Background –

A. In 2002, as a memorial to Eric Rudd and in recognition of the great contribution he made to the economic geology program at the University, Eric's friends and colleagues ran an appeal to raise funds to establish a scholarship in his name.

B. The plan was to establish a capital endowment fund, which together with interest, would be sufficient to maintain the scholarship over many years. Contributions from individuals, organisations and companies were sought.

C. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a higher degree student studying mineral or petroleum exploration and intent on making a career in the resources industry. It will be a travelling scholarship, designed to enable students to spend brief periods of time at some of the best institutions and organisations in the world conducting research into economic geology and to visit some important field locations. Tours of international mine sites and other key geologic locations will most likely be organised through the Australian Mineral Foundation (AMF) international study tours program, and will attract an AMF part-subsidy.

D. Eric Rudd was appointed to the Foundation Chair of Economic and Mining Geology at the University of Adelaide in 1949, a position he held for twenty-one years. This was the first professorial economic geology appointment in Australia, made possible through the efforts of Professor Sir Douglas Mawson and a generous endowment of £50,000 from five companies associated with the mining industry. Eric Rudd was himself a graduate of the University of Adelaide, who had undertaken postgraduate studies at Harvard University and was at the time of his appointment, Chief Geologist with BHP.

E. The University accepted the donations upon the trusts specified by the donors and the donations 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 ‘Eric Rudd Memorial 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.

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 and maintain a scholarship in the manner described in the following Rules.

Rules

Value

The value of the Scholarship will be $5,000 per year, or as such other amount as the University shall time to time determine provided that the total amount awarded does not exceed the annual distribution of interest available from the Endowment Fund. Funds will be expended by the Department to fund the relevant travel costs directly (or where necessary, to reimburse the recipient for those costs).

Eligibility

The Scholarship is awarded annually to a higher degree geoscience student (MSc or PhD) at the University of Adelaide, studying mineral or petroleum exploration and intent on making a career in the resource industry. The scholarship is to be used by the recipient to cover travel costs up to the value of $5,000.

Selection

The selection committee will consist of University staff with relevant knowledge of the research area. The final decision of the recipient will be made at the discretion of the Head of Department, Earth Sciences upon the recommendation of the Industry Liaison Committee.

Selection will be based on

- academic merit;
- relevance and benefit of the travel program to the applicant’s research;
- quality of the application; and
- any other factors deemed important by the selection committee.

The successful candidate will be required to summarise the outcomes of their trip in an informal School seminar and give a brief written report to the Selection Committee.

Submission

Applicants are required to submit an application on the prescribed form by 30 September each year for travel to be undertaken the following calendar year.

Any periods of absence from the University by the applicant require approval by the Dean of Graduate Studies and applicants must complete an Application for Study Leave and lodge with the Adelaide Graduate Centre (students only). All travel arrangements must be booked through the University Travel System.

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