take into account the nature and value of other assistance held subject to rule 6(b) below, together with any special circumstances prevailing in particular cases where a slightly higher stipend may be justified.

The value of the scholarship shall be expressed in the local currency and it shall not, during the period of tenure, fall below the value contained in the letter of offer. The value of scholarships shall be reviewed annually by the Graduate Scholarships Committee when applications for extensions into a second and third year of tenure are under consideration.

- (b) A scholar who obtains any other award or assistance (whether it be a scholarship, fellowship, salary, living allowance, fee waiver, teaching assistantship or travel grant) must inform the Manager, Graduate Administration and Scholarships. The candidate will normally be required to retain such other award; and the Graduate Scholarships Committee, after considering all the circumstances, will decide what adjustment, if any, shall be made in the annual value of the George Murray Scholarship. Any such adjustment shall be to the overall advantage of the scholar.
- (c) One quarter of the annual value of the scholarship may be paid to the scholar before departure from Australia if requested. Thereafter, for the period of tenure of the scholarship, payments will be made in equal quarterly instalments in advance.
- (d) Approved compulsory university fees in the case of Category B awards will normally be paid, on receipt by the Manager, Graduate Administration and Scholarships, of an appropriate invoice, direct from the overseas institution concerned.

## APPLICATIONS AND SELECTION

7. (a) Applications must be lodged with the Manager, Adelaide Graduate Centre not later than **31 October** in the year preceding that for which the award is sought.
- (b) Every candidate should consult the Head of the Department at the overseas institution concerned, in advance, and should where appropriate, apply for admission to the degree program of their choice or gain a written offer of a postdoctoral research position.
- (c) Confirmation of the award of a George Murray Scholarship will be dependent upon the scholar's giving evidence that he or she has been accepted by the university or other institution concerned and that they are able to make suitable arrangements to proceed there.
8. Awards will be made by the Graduate Scholarships Committee which will base its assessment of applicants on their academic achievements. Shortlisted applicants may be required to attend an interview at the University of Adelaide in November or December of the year of application, at the discretion of the Graduate Scholarships Committee.