

# The P W Rice Scholarship Rules

## BACKGROUND

In 1961 Therese Marie Rice bequeathed (subject to the prior life interest of her mother who died in 1972), the whole of her residuary estate to the University of Adelaide to establish a scholarship to be known as "The P. W. Rice Scholarship" in memory of her late father, Dr Patrick William Rice.

The following rules now apply:-

## RULES OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

1. The Scholarship shall be called the 'PW Rice Scholarship'.
2. One or more Scholarships shall be awarded annually and the value of each shall be determined by the Head of School of Humanities however the total annual amount awarded shall not exceed approx \$70,000 or the annual income distribution available from the Endowment Fund.

## Eligibility

3. The purpose of the Scholarship is to support female students in the University of Adelaide who have successfully completed a Bachelor of Arts Honours degree in Classics, Latin, French Studies, German Studies or Spanish Studies, and who wish to:-
  - 3.1 undertake postgraduate studies at a university overseas such as the University of Oxford or Cambridge or some other approved overseas institution in a field of study related to their undergraduate degree; or
  - 3.2 undertake postgraduate study at the University of Adelaide and travel overseas to undertake a short course at an overseas university or some other approved overseas institution to be included as part of their postgraduate degree at the University of Adelaide; or
  - 3.3 undertake postgraduate study at the University of Adelaide and travel to an overseas university or some other approved overseas institution to undertake a short period of research including research fieldwork to enhance their research projects as part of their postgraduate degree at the University of Adelaide.
4. To be eligible for the Scholarship, a candidate must :
  - 4.1 be female and have successfully completed a Bachelor of Arts Honours degree in one of the following subjects:-
    - Classics
    - Latin
    - French Studies
    - German Studies
    - Spanish Studies.
  - 4.2 submit a completed application form along with details of their proposed study including a budget.
5. Applications must be received by 31 October of the year prior to which the Scholarship activity will occur. Funds are to be allocated and used in the same calendar year for the approved Scholarship activity. The Scholarship cannot be deferred. If a student declines the scholarship offer, the scholarship will be offered to the next eligible student. If a student becomes unwell and

unable to undertake their proposed study, deferral of the Scholarship may be considered by the Selection Panel on a case-by-case basis.

### Selection of Candidates

6. The School of Humanities, which includes the relevant disciplines as per clause (4) above, shall call for applications for the Scholarship during semester two in the year preceding the year for which the Scholarship is to be awarded.
7. A Selection Committee, comprising relevant academic staff from the School of Humanities and representatives of the relevant disciplines, shall assess the applications after the final year results are known, and make a recommendation to the Head of School of Humanities.
8. Selection of the successful candidate(s) will be made by the Head of the School of Humanities based on academic merit and research potential. Preference will be given to those female candidates who intend to undertake postgraduate studies at the University of Oxford or Cambridge or some other approved overseas institution in a field of study related to their undergraduate degree. The Committee shall also take into account the intended postgraduate study and the relevance to the candidate's current program of study.
9. No awards shall be made if, in the opinion of the Head of School, no candidate is of sufficient merit.
10. The Scholarships will be payable in instalments depending on the length of overseas study and subject to all the following conditions:
  - 10.1 **Confirmation of Enrolment Payment** - will be paid upon receipt of proof of enrolment/placement at the intended institution for an amount approved by the Scholarship selection panel.
  - 10.2 **Travel Payment** – Where the intended institution requires the recipient to travel, payment will be to the value of the travel arrangements made by the University on behalf of the recipient through the University's preferred travel management company. If the cost of the travel arrangements exceeds the amount that has been allocated to the recipient, the recipient will be required to cover the balance at their own expense
  - 10.3 **Balance Payment** – Any remaining balance of the scholarship fund will be paid upon receipt of confirmation of arrival and commencement at the host institution.
11. Confirmation of the award of the PW Rice Scholarship will be dependent upon the candidate giving evidence that she has been accepted by, and/or is enrolled at, the university or other institution concerned and evidence that she is able to make suitable arrangements to proceed. If such evidence is not provided at the time of application but a candidate has provided evidence of an offer or conditional offer to the university or other institution, the scholarship may still be awarded on a conditional basis. All scholarship payments will be withheld until the conditions have been satisfied unless the Head of School of Humanities approves otherwise (for example, to assist with a tuition fee deposit).
12. 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.

### Administration

13. The Scholarship shall be administered by the relevant faculty or other University department as directed by the relevant Executive Dean.
14. Any interest earned and distributed annually from the bequest funds is eligible for inclusion in the University's HERDC return to the Commonwealth (and hence for University Research Block Grant) *if the funds are expended on research and research support*. As a result, the general rule is that the whole of the expected annual distribution should be planned to be spent in the year in which it is distributed. This does not prevent an amount being planned for contingency for expenditure determined later in the year.
15. The Scholarship will be terminated where:
  - a student ceases to be enrolled in the approved program of study at the University or other approved institution or does not undertake the proposed travel as intended;
  - a student has provided false or misleading information with regard to their personal details;
  - a student is guilty of serious misconduct in terms of the University Policy Rules for Student Conduct in the University.
16. The University may vary the rules from time to time in a manner consistent with the University's legal obligations and [policies](#).

Approved by Deputy Vice-Chancellor & Vice-President (Research) 13 April 2022