Background –

A. Lilian Ferrers Scammell (‘donor’) died on 5 June 1968 and by her Will dated 3 June 1966 and Codicil dated 19 August 1966 bequeathed one-half of her residuary estate ($116,285.61) [subject to the prior life interest of her husband Alfred Franklin Scammell] to the University of Adelaide (‘bequest’) to be administered in the following manner:

‘AND to the remaining one-half of such net proceeds I DIRECT that my Trustees shall pay the same to the UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE at Adelaide aforesaid for the purpose of establishing or assisting in the establishment of a post-graduate fellowship or post-graduate fellowships for research in medical science or in a science closely related to medicine AND I REQUEST that any such fellowship be awarded (whilst the said University considers it practicable so to do) to a candidate whose research shall relate to cancer AND I FURTHER REQUEST that the said legacy to the said University of Adelaide shall be known as “The Alfred & Ferrers Scammell Bequest” and that any fellowship awarded shall be known as “The Alfred & Ferrers Scammell Fellowship.”

B. These are postgraduate scholarships for research in Medical Science or a science closely allied to medicine.

C. The University accepted the bequest upon the trusts specified by the donor and the bequest 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 ‘Alfred and Ferrers Scammell Medical Research Scholarship’ (‘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 bequest of 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 scholarship in the manner described in the following Rules.
Rules

The Medical Research Scholarships Fund

1. These postgraduate scholarships will be created for research in Medical Science or a science closely allied to medicine. (The scholarships will be tenable in the Faculty of Medicine and other faculties.)

2. In commemoration of substantial contribution to medical research funds, the scholarships will be named:
   - the Reginald Walker Medical Research Scholarship,
   - the Alfred and Ferrers Scammell Medical Research Scholarship,
   - the Benjamin Poulton Medical Research Scholarship.

3. Each scholarship will be tenable for full time study at the University of Adelaide by postgraduate students who are enrolled for a research degree of Master, Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Philosophy in a field of medical science.

4. First preference for these scholarships will be given to Australian Citizens or candidates who have Permanent Resident Status in Australia at the time of the nominated closing date for applications. Should no domestic student be eligible for, or require, the scholarships (due to ample numbers of other domestic scholarships), an international student may be considered (subject to a fee waiver).

5. Selection will be undertaken by the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences.

6. Selection will be undertaken on the basis of the academic merit and research potential of the applicants, with consideration also being given by the selection committee to the nature and possible value of the research being proposed. The selection committee may choose not to offer one or more scholarships or may request that any scholarship(s) be re-advertised if it is not satisfied with the standard of applications.

7. The scholarships will be administered by the Faculty of Health Sciences.

8. The stipend for each scholarship will be determined on selection of a scholarship holder. It will be fixed at either the current rate for Australian Postgraduate Awards or as a top-up scholarship, depending on the individual circumstances of the applicant and the funds available.

9. All other benefits and conditions of the scholarships including that of satisfactory progress are to be as specified for Australian Postgraduate Awards and University of Adelaide Scholarships, as administered within this University.
10. Tenure of a scholarship will confer no obligation other than that of full time research on the holder. A scholarship-holder will be supervised to the same extent and in the same way as other postgraduate students. It is intended that under these circumstances the scholarships will not be taxable.

11. The expenses of the external advertisement of the scholarships are to be met from the Fund.

12. Any income from the Medical Research Scholarships Fund which remains unspent at the end of each year after financial obligations have been met will be capitalised in order to increase future income for scholarships.

13. Changes of rules and rates of allowances may be approved by the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences from time to time, where applicable in accordance with changes to the indexed rates payable for Australian Postgraduate Awards. Changes in the general purpose of the Fund may only be varied by the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences.

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