UTR2.139 - THE D R STRANKS POSTGRADUATE TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIPS

Background –

A. In 1987, an endowment was established by contributions from the State, the University, professional colleagues and friends for the purpose of providing a number of postgraduate travelling fellowships to commemorate the services rendered to the University of Adelaide by Professor D R Stranks AO, Foundation Chair of Inorganic Chemistry 1964 to 1973 and Vice-Chancellor of the University 1977 to 1986.

B. The purpose of the fellowships is to provide assistance for travel and other unavoidable research costs to enable the University’s postgraduate scholars to pursue some aspects of their research and investigations outside the State of South Australia.

C. The University established the fellowships and the endowment therefore became the capital (‘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 D R Stranks Travelling Fellowships’ (‘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 rules specified in the Fellowship.

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(s); and

   (b) to establish fellowships in the manner described in the following Rules.

Rules

4. The D R Stranks Travelling Fellowships are administered according to the following Rules:-

   (1) The number of fellowships awarded annually shall be such as income from the fund will permit, at least one of which is to be awarded to a postgraduate student undertaking research in the area of science and technology.

   (2) The purpose of the fellowships is to provide assistance for travel and other unavoidable research costs to enable the University’s postgraduate scholars to
pursue some aspects of their research and investigations outside the State of South Australia.

(3) The maximum value of any one fellowship shall be $5000.

(4) The fellowships shall be awarded by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the Graduate Scholarships Committee. In recommending award of the fellowships, the Graduate Scholarships Committee shall take into account not only academic merit but other factors, such as the essential nature of the travel to a scholar’s research project and the likely benefit to be derived by the scholar and the University. A fellowship will not be awarded where (a) the primary purpose of the travel is to attend a conference or (b) the scholar has not completed the first year of postgraduate candidature at time of travel.

(5) Each applicant is required to submit an application on the prescribed form by the closing date for travel in the subsequent twelve months. Retrospective applications will not be considered.

(6) Payment shall be made in a lump sum immediately prior to departure.

(7) The successful recipients shall provide a brief report to the Adelaide Graduate Centre within three months of their return to South Australia.

(8) These rules may be varied by the Council from time to time but the title and general purpose of the endowment shall not be changed.