Maria Vasas Scholarship in Equine Science

(Established in 2013 and maintained by philanthropic gifts from the Maria Vasas Foundation, to recognise the life and passions of Maria Vasas. The Scholarship was formalised by Senate in 2014.)

1 Purpose
The purpose of the scholarship is to support students enrolled in the Bachelor of Equine Science program.

2 Definitions
In these rules-
Associate Dean (Academic) means the Associate Dean (Academic), Faculty of Science
Satisfactory Academic Progress means meeting the requirements to remain enrolled under the University’s Academic Progression Procedure
Scholarship means the Maria Vasas Scholarship in Equine Science.

3 Award and value of scholarship
(1) The Senate may award one or more Scholarships in a year on the recommendation of the Associate Dean (Academic).
(2) The value of the Scholarship will be determined each year by the Associate Dean (Academic) in consultation with the selection committee established under subrule 5(1).

4 Eligibility for award
An applicant is eligible for the award of a Scholarship in a year if, in that year, the applicant:
(a) is a domestic student in accordance with The University’s Fee Policy;
(b) is enrolled, or intends to enrol, full-time in the Bachelor of Equine Science program;
(c) does not hold another scholarship that the Associate Dean (Academic) considers to be similar; and
(d) applies for the scholarship by the closing date for applications.

5 Selection of award
(1) For the selection process, the Associate Dean (Academic) must establish a selection committee, comprising:
(a) the Head, School of Agriculture and Food Science, or nominee, as chair of the committee;
(b) the Director of the Equine Science group, or nominee; and
(c) another member of the university’s academic staff who is currently teaching in a relevant program;
(2) The committee will rank the eligible applicants consecutively in order of merit, based on, for each applicant:
(a) financial circumstances as evidenced by supporting documentation
(b) academic achievement in their undergraduate program;
(c) an interest in equine science and experience working with horses;
(d) personal qualities, including leadership potential, community service and engagement; and
(e) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant’s future professional success.

6 Conditions for scholarship
(1) The scholarship is tenable for one year and is subject to the recipient:
(a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in the Bachelor of Equine Science; and
(b) maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress in each semester that the Scholarship is held.
(2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1), the recipient must show cause to the Associate Dean (Academic) why the scholarship should not be cancelled.