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Background –

A. Oliver Rutherford Turner (‘donor’) died on 15 August 1971 and by his Will dated 19 September 1960 bequeathed one half of his residuary estate to the University of Adelaide (‘bequest’) to be administered in the following manner:

‘…..(b) As to the other of the said shares for THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE absolutely and it is my wish that the funds represented thereby shall be held by the University of Adelaide and the income applied thereof annually to assist two or more dental students to continue their studies as the Chancellor of the University may decide and that the said funds be known as the “Oliver Rutherford Turner Award”’

B. This is a scholarship to support a postgraduate student of outstanding merit to undertake further studies in dentistry at the University of Adelaide.

C. Two or more awards are available to assist students in the School of Dentistry to continue their studies.

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 Oliver Rutherford Turner Scholarship & 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 in the manner described in the following Rules.

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Rules

A. **The Oliver Rutherford Turner Scholarship**

1. The scholarship shall be known as ‘The Oliver Rutherford Turner Scholarship’.

2. The purpose of the scholarship shall be to support a postgraduate student of outstanding merit to undertake further studies in dentistry at the University of Adelaide.

3. Recipients must be Australian citizens or New Zealand 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.

4. One scholarship will be awarded annually to a full-time postgraduate student enrolled in one of the following degrees:-
   a. Master of Philosophy
   b. Doctor of Philosophy
   c. Doctor of Clinical Dentistry

5. The annual value of the Scholarship is $20,000, payable in two lump sums direct to the student of $10,000 in each Semester (usually April and October each year).

6. The scholarship will be for a maximum of one year subject to satisfactory progress, as indicated by the students’ supervisor and Head of School, and subject to the normal procedures of the University.

7. Applications should be received by 31 October each year for award in the following year.

8. Selection of the successful candidate will be made by the Head of the School of Dentistry and/or nominee (at his/her discretion) who shall nominate a candidate by 31 January of the year for which the award is to be made. Selection will be made according to academic merit, research potential and financial disadvantage as determined by the Head of School.

9. 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.

10. The scholarships shall be administered by the School of Dentistry of the University.

11. Students in receipt of other University of Adelaide Scholarships may not apply for this Scholarship.

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;

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

13. In the event that the Head of School and/or nominee is unable to identify a candidate of sufficient merit, the scholarship shall not be awarded.

14. The University may vary the rules from time to time in a manner consistent with the University’s legal obligations and policies.

B The Oliver Rutherford Turner Awards

1. Two or more awards shall be available each year called ‘The Oliver Rutherford Turner Awards’.

2. The purpose of the awards is to assist students in the School of Dentistry to continue their studies.

3. To be eligible for an award an applicant must have completed at least one full year’s work in the course for which he or she is enrolled in the School of Dentistry. Applicants may be undergraduate or postgraduate students.

4. The number and value of awards shall be determined each year by the Head of School and/or nominee with up to $5,000 available for award annually. The total value of the awards shall not exceed the balance available from the annual distribution of interest from the Endowment Fund after the awarding of the Oliver Rutherford Turner Scholarship.

5. Candidates for an award must be enrolled full-time for a degree in the School of Dentistry at the University of Adelaide.

6. Selection of the candidates for the award shall be made by the Head of the School of Dentistry and/or nominee (at his/her discretion) after taking into account academic merit and financial need.

7. Applications shall be received no later than 1 March in any year but applications may be made at other times.

8. The University may vary the rules from time to time in a manner consistent with the University’s legal obligations and policies.