UTR2.173 - THE NOEL AND VIVIAN LOTHIAN SCHOLARSHIP

Background –

A. The Noel and Vivian Lothian Scholarship was established in 1997 at the University of Adelaide, as the result of a generous initial gift, followed by further gifts, (‘donations’) from Noel and Vivian Lothian (‘donors’).

A. Thomas Robert Noel Lothian (‘donor’) died on 24 September 2004 and under the terms of his Will bequeathed one part of the whole of his estate (subject to a life interest) to the University of Adelaide (‘bequest’) to be administered in the following manner:-

‘as to the remaining one part for the University of Adelaide for the Waite Institute Faculty of Agricultural and Natural Resources Sciences Department of Horticulture, Viticulture and Oenology and I express the wish (without creating any legal obligation or trust) that the said University will use this gift to augment the fund known as ‘the Noel and Vivian Lothian Scholarship in Ornamental Horticulture’ and award the interest from this fund annually to assist outstanding students studying under Professor Sedgley or her successor in the promotion, development and the use of Australian Plants for ornamental or commercial purposes and/or the purchase or items of equipment, travel or other use as decided by the Professor for the time being in the research and realisation of the aims and objects of the research of this department.’

B. Noel Lothian (1915-2004) took up the appointment as the sixth director of the Adelaide Botanic Garden and secretary to the board of governors on 1 January 1948, a position he held until his retirement in 1980. He pioneered the Garden’s advisory service to make its expertise available to both primary producers and suburban gardeners. His most enduring monument, however, is the Mt Lofty Botanic Garden which was conceived by him shortly after his appointment and lovingly planned and promoted by him.

C. This is a scholarship for full time honours or postgraduate research students in the fields of native plant biology and ecology and horticulture.

D. The University accepted the donations and bequest upon the trusts specified by the donors and the donations/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 Noel and Vivian Lothian 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 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 donors; and

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

Rules

The Noel and Vivian Lothian Scholarship is administered according to the following Rules:-

1. The Scholarship will be formally named The Noel and Vivian Lothian Scholarship commemorating the work of Noel Lothian as the former Director of the Adelaide Botanic Gardens and is to be awarded in an area related to his particular area of interest, that of development of Australian native plants for ornamental horticulture.

2. The Scholarship will be open to full time postgraduate research students in the fields of native plant biology, ecology and horticulture.

3. The Scholarship will be administered by the Adelaide Graduate Centre on behalf of the Research Education and Development Committee of the University of Adelaide. It is anticipated that the Scholarship will be offered every three years commencing in 2015 and the value, benefits and allowances will be equivalent to the Australian Postgraduate Award (APA).

4. The successful applicant will be selected by the University on the grounds of his/her academic merit and research potential as part of the Major Round each year. The nomination of a candidate by a Faculty selection committee will be subject to the approval of the Research Education and Development Committee.

5. The holder of the Scholarship will be enrolled as a candidate for a research degree of Master or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in native plant horticulture or biology and ecology of native plants at the University of Adelaide.

6. The duration of the scholarship will be a maximum of three years. No extensions will be considered.

7. Payment will be subject to satisfactory progress, as indicated by the student’s supervisor and Head of School subject to the normal procedures of the University.

8. The successful applicant will be under no obligation whatsoever to render any service to Noel and Vivian Lothian or the University of Adelaide as a result of receiving this Scholarship, except insofar that he or she is required to pursue his or her research as a full time student.
9. The rules of The Noel and Vivian Lothian Scholarship may be varied from time to time by agreement between The Faculty of Sciences and the relevant Committee of the University of Adelaide, but the name and the general purpose of the Scholarship shall not be changed.

10. The financial support provided by The Noel and Vivian Lothian Scholarship must be acknowledged in the thesis and any publications that are produced from it.

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