

## THE FRANK PERRY TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP IN ENGINEERING Scholarship Rules

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### Background

The Frank Perry Travelling Scholarship in Engineering was established in 1974 as a result of a gift to the University from the Trustees of the Frank and Hilda Perry Trust. The Scholarships are available to postgraduate students of outstanding merit in the field of engineering.

Sir Frank Tennyson Perry (1887-1965) was a member of the Council of the University from 1949-1962.

This is an endowed Scholarship with the capital held in the University's Endowment Fund<sup>1</sup> and the income distribution each year used to fund the Scholarship.

### The following Rules now apply:-

1. The Scholarship shall be known as "The Frank Perry Travelling Scholarship in Engineering".
2. The purpose of the Scholarship is to support higher degree by research students (MPhil or PhD) currently enrolled in the second or third year (or part-time equivalent) in engineering to present at peer-reviewed conferences, interstate or overseas.
3. The amount of award to individual applicants and the number of Scholarships available may vary from year to year, depending on the available funds and the number of applications. The total amount available for award is estimated at \$45,000 per year but shall not exceed the annual income distribution available from the Endowment Fund.
4. The award of Scholarships will be made on a competitive basis.
5. The award is to cover conference registration, flights and accommodation.

Scholarship recipients with caring responsibilities may apply for support from the [ECMS Dependant Travel Fund](#).

### Eligibility

6. To be eligible to apply for the Scholarship, applicants must:
  - 6.1 be currently enrolled in:-
    - 6.1.1 the second year full-time of a MPhil (or part-time equivalent) in engineering; or
    - 6.1.2 the second or third year full-time of a PhD (or part-time equivalent) in engineering;and
  - 6.2 have successfully completed all candidature milestones, including confirmation of candidature (major review) and annual reviews; and
  - 6.3 not be listed as "completion at risk" by the Adelaide Graduate Centre; and
  - 6.4 be presenting at a peer-reviewed conference (preferably presenting a full paper). If a short paper or poster is proposed, the student must provide proof of significance of the conference; and

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<sup>1</sup> For further information on the University's Endowment Fund and the distribution of interest available please see the [Endowment Fund Investment Report](#)

- 6.5 not have been in previous receipt of any other travelling Scholarship administered by ECMS; and
- 6.6 have the support from the Principal Supervisor to participate in the conference (or Co-Supervisor if Principal Supervisor is unavailable).
7. Candidates whose candidature will expire before the completion of the planned travel are not eligible to apply.
8. Candidates are expected to remain research active in their final year of candidature. They should not have any overdue milestones or have an accumulated leave of absence of more than one month in the year in which the Scholarship is offered.

### **Application and Application Process**

9. Applicants must lodge a written application using the prescribed Application Form for which the Scholarship is sought.
10. Applicants are required to include in their applications:
  - Details of the conference, abstract submitted, and evidence of acceptance; and
  - Details of how the conference will benefit their HDR study and future career; and
  - Resume; and
  - Copies of publications arising from HDR study; and
  - Budget for the proposed travel.

### **Selection Process**

11. The Selection Panel will comprise:
  - ECMS Director of Graduate Studies (Chair); and
  - Postgraduate Coordinator(s) from relevant Schools as selected annually by the Chair.
12. Selection will be made on the basis of:
  - Academic performance (eg, study progress, and publications); and
  - Benefit to their HDR study and future career; and
  - Strong interest, and demonstrated ability and commitment to undertaking high level research in alignment with ECMS's research strategy.
13. Applicants may be required to attend an interview by the Selection Panel.
14. Approval of successful candidate(s) will be sought from the ECMS Deputy Dean Research on the recommendation of the Selection Panel.

### **Terms of Acceptance**

15. The Scholarship must be taken up in the year in which it is offered. Acceptance of the Scholarship offer cannot be deferred. If an applicant declines the Scholarship offer, the Scholarship will be offered to the next eligible applicant.
16. The Scholarship will be terminated where:
  - A candidate has provided false or misleading information with regard to their personal details; and/or
  - A candidate is guilty of serious misconduct in terms of the University Policy Rules for Student Conduct in the University.

### **Administration and Funding Arrangements**

17. The Scholarship shall be administered by the ECMS Research Development Team of the University.
18. The ECMS Travel Team will be responsible for organising conference registration, travel and accommodation arrangements, as approved by the ECMS Deputy Dean Research. All travel must meet the University Student Travel Risk Policy.
19. 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) 3 December 2019