Background –

A. Therese Marie Rice (‘donor’) died in 1961 and by her Will dated 30 August 1957, subject to the prior life interest of her mother (who died on 22 July 1972), bequeathed the whole of her residuary estate to the University of Adelaide (‘bequest’) to be administered in the following manner:

‘…..upon trust for the UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE absolutely and I Request that the same be used and applied by the said University for the purpose of establishing a scholarship to be known as “The P. W. Rice Scholarship” in memory of my late father and to be awarded each year to a woman graduate of sufficient merit who shall have gained first class honours in Classics or in Modern and Medieval languages to enable her to read for the Bachelor of Arts degree in these subjects at the University of Oxford or Cambridge…..’

B. This is a postgraduate research scholarship and travel awards for female students (Masters by Research or PhD) currently enrolled in a research degree at the University of Adelaide, having gained First Class Honours in Classics or Latin or Ancient Greek or Linguistics or French or German or Spanish or Medieval English language to enable her to read for a degree or a postgraduate diploma at an overseas university.

C. Dr Patrick William Rice (1889-1952), was one of Adelaide’s leading gynaecologists. A well-known figure in the sporting world, he was surgeon to the SA Trotting Club for many years. As joint organiser each year of the Anzac trotting meeting, he was largely responsible for raising large sums of money for the Soldiers’ Distress Fund. After a brilliant academic career at this University, during which he topped every year of his course and obtained the Elder Prize, the Dr Davies-Thomas Scholarship (twice) and the Everard Scholarship, he served as a medical officer with the Australian Expeditionary Force to New Guinea during World War I.

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 P. W. Rice Scholarship and Awards’ (‘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 as per the following rules.

Rules

1. There shall be a scholarship called ‘The PW Rice Scholarship’ and awards called ‘The PW Rice Research Travel Awards’.

   1.1 Recipients must be female and must be Australian citizens/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.

   1.2 The scholarship and awards may be awarded annually or as often as the annual income distribution from the Endowment Fund allows.

   1.3 The scholarship and awards will be offered on the recommendation of the Head of the School of Humanities to a female postgraduate research student (Masters by Research or PhD) who is currently enrolled in a research degree at the University of Adelaide, having gained First Class Honours in Classics or Latin or Ancient Greek or Linguistics or French Studies or German Studies or Spanish Studies, or Medieval English language taught in the University and/or who has a demonstrated capacity for research work, to enable her to read for a degree or postgraduate diploma at an overseas university or other approved institutions in a field of study related to that of the candidate’s research degree.

   1.4 The School of Humanities, which includes the relevant disciplines as per clause (1.3) above, shall call for applicants for the scholarship during semester two in the year preceding the year for which the awards are to be made. A committee comprising the relevant postgraduate coordinator(s) from the School of Humanities and representatives of the relevant disciplines shall assess the applications, and the successful applicants shall be notified by the middle of December of the same year.

   1.5 No awards shall be made if, in the opinion of the Faculty of Arts, no candidate is of sufficient merit.

   1.6 The University may vary the rules from time to time in a manner consistent with the University’s legal obligations and policies.
2. **The P W Rice Scholarship**

2.1 Unless the Faculty of Arts decides otherwise the value of the scholarship shall be $20,000 per year. In addition to this amount, and as long as no other grant for travel purposes has been received by the candidate, the candidate is entitled to claim the costs associated with travel to and from the overseas institution.

2.2 One scholarship shall be offered annually and may be tenable for up to two years. No more than two scholarships can be running at any time.

2.3 One half of the annual value of each scholarship will be paid to the candidate before departing from Australia. Thereafter, for the period of tenure of the scholarship, payments will be made in half yearly instalments in advance. The Head of the School of Humanities will normally pay approved compulsory fees direct to the overseas institution, on receipt of an appropriate account.

2.4 Payment of the scholarship for the second year will be contingent upon receipt by the Head of the School of Humanities of a satisfactory report from the candidate’s supervisor, on the candidate’s work during the preceding year.

2.5 In addition to the value of the scholarship, and as long as no other grant for travel purposes has been received by the candidate, the candidate is entitled to claim the costs associated with travel to and from the overseas institution. The total annual payment available for the P W Rice Scholarship shall not exceed the annual distribution of interest available from the Endowment Fund.

2.6 Confirmation of the award of the PW Rice Scholarship will be dependent upon the candidate giving evidence that she has been accepted by the university or other institution concerned and that she is able to make suitable arrangements to proceed.

2.7 A candidate who obtains any other award (whether it be a scholarship, fellowship, salary, living allowance or other emolument) shall at once inform the Head of the School of Humanities. The candidate will normally be required to retain such other award and the Faculty, after considering all the circumstances, will decide what adjustment will be made in the annual value of the PW Rice Scholarship.

3. **The P W Rice Research Travel Awards**

3.1 Unless the Faculty decides otherwise, the amount available to fund the research travel awards shall be determined by the annual income distribution from the Endowment Fund, after expenses associated with the award of the PW Rice Scholarship have been expended, as outlined in clause 2.1 above.

3.2 The residual funds shall be used to pay for the travel expenses incurred by female postgraduate students (as defined by clause 1.3 above), or in exceptional circumstances, by female students enrolled in Honours programmes (in the disciplines indicated in clause 1.3 above), whose research projects would be enhanced by a short period of research at an overseas institution.

3.3 The Research Travel Awards are awarded to female students only and are divided into two categories:
i) The PW Rice Research Project Award.

One such award will be made annually. The award shall be made for a research project that involves a short stay overseas in order to assemble data and consult specialists in overseas academic institutions on a subject that forms part of the student's higher degree. The maximum amount that shall be awarded to the winner shall be $5,000.

ii) The PW Rice Overseas Travel Awards.

Up to 5 awards will be made annually. The award may be used for travel to international conferences. The maximum amount for these awards will be $2,500.

Rules approved by Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (Academic) 27 May 2016