UTR2.49 - THE REGINALD WALKER MEDICAL RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

Background –

A. Reginald Walker (‘donor’) died on 25 May 1960 and by his Will dated 18 April 1957 bequeathed one-half of his residuary estate (£30,456) to the University of Adelaide (‘bequest’) to be administered in the following manner:

‘...for the University of Adelaide and the Adelaide Children’s Hospital Incorporated, North Adelaide in equal shares absolutely AND I request that the share in my residuary estate given hereby to the said University be known as the “Reginald Walker Bequest”...’

B. Following discussions with the donor’s executor, Mr T J Mollison, it was established that although there were no restrictions in the will regarding use of the money, Mr Walker had in mind a strong preference for one of the following alternatives:-

(a) Use of the income from the bequest to provide research fellowships in medicine (in the broad sense) or in closely allied sciences;
(b) The use of the capital to provide research laboratories and accommodation for similar purposes provided that such laboratories and accommodation bear Mr Walker’s name.

C. These are postgraduate scholarships for research in Medical Science or a science closely allied to medicine.

D. 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 ‘Reginald Walker Medical Research 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(s) in the manner described in the following Rules.
Rules

The Medical Research Scholarships Fund

1. These postgraduate scholarships will be created for research in Medical Science or a science closely allied to medicine. (The scholarships will be tenable in the Faculty of Medicine and other faculties.)

2. In commemoration of substantial contribution to medical research funds, the scholarships will be named:
   - the Reginald Walker Medical Research Scholarship,
   - the Alfred and Ferrers Scammell Medical Research Scholarship,
   - the Benjamin Poulton Medical Research Scholarship.

3. Each scholarship will be tenable for full time study at the University of Adelaide by postgraduate students who are enrolled for a research degree of Master, Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Philosophy in a field of medical science.

4. First preference for these scholarships will be given to Australian Citizens or candidates who have Permanent Resident Status in Australia at the time of the nominated closing date for applications. Should no domestic student be eligible for, or require, the scholarships (due to ample numbers of other domestic scholarships), an international student may be considered (subject to a fee waiver).

5. Selection will be undertaken by the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences.

6. Selection will be undertaken on the basis of the academic merit and research potential of the applicants, with consideration also being given by the selection committee to the nature and possible value of the research being proposed. The selection committee may choose not to offer one or more scholarships or may request that any scholarship(s) be re-advertised if it is not satisfied with the standard of applications.

7. The scholarships will be administered by the Faculty of Health Sciences.

8. The stipend for each scholarship will be determined on selection of a scholarship holder. It will be fixed at either the current rate for Australian Postgraduate Awards or as a top-up scholarship, depending on the individual circumstances of the applicant and the funds available.

9. All other benefits and conditions of the scholarships including that of satisfactory progress are to be as specified for Australian Postgraduate Awards and University of Adelaide Scholarships, as administered within this University.
10. Tenure of a scholarship will confer no obligation other than that of full time research on the 
holder. A scholarship-holder will be supervised to the same extent and in the same way as 
other postgraduate students. It is intended that under these circumstances the scholarships 
will not be taxable.

11. The expenses of the external advertisement of the scholarships are to be met from the Fund.

12. Any income from the Medical Research Scholarships Fund which remains unspent at the end 
of each year after financial obligations have been met will be capitalised in order to increase 
future income for scholarships.

13. Changes of rules and rates of allowances may be approved by the Executive Dean of the 
Faculty of Health Sciences from time to time, where applicable in accordance with changes 
to the indexed rates payable for Australian Postgraduate Awards. Changes in the general 
purpose of the Fund may only be varied by the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Health 
Sciences.

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