

THE DR STRANKS TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIPS

Rules - for current postgraduate research students at the University of Adelaide

In 1987, an endowment was established by contributions from the State, the University, professional colleagues and friends for the purpose of providing a number of postgraduate travelling fellowships to commemorate the services rendered to the University by Professor D R Stranks AO, Foundation Chair of Inorganic Chemistry 1964-1973, Vice-Chancellor of the University 1977 to 1986.

The following Rules now apply:-

1. There shall be postgraduate travelling fellowships to be known as "The D R Stranks Travelling Fellowships".
2. The purpose of the fellowships is to provide assistance for travel to enable the University's postgraduate scholars to pursue some aspects of their research and investigations outside the State of South Australia.
3. The number of fellowships awarded annually and value of each shall be determined by the Graduate Scholarships Committee, but the total awarded shall not exceed the annual income distribution from the Endowment Fund.
4. At least one fellowship per year is to be awarded to a postgraduate student undertaking research in the area of science and technology.
5. The maximum value of any one fellowship shall be \$5,000.
6. Each applicant is required to submit an application in consultation with their Principal Supervisor, on the prescribed form by the closing date for travel in the subsequent twelve months. Retrospective applications will not be considered.
7. Please note that a fellowship will not normally be awarded:
 - a. Where the primary purpose of the travel is to attend a conference.
 - b. If the scholar has not completed the first year of postgraduate candidature at time of travel
 - c. For an international scholar to undertake research in their home country.
 - d. If the scholar is in the final year of their candidature.
8. The fellowships shall be awarded by the Dean of Graduate Studies on behalf of the Graduate Scholarships Committee.
9. In recommending award of the fellowships, consideration shall be given to a) academic merit as well as other factors, such as b) the essential nature of the travel to a scholar's research project and c) the likely benefit to be derived by the scholar and the University.
10. Payment shall be made in a lump sum one month prior to departure, as long as study leave has been approved. Payment will not be made until study leave has been approved.
11. All travel must meet the University Student Travel Risk Policy, and student travel must be booked through the University's official travel provider.
12. Should a recipient of a fellowship not proceed with their intended travel, the funds must be repaid to the University within three months of the cancelled travel notification being received by the Adelaide Graduate Research School.
13. The successful recipients shall provide a brief report and a financial acquittal on the approved template to the Adelaide Graduate Research School within one month of their return to South Australia.

14. The fellowship shall be administered by the Adelaide Graduate Research School of the University.
15. The University may vary the Rules from time to time in a manner consistent with the University's legal obligations and policies.

Further Information

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