UTR2.87 - THE CHARLES JOHN EVERARD SCHOLARSHIP

Background –

A. Ella Syme Everard (‘donor’) died on 25 January 1972 and under the terms of her will dated 10 January 1969 bequeathed the residue of her estate ($260,000 approx) to the University of Adelaide (‘bequest’) for the purpose of founding one or more scholarships in memory of her late husband Charles John Everard to be administered in the following manner:

‘UPON TRUST for the University of Adelaide which shall apply the same for the purpose of founding or establishing and maintaining out of the income thereof a scholarship or scholarships to perpetuate the memory of my late husband Charles John Everard and to be known as the Charles John Everard Scholarship or Scholarships (if more than one in any year to be described Number 1 and Number 2 or as the case may be) and to be awarded for original research in such branches of agricultural or horticultural sciences as may from time to time be determined by the Council or other governing body of the said University AND I DECLARE that the Council or other governing body of the said University shall have an absolute discretion to determine from time to time the person or persons (who shall be either a graduate or undergraduate of the University of Adelaide) to whom the said scholarship or scholarships are to be awarded the term for which such scholarship or scholarships are to be held the number of scholarships to be awarded in any particular year and generally all conditions to be applied to the holding of such scholarship or scholarships AND I FURTHER DECLARE that if in any year there shall be income in excess of that required to meet the expenses of such scholarship or scholarships the balance of such income or any part thereof may be applied to support the research work of the scholar or scholars for the time being holding such scholarships in the purchase of equipment for his her or their use or to support such work in any other manner that the Council or other governing body of the said University may think fit....’

B. At the time of his death in 1915, Charles John Everard was one of the foundation settlers at Renmark where he was developing an orchard and possibly a vineyard. He was married to Ella Syme Everard for two months prior to his death. Mrs Everard never re-married. Mrs Everard came from another prominent South Australian family, being the daughter of James George Russell, the Commissioner for Taxes in South Australia about the turn of the Century.

C. Dr Charles George Everard, Charles John Everard’s grandfather arrived at Glenelg with his family on the Africaine in 1836. When the original 437 town acres were allotted, Dr Everard’s blocks included the present site of the Adelaide Club and the (former) Bank of New South Wales in North Terrace; the present site of the Government Buildings at the north-eastern corner of Wakefield Street and Victoria Square; and sites in Wakefield and Angas Street near Pulteney Street.

D. Dr Everard became a Justice of the Peace and a member of the Central Road Board and under the new Constitution of 1857 he was elected a member of the first Legislative Council and was the only member to serve his full term of 12 years.
E. One of his sons, William Everard, became the Minister of Education and of Crown Lands and Public Works. He served on the University Council from its establishment in November 1874 until his death in 1889.

F. The purpose of the scholarships is to enable graduates to undertake original research in any branch of the agricultural or horticultural sciences.

G. 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 Charles John Everard Scholarships’ (‘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 Charles John Everard Scholarships are administered according to the following Rules:-

1. The Scholarship will be formally named ‘The Charles John Everard Scholarship’.

2. Recipients must be Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents of Australia and must remain enrolled on a full-time basis in the approved program for which the scholarship was approved.

3. The Scholarship will be awarded annually (if income permits – under no circumstances will the scholarship be funded from the capital of the endowment), to students commencing a full-time Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) research program at the University, and may be offered as either a Major or Supplementary Scholarship.

4. The annual value of the Scholarship will be:-
a. if offered as a Major Scholarship, 10% greater than the amount of a Research Training Program Stipend (RTPS);

b. if offered as a Supplementary award, as determined by the Graduate Scholarships Committee. To be eligible for The Charles John Everard Supplementary Scholarship the student must hold a Major Scholarship equivalent to an RTPS.

5. Students are eligible to hold additional funding from other sources, however the total value of the additional awards must not exceed 75% of the value of the major scholarship.

6. The Charles John Everard Scholarship will be awarded by the University on the basis of academic merit and research potential in the field of agricultural or horticultural sciences, as determined by the Graduate Scholarships Committee.

7. The offer of a C J Everard Scholarship will be made by the Adelaide Graduate Centre on the recommendation of the Graduate Scholarships Committee.

8. The duration of the Scholarship will be three years for research towards the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, subject to satisfactory progress as indicated by the student’s supervisor and Head of School, and may be extended up to an additional 6 months upon application on the prescribed form. Payment of the stipend to the successful applicant will be disbursed by the University on a fortnightly basis into a nominated Australian bank account.

9. Where more than one scholarship is offered in any year, the scholarships shall be known as The Charles John Everard No. 1 Scholarship, and The Charles John Everard No. 2 Scholarship, or as the case may be.

10. The successful applicant will be under no obligation whatsoever to render any service to the benefactor, or to the University of Adelaide as a result of receiving this Scholarship, except insofar that they are required to pursue their research as a full-time student. They will be supervised in the same manner and to the same extent as any other postgraduate student.

11. The University of Adelaide accepts no responsibility to support the recipient of the Scholarship in the event that the Scholarship ceases to be funded for any reason.

12. 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 Acting Vice Chancellor & President, 15 May 2017