



ROBERT FRANCIS THYER AWARD

Supplementary Scholarship in Geology or Geophysics

Background

In 2013, Mrs Flora Agnes Thyer established the Robert Francis Thyer Trust in memory of her late husband. The perpetual charitable trust is managed by Equity Trustees Limited and the net income from the trust will be distributed each year to the University of Adelaide to fund a postgraduate supplementary scholarship in the areas of geology and geophysics.

The Scholarship

1. The Scholarship will be formally named the 'Robert Francis Thyer Award'.

Eligibility

2. The Scholarship will be available to students commencing a full-time Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) at the University of Adelaide in the field of geology and geophysics in the Faculty of Sciences, Engineering and Technology. The Scholarship is intended to supplement the major scholarship held by the recipient, subject to the terms and conditions of the major scholarship.

Value

3. The value of the Scholarship shall be determined by the Graduate Scholarships Committee ("the Committee"), and is subject to the available income received from the trust each year. Up to \$6,000 per annum (tax free) will be available to support living expenses and research costs. Where income permits, more than one Scholarship may be awarded at the discretion of the Committee.

Duration

4. The duration of the scholarship will be up to a maximum of three and a half years for research towards the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. No extensions will be considered and no other allowances are payable.

Award and Selection of Candidates

5. The Scholarship will be offered as income permits.
6. The Scholarship will be administered by the Adelaide Graduate Research School.
7. A scholarship committee will be established by the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Sciences, Engineering and Technology at the University of Adelaide, consisting of between 3-5 academic and/or professional staff appointed by the Executive Dean ("Faculty Scholarship Committee").
8. Selection of the awardee will be made by the Faculty Scholarship Committee who shall take into consideration academic merit and financial need. Preference shall be given to students who are Australian citizens or who have Permanent Resident Status in Australia.
9. No award shall be made if it is deemed by the Faculty Scholarship Committee that there is no candidate of sufficient merit.



Administration of the Award

10. Tenure and annual extension of the Scholarship will be subject to satisfactory progress, as indicated by the students' supervisor and Head of School, subject to the normal procedures of the University.
11. Payment of the stipend to the successful applicant will be disbursed by the University on a fortnightly basis, in arrears.
12. No payments will commence until evidence of enrolment in the approved program at the University is provided by the successful recipient.
13. Any interest earned and distributed annually from the trust 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.
14. The University may vary the rules from time to time in a manner consistent with the University's legal obligations and policies.

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