UTR1.126 - AMSS PRESIDENT’S RESEARCH AWARD

Background

A. In 1992, in recognition of his long and happy association with the students of the University, Dr Ram S Tulsi donated to the University the sum of $4,000 to initiate the Australian Medical Student’s Society President’s Research Award for excellence in research executed by undergraduate medical students.

B. The University accepted the donation upon the trusts specified by the donor and the donation therefore became the capital subject to those trusts (‘capital sum’).

Name of the fund

1. The capital sum, all income arising from the capital sum and any accumulations and additions thereto together form a fund called ‘The AMSS President’s Research Award’ (‘fund’).

Investment of the fund

2. The fund is to be amalgamated for the purposes of investment, and held in a common fund, and the net income earned by the common fund shall be credited, rateably, to the funds so amalgamated and thereafter distributed according to the trusts specified by the donor.

Obligations

3. In administering the fund, the University must adhere to the terms specified and is obliged:–

   (a) to invest the capital sum according to the directions of the donor; and

   (b) to establish a prize to be administered according to the following rules.

Rules

1. The award shall be known as “The AMSS President’s Research Award” and shall be available for award annually.

2. The award acknowledges excellence in medical research on the basis of a scientific communication published in a refereed biomedical journal in the period since the last AMSS Award was made.

3. The award will consist of:-

   a. a certificate signed by the Dean of Medicine and the President of the AMSS; and

   b. a cash prize to the value of $500 per year, or such other amount as the University shall from time to time determine provided that the value of the award does not exceed the annual distribution of interest available from the Endowment Fund.

4. To be eligible for the award applicants must:-

   a. be enrolled for the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) at the University of Adelaide;

   b. not be a member of the selection panel as described in 10 below.
5. Nominations for the award will:-
   a. be submitted through a nomination process determined by the Faculty Office which must be published on the Faculty website not less than thirty (30) business days before nominations for the award are scheduled to open;
   b. be accompanied by a copy of the scientific communication of the applicant;
   c. specify what proportion of the project workload was undertaken by the applicant and may include evidence of the quality and/or contribution of the scientific communication, including references from supervisors.

6. If the scientific communication was authored by more than one person, the person applying for the award must have made a substantial contribution to the overall planning of the research and writing of the scientific communication.

7. The recipient of the award each year will be determined by the selection panel, following consideration of the nominations made under (5) above.

8. If there is no candidate of sufficient merit in any given year then the award will not be made that year and the funds shall be reinvested in the Endowment Fund for use in subsequent years.

9. If there is more than one candidate of equal merit, then the award may be shared equally.

10. The selection panel for the award will be constituted annually and consist of:-
    a. the MBBS Program Coordinator;
    b. one member of the Faculty who is actively involved in scientific research, who has been selected by the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences Research Committee;
    c. one current medical student appointed by the President of the AMSS.

11. The University may vary the rules from time to time in a manner consistent with the University’s legal obligations and policies.

Rules approved by Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor & Vice President (Research), 5 April 2017

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