UTR2.98 - THE MOUNTFORD AWARD

Background –

A. Charles P. Mountford, O.B.E., Dip.Anthropol. (Cambridge), Hon.D.Litt. (Melbourne), D.Litt. (Adelaide) gave to the University $8,000 in recognition of help given to him in his anthropological work by John and Hope Sloane of the U.S.A.

B. The fund was supplemented after his death by a remaining $3,000 which he had been given towards his work by Mr & Mrs Hope, and gifts amounting to $9,000 from his widow, Mrs C. P. Mountford.

C. This is a postgraduate award to promote studies in the anthropology of the Australian Aborigine, particularly those which involve work in the field.

D. The University accepted the donations upon the trusts specified by the donors and the donations 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 Mountford Award’ (‘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 trusts specified by the donors.

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 donors; and

   (b) to establish an award to promote studies in the anthropology of the Australian Aborigine, particularly those which involve work in the field.

Rules

1. The Award shall be called “The Mountford Award”

2. The purpose of the award shall be to promote studies in the anthropology of Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, particularly those which involve work in the field.

3. To be eligible to be considered for an award an applicant must:
(a) be a graduate of the University with a minimum of an Honours degree or be currently enrolled as a Postgraduate student in the Discipline of Anthropology and Development Studies; and
(b) satisfy the Department of Anthropology & Development Studies that any previous study in anthropology is sufficient for the work proposed.

4. Every application shall be in writing, shall be addressed to the Head of Department of Anthropology and Development Studies, and shall:
   (a) include a statement of how the applicant satisfies the provision of sub-clauses 2 & 3;
   (b) give details of the work, including work in the field, for the support of which an award is sought;
   (c) give details of what the outcomes of the award will be, including any publications; and
   (d) include details of the way in which the award, if made, would be used. A budget must be provided to support the application. The final amount awarded to successful applicants will be based on budget costings and demonstrated need outlined in the application.
   (d) If there are no suitable applications in a given calendar year the Department of Anthropology and Development Studies will not grant the award.

5. The award shall be made by the Faculty of Arts. Before making its recommendation the Faculty shall receive advice from the Head of the Department of Anthropology and Development Studies.

6. (a) The value of an award shall be determined by the Head of Department of Anthropology and Development Studies at the time that the award is made. Awards are to be determined by budget and available funding, and are likely to be in the order of $5000 to $8000.
   (b) The total number and value of the awards shall not exceed the annual income distribution available from the Endowment Fund.
   (b) One half of the value of an award shall be paid within a short time after the award has been made.
   (c) After the proposed study or research has been begun the holder of an award shall submit, to the Head of the Department of Anthropology and Development Studies, a progress report. The balance of the award shall be paid after receipt by the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Arts of a certificate from the Head that the work is proceeding satisfactorily and that, in the Head's opinion, payment of such balance should be made.
   (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of (b) and (c) above the whole of the value of an award may, if the Faculty so decide be paid to the award holder in one sum.

7. Any publication arising from work supported by the Mountford Award must include an acknowledgement statement to that effect.

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8. 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 (Research) 11 August 2016