UTR6.80 – THE SIR ARTHUR SIMS TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP

Recital-

A. Under the terms of a deed of settlement dated 16 July 1945 Sir Arthur Sims of London presented to the University the sum of £13,125 for the purpose of founding a travelling scholarship to Great Britain for a graduate of an Australian university.

B. The sum of £13,125 increased to $85,250 at 31 December 1994 and on 17 September 2001 had increased to $150,000 following an addition of $64,750 of accumulated income to the capital in 1997.

It is provided as follows-

1. The sum of $150,000 and any additions and accumulations to the sum forms a fund called the ‘Sir Arthur Sims Travelling Scholarship’ (‘the fund’) and the fund must be paid into an investment pool and remain there until the Council directs otherwise.

2. Any part of the revenue from the fund that may accrue owing to the increased earnings of the fund or the resignation of a scholar or the lack of a suitable candidate or otherwise must be added by the direction of the Council to the capital of the fund or applied to either or both of the following objects-

   (a) the award of an additional scholarship;

   (b) the extension of the tenure of an existing scholarship but not so that the tenure of a scholarship exceeds in all three years.

3. The annual value of the scholarship is the net income of the fund in the preceding year.

4. The scholarship is awarded for outstanding merit and promise in the subjects Ancient or Modern Languages, History, Philosophy, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Medicine, or any one of these subjects or in any other educational subject which the Selection Committee (‘the committee’) may from time to time select and for the purpose of giving the scholar an opportunity of further study or of carrying out research work at some institution in Great Britain approved by the committee.

5. The committee has the following members-

   (a) the vice-chancellor or nominee; and

   (b) five other members each of whom is a professor or senior member of one of the other Universities in Australia

6. The scholarship is open to graduates of any university in the Commonwealth of Australia who were born in any of the States or Territories of Australia or are the children of parents both of whom have been resident in Australia for a period of seven years or more such period of residence having commenced within a period of three years since the birth of the child.

7. The scholarship is awarded biennially by the Council on the recommendation of the committee-
Provided that-

(a) if in any year in which the scholarship is available for award the committee makes no recommendation for its award it must be available for award in the succeeding year and thereafter biennially subject to these provisos;

(b) in the event of an extension of the tenure of the scholarship under section 8 no further award of the scholarship is to be made until the expiration of the extended tenure;

(c) if the Council is of the opinion at any time that the net income of the fund is not sufficient to justify the award of the scholarship then the Council may postpone the award of the scholarship until it is expedient to make an award.

8. The tenure of the scholarship is two years, but the Council may in its discretion on the recommendation of the committee extend the tenure for a further year.

9. In any year in which the scholarship is offered the University must inform all other Australian Universities of the same together with the closing date for applications.

10. The committee must take into consideration the personal qualifications of the candidates as well as the academic record and the financial position of such persons and may require and act upon such evidence of the financial position as the committee thinks fit. The committee at its discretion may interview such of the candidates as in its opinion are prima facie worthy of the award but may not proceed to make a recommendation for the award of the scholarship until it has interviewed the person whom it intends to recommend.

11. The scholar is required to furnish at the end of each quarter’s tenure of the scholarship a certificate as to satisfactory progress signed by the head of the department in which the scholar is working and at the end of each year’s tenure of the scholarship a report upon his or her work as testified to by the head of the department.

12. The scholar must devote himself or herself wholly to the objects of the scholarship and is not permitted to hold any position of emolument except by permission of the committee.

13. The Council may on the recommendation of the committee terminate an existing scholarship at any time if it is satisfied that the scholar is not diligently pursuing his or her career or has failed otherwise to comply with the conditions following the award and upon the scholarship being so terminated the Council may direct the payment of a solatium if in all the circumstances it considers this desirable.

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