UTR2.143 - THE TURNER FAMILY POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Background –

A. Clifford Thomas Kingsley Turner of Burra North, Grazier, (‘donor’) died on 31 December 1969 and by his will dated 13 June 1969 bequeathed his residuary estate amounting to the sum of $92,000* (‘bequest’) to the University of Adelaide to be administered in the following manner:

‘….stand possessed of my residuary estate UPON TRUST for THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE at Adelaide in the said State of South Australia (hereinafter called “the University”) to be used by the University for the purpose of furthering and encouraging research in pastoral and agricultural science in such manner and way as the Council of the University shall in their absolute discretion from time to time think fit IT IS MY WISH (without imposing any testamentary obligation hereunder) that such residuary estate form a fund to be known as “THE TURNER FAMILY BEQUEST” and that the income to be derived therefrom be used in perpetuity for the purpose of encouraging study and research in the pastoral and agricultural field preferably by providing post-graduate scholarships but in any event in such manner and way as the Council of the University considers best fitted to serve the pastoral and agricultural industry and the said State of South Australia’.

B. This is a scholarship available to full-time postgraduate research students undertaking original research in any branch of the pastoral or agricultural sciences.

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 Turner Family Postgraduate 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.
4. The Turner Family Postgraduate Scholarship is administered according to the following Rules:

(1) The Scholarship shall be called ‘The Turner Family Postgraduate Scholarship’.

(2) The Scholarship will be available to full-time postgraduate research students undertaking original research in any branch of the pastoral or agricultural sciences.

(3) The recipient of a Scholarship will be enrolled as a candidate for a research degree of Master or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) at the University of Adelaide.

(4) The successful applicants will be selected by the University on the grounds of academic merit and research potential. The nomination of a candidate by a Selection Committee appointed by the Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural and Natural resource Sciences will be subject to the consideration and approval of the Board of Graduate Studies of the University of Adelaide.

(5) The scholarships are open to Australian citizens and permanent residents of Australia, and to international students who can demonstrate the capacity to meet the tuition fees for the course.

(6) The duration of the scholarship will be a maximum of two years for research towards a Masters degree and up to three years for research towards the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. In the case of PhD candidature only, there will be the possibility of extension for a further six months beyond the normal maximum of three years, in the event that the student has not completed the PhD and that progress has been adversely affected by circumstances beyond his or her control.

(7) Tenure and annual extension of the scholarship will be subject to satisfactory academic progress, as indicated by the student’s supervisor and Head of Department, subject to the normal procedures of the University of Adelaide.

(8) The stipend will be set at a level 5% greater than the currently applicable stipend applying to University of Adelaide Scholarships. All other allowances and conditions will be the same as for a University of Adelaide Scholarship.

(9) Where appropriate and if the bequest income permits, a department may submit a justified claim to meet the costs of annual research maintenance and essential travel by the scholarship recipient from the bequest income. Such claims may not exceed 15% of the base stipend in any one year.
The successful applicant will be under no obligation whatsoever to render any service to the University of Adelaide as a result of receiving this Scholarship, except insofar that he or she is required to pursue his or her postgraduate research as a full time student. He or she will be supervised in the same manner and to the same extent as any other postgraduate student.

Scholarships will be made available as the income from the bequest permits.

The Scholarships will be administered by the Registrar, Scholarships on behalf of the Board of Graduate Studies of the University of Adelaide.

The rules of The Turner Family Postgraduate Scholarship may be varied from time to time by the Council of the University of Adelaide, but the name and the general purpose of the Scholarship shall not be changed.

* This amount was supplemented by $70,000 in 1988 from Waite Institute Private Income