UTR2.150 - THE DORIS WEST BEQUEST

Background –

A. Doris West (‘donor’) died on 8 September 1990 and by her Will dated 14 November 1984 bequeathed the residue of her estate ($750,000 approx) to the University of Adelaide (‘bequest’) to be administered in the following manner:

‘……to stand possessed of the balance then remaining UPON TRUST for THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.’

B. The late Mrs Doris West graduated with a degree of Bachelor of Arts from the University of Adelaide in 1921. She was particularly concerned and involved with the interests of women graduates, both nationally and internationally. She was a keen music lover and frequently attended Elder Hall concerts.

C. Funds from this bequest support:-

   a. a postgraduate scholarship for a full-time female student undertaking any Masters by coursework program at the University of Adelaide;
   b. the Elder Conservatorium of Music’s “Lunchtimes at Elder Hall” Series.

D. 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 Doris West Bequest’ (‘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 fund to be administered according to the following Rules.

Rules – The Doris West Postgraduate Scholarships for Women

4. The Doris West Postgraduate Scholarships for Women are administered according to the following Rules:-
(1) One scholarship is available in 2013 to a full time female postgraduate student who is undertaking any Masters by coursework program at the University of Adelaide.

(2) The scholarship is valued at the equivalent of the Australian Postgraduate Award which in 2013 is $24,653 per year for two years.

(3) This scholarship is available to students who are Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia.

(4) Selection of the successful candidate will be made according to academic merit.

(5) Academic merit will be determined according to students’ cumulative Grade Point Average [GPA] for the preceding years or according to academic records from tertiary or post-secondary level study.

(6) The Scholarship must be taken up in the year in which it is offered; acceptance of the Scholarship offer cannot be deferred. If a student declines the Scholarship offer, the Scholarship will be offered to the next eligible student.

(7) No other scholarships may be held in conjunction with this scholarship.