UTR2.17 - THE RANSON MORTLOCK SCHOLARSHIPS

Background –

A. The Ranson Mortlock Trust was established in 1936 in memory of the late Frederick Ranson Mortlock. The Mortlock family were involved in pastoral activities which commenced soon after the arrival of William Ranson Mortlock (Frederick’s grandfather) in South Australia in 1843. Rosina Forsyth Mortlock, the late Frederick Ranson Mortlock’s mother, and his brother John Andrew Tennant Mortlock (‘donors’), contributed the £25,000 donation to the University which was subject to the following conditions:

1. The gift to be known as the “Ranson Mortlock Trust” for “Research Work in connection with Soil Erosion and the Regeneration of Pastures on Pastoral Lands.”
2. A suitable building to be erected at the Waite Institute for the purposes of the Trust, such building to cost not less than £10,000 and to be named the “Ranson Mortlock Building”.

B. The Ranson Mortlock Trust supports Honours scholarships for full-time students undertaking research projects relevant to soil erosion and the regeneration of pastures on pastoral lands.

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

D. John Andrew Tennant Mortlock and his wife Dorothy Mortlock were generous philanthropists who also made other significant donations and bequests to the University as set out in UTR2.29, UTR2.39, UTR2.105 and UTR2.106.

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 ‘Ranson Mortlock Trust’ (‘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 donors.

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 a scholarship(s) in the manner described in the following Rules.

Rules

1. The Scholarship shall be known as the “Ranson Mortlock Scholarship”.

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2. Recipients must be Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents of Australia undertaking study as a Commonwealth supported student and must remain enrolled on a full-time basis in the approved program for which the scholarship was approved.

3. The annual value of the Scholarship is $5,000 payable in two equal instalments direct to the student following confirmation of enrolment and satisfactory academic progress after each of the census dates (usually 31 March and 31 August each year).

4. Up to three Scholarships shall be awarded annually to students undertaking Honours projects relevant to soil erosion and the regeneration of pastures on pastoral land at the University of Adelaide.

5. The number of Scholarships offered annually will be determined by the annual income distribution available from the University’s Endowment Fund.

6. The Scholarships will provide assistance with education and living costs for the Honours year for a maximum duration of one year for which the recipient is offered the Scholarship, subject to the student maintaining satisfactory academic performance in each semester of enrolment.

7. 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.

8. The Scholarships shall be administered by the Coursework Scholarships Office of the University.

9. Selection of the successful candidate will be made by the Executive Dean, Faculty of Sciences according to academic merit, potential benefit and research relevance. Academic merit for continuing students will be determined according to students’ cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) or equivalent scores.

10. Students in receipt of other University of Adelaide Scholarships may apply for this Scholarship.

11. The Scholarship will be terminated where:

- a student ceases to be enrolled in the approved program of study at the University;
- a student has provided false or misleading information with regard to their personal details;
- a student has failed to maintain satisfactory academic progress for two consecutive semesters;
- a student is guilty of serious misconduct in terms of the University Policy Rules for Student Conduct in the University.

12. The rules of the Scholarship may be varied from time to time by the University.

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