Background –

A. In November 1996, with the intention of honouring the contribution of members of the Mason Family to education in England and Australia, and of promoting the communication of science in its broadest sense, the descendants of Mary Jane and Thomas Mason (‘donors’) endowed a scholarship for communication in science.

B. The donors, John R Prescott, Ann M Prescott and Katherine E Prescott paid $102,000 to the University to endow the scholarship in perpetuity. The University also acknowledges the generosity of James W Prescott.

C. In 2007, a further donation of $30,000 was received towards the fund to allow the scholarship value to be increased.

D. John R Prescott was Emeritus Professor of Physics, University of Adelaide.

E. The University accepted the endowment upon the trusts specified by the donors and the endowment 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 Mason Family Scholarship in the Communication of Science’ (‘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 in the manner described in the following Rules.

Rules

1. The Scholarship shall be known as the “Mason Family Scholarship in the Communication of Science”.

2. Recipients must be Australian citizens and 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.

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3. To be eligible for the scholarship applicants must either:-
   - be enrolled for the Bachelor of Teaching with Bachelor of Science (double degree); or
   - have completed a Bachelor’s level program in Science, Agricultural or Natural Resource Sciences.

4. The annual value of the Scholarship is $9,000 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).

5. One Scholarship shall be awarded annually to a student undertaking either:-
   - the Bachelor of Teaching with Bachelor of Science (double degree); or
   - the Master of Teaching or Master of Education program of study at the University of Adelaide (the student must have already completed a Bachelor’s level program in Science, Agricultural or Natural Resource Sciences).

6. If, in any given year, there is no eligible candidate, the Scholarship may be held over to the following year.

7. The Scholarship will provide assistance with education and living costs for one year of the approved program for which the recipient is offered the Scholarship, subject to the student maintaining a Grade Point Average of at least 4 (pass average) in each semester of enrolment.

8. 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.

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

10. Selection of the successful candidate will be made by Coursework Scholarships Office according to academic merit and financial need. Academic merit for continuing students will be determined according to students’ cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) or equivalent scores.

11. Students in receipt of other University of Adelaide Scholarships may not apply for this Scholarship.

12. 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.

13. The University may vary the rules from time to time in a manner consistent with the University’s legal obligations and policies.

Rules approved by Deputy Vice Chancellor & Vice President (Academic) 12 October 2017

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