UTR2.211 - D.A. ROBERTSON SCHOLARSHIP

Background –

A. In 2005, the Estate of Viney Robertson (‘donor’) bequeathed a pecuniary legacy of $20,000 to the University of Adelaide (‘bequest’) in memory of her late father, Donald Alexander Robertson, who studied law at the University of Adelaide and graduated in 1934, to be administered in the following manner:

‘I give and bequeath to the University of Adelaide the sum of twenty thousand dollars ($20,000.00) to be held by such University as Trustee for the creation of a scholarship to be known as the “D.A. Robertson Scholarship” in memory of my late father Donald Alexander Robertson who commenced to study law at such University in the late 1920’s to be invested and managed by the Trustee and awarded when the Trustee considers the available accumulated income to be sufficient to make an award worthwhile and when there is an appropriately deserving recipient or recipients to one or more students who have successfully completed at least the equivalent of two full time years of study towards the degree of Bachelor of Laws and who have demonstrated both the academic capacity to complete the final degree and financial circumstances which are likely to prevent them from so doing and I direct that the receipt of the Registrar of such University shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my Executrix for this bequest.’

B. In 2006, this bequest was augmented by a gift from Rhona Margaret Seiler, the grand-daughter of Donald Alexander Robertson.

C. This is a scholarship for a student for the third and subsequent years of his/her undergraduate program of study in the field of Law and who is in financial need.

D. The University accepted the bequest and donation upon the trusts specified by the donor and the bequest and 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 ‘D.A. Robertson 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(s); and

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

Rules

The D.A. Robertson Scholarship is administered according to the following Rules:-

(1) The Scholarship shall be known as “The D A Robertson Scholarship”.

(2) Recipients must be Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia undertaking study as a Commonwealth supported student and must remain enrolled on a full time basis in the approved program for which the scholarship was approved.

(3) For the purposes of the scholarship, students undertaking 75% of a full course load are considered to be enrolled on a full time basis. Students must be enrolled on the census dates (usually 31 March and 31 August each year) to be eligible to receive this scholarship.

(4) The annual value of the Scholarship is $4,000, payable in two equal instalments 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).

(5) The scholarship is to support one student who is in financial need for the third and subsequent years of the Bachelor of Laws program at the University of Adelaide, up to a maximum of two years. The scholarship is provided to assist a student’s education/living costs. Students should have successfully completed the equivalent of two full time years of the course.

(6) Students must be able to demonstrate financial need and be able to provide supporting documentary evidence at the time of application, e.g. details of income tested Commonwealth income support payment, such as Youth Allowance, Austudy, ABSTUDY benefits, or other details of their financial circumstances.

(7) No more than one scholarship will be tenable at any time. The Scholarship will not be offered again until completion of the current running scholarship.

(8) Successful recipients will be selected according to academic merit and financial need. Academic merit will be determined according to students’ cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) or equivalent scores.

(9) Students in receipt of other major University of Adelaide scholarships may not apply for this scholarship.

(10) The Scholarship 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.

(11) The scholarships will be administered by the Coursework Scholarships Office of the University.
(12) 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 for two consecutive semesters;
- a student is guilty of serious misconduct in terms of the University Policy Rules for Student Conduct in the University.

(13) 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) 4 March 2016