Background –

A. Sarah Barrans (‘donor’) died on 4 September 1944 and by her Will dated 6 November 1941 bequeathed a pecuniary legacy of £3,000 (‘bequest’) to the University of Adelaide to be administered in the following manner:–

‘To pay to the Council of the University of Adelaide the sum of Three thousand pounds (£3,000) for the foundation of a Scholarship to enable a student to undertake after graduation in the said University further study and research in Geological or Metallurgical Science such Scholarship to be known as ‘The James Barrans Scholarship’ in memory of my late brother and to be tenable in such manner as the said Council may from time to time in its absolute discretion decide.’

B. This is a scholarship awarded by the Department of Earth Sciences to a student having already received an undergraduate degree in the Department, who proceeds to an honours degree in Geology, Geophysics or Petroleum Geology and Geophysics, and who has shown the greatest academic merit.

C. The University accepted the bequest upon the trusts specified by the donor and the 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 ‘James Barrans 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 bequest of 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 James Barrans Scholarship is administered according to the following Rules:–

1. The Scholarship shall be called the ‘James Barrans Scholarship’.

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2. The value of the Scholarship is $3,000 or such other amount as the University shall from time to time determine provided that the value of the scholarship does not exceed the annual distribution of interest available from the Endowment Fund. The scholarship will be paid in two instalments of $1,500 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).

3. The Scholarship is awarded annually by the Department of Earth Sciences to a student having already received an undergraduate degree in the Department and who proceeds to an honours degree in Geology, Geophysics or Petroleum Geology and Geophysics, and who has shown the greatest academic merit.

4. Where two or more candidates are of equal merit in any year, the Scholarship may be divided equally amongst them.

5. The scholarship is tenable for one year only and 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.

6. If in any year the Department of Earth Sciences does not consider there is a student of sufficient merit, the award will not be made.

7. The scholarships shall be administered by the Department of Earth Sciences of the University.

8. Students in receipt of other University of Adelaide Scholarships may apply for this Scholarship.

9. 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;
   • a student is guilty of serious misconduct in terms of the University Policy Rules for Student Conduct in the University.

10. Surplus income not awarded as part of this award may be added to the capital sum in the Endowment Fund from time to time.

11. 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) 11 July 2017