UTR2.207 - THE ROBERT F SEAMARK SCHOLARSHIP IN OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY

Background –

A. In 2005, the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Trust (‘donor’) donated an amount of $210,000 (‘donation’) to be invested in the University of Adelaide’s composite fund for the purpose of supporting a higher degree by research scholarship in the area of obstetrics and/or gynaecology at the University.

B. This is a scholarship to support a higher degree by research student undertaking a research project in the area of the obstetrics and/or gynaecology at the University of Adelaide.

C. 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 Robert F Seamark Scholarship in Obstetrics and Gynaecology’ (‘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

The Robert F Seamark Scholarship in Obstetrics and Gynaecology is administered according to the following Rules:-

1. There shall be a scholarship called ‘The Robert F Seamark Scholarship in Obstetrics and Gynaecology’.

2. The purpose of the scholarship is to support a higher degree by research student undertaking a research project in the area of obstetrics and/or gynaecology at the University of Adelaide.
3. The scholarship is open to students enrolled into a higher degree by research program in the Discipline of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Adelaide. Recipients must be Australian citizens or be granted permanent resident status in Australia.

4. One scholarship of up to $10,000 may be awarded each year, however, the value of the scholarship will be set by the Head of the Discipline of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and will not exceed the annual income distribution available from the Endowment Fund.

5. The scholarship recipient shall be determined by a Committee convened by the Head of the Discipline of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Dr Seamark will be invited to participate in the selection of the scholarship recipient for as long as he so wishes.

6. The scholarship shall be paid in two instalments:-
   a. The first instalment shall be paid once the recipient has been advised in writing of the outcome by the selection committee and following confirmation of enrolment and satisfactory academic progress after each of the census dates (usually 31 March and 31 August each year);
   b. The second payment will be made once approved by the Postgraduate Coordinator of the Discipline of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (or if there is none, of the Adelaide Medical School) using the following criteria:-
      i. the student is enrolled in the HDR program for which the scholarship was approved;
      ii. students in their 1st year of candidature will complete the Major review (1 year confirmation of candidature) 6 months after receiving the first payment with no reservations and at least 5/7 items above expectations in the Student Capability Measures Table;
      iii. students in their 2nd or 3rd year of candidature will undergo a special review equivalent to the Major review, 6 months after receiving the first payment.
   c. Students will be advised in writing of the outcome and the decision will be forwarded to the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences Research Development team to arrange the final payment.

7. The funds may only be used by the recipient to:-
   a. undertake training, courses or professional development related to their HDR research as approved by their Supervisor;
   b. travel to a conference or lab visit related to their HDR research as approved by their Supervisor;
   c. support the student’s research project.

8. 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 (Research) 9 April 2018