Background –

A. In 1937, the sum of £2,500 was paid to the University of Adelaide (‘donation’) by Sir Thomas George Wilson M.D. (1876-1958) (‘donor’), for the purpose of promoting the study and practice of obstetrics and gynaecology by founding a scholarship.

B. George Wilson was educated at New England Grammar School and the University of Sydney (M.B., Ch.M., 1899; M.D., 1904). He qualified as a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, in 1901 and undertook postgraduate work in London, Dublin and Vienna. He was an honorary gynaecologist (1902-27) at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and honorary obstetrician (1903-46) at the Queen’s Home (Queen Victoria Maternity Hospital).

C. A founding fellow of the (Royal) Australasian College of Surgeons (1927) and the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, London (1929), Wilson was elected (1924) a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He was president of the South Australian branch of the British Medical Association (1922) and of the Mothers and Babies' Health Association (1935). Appointed C.M.G. in 1942, he was knighted in 1950.

D. This is a postgraduate Scholarship to enable the candidate to visit another University or similar centre or present research at an international conference while providing an opportunity to broaden his or her experience or knowledge relating to Obstetrics and Gynaecology, a recognised subspecialty of Obstetrics and Gynaecology or one of the sciences underpinning Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

E. The University accepted the donation upon the trusts specified by the donor and the donation 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 T G Wilson Travelling Scholarships in Obstetrics’ (‘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 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.

Rules

4. The T G Wilson Travelling Scholarship in Obstetrics is administered according to the following Rules:-

(1) There shall be a scholarship to be called ‘The TG Wilson Travelling Scholarship in Obstetrics’.

(2) The value of the scholarship will be not less than $5,000 bearing in mind the need to maintain the capital base and it shall be awarded from time to time as the income from the capital fund permits.

(3) The Scholarship shall be awarded by the Discipline of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Committee.

(4) The purpose of the Scholarship is to enable the candidate to visit another University or similar centre or present research at an international conference. The intent is to provide an opportunity for the candidate to broaden his or her experience or knowledge relating to Obstetrics and Gynaecology, a recognised subspecialty of Obstetrics and Gynaecology or one of the sciences underpinning Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

(5) The scholarship shall be open to a graduate in medicine of an Australian University, who is undertaking or has completed the course of postgraduate training, including obstetrics, as prescribed by the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists for the Fellowship and who when undertaking the travel is, in addition, a candidate for a higher degree by research in the Adelaide Medical School.

(6) Holders of the scholarship will normally be expected to return to practice obstetrics in South Australia.

(7) These conditions may be varied from time to time, but the title and purpose of the scholarship shall not be changed.

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