WSP Scholarship for Women in Engineering

(The scholarship was established in 2012 and is maintained by an annual gift from WSP previously known as WSP Parsons Brinckerhoff.)

1 Purpose
The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support female students who have been educationally disadvantaged as a result of their financial circumstances and/or geographic isolation to undertake their first year of the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) program.

2 Definitions
In these rules-
Approved Program means the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) or integrated Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) / Master of Engineering or dual program, that includes a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) component.
Associate Dean means the Associate Dean (Academic) Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology.
Scholarship means the WSP Scholarship for Women in Engineering.

3 Award and Value of Scholarship
(1) The Senate may award 1 Scholarship each year on the recommendation of the Associate Dean.
(2) The value of the Scholarship is $8,000 for one year.

4 Eligibility for award
An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship, if the applicant –
(a) submits an application to the Associate Dean, by the closing date for applications; and
(b) is a female student; and
(c) is a domestic student in accordance with The University’s Fee Policy; and
(d) is enrolled full-time in the first year in an Approved Program; and
(e) can provide documentary evidence of financial disadvantage and/or geographic isolation; and
(f) does not hold another scholarship that the Associate Dean considers to be similar.

5 Selection of award
(1) For the selection process, the Associate Dean must establish a selection committee, comprising-
(a) the Associate Dean, or nominee, as chair of the committee; and
(b) one representative of WSP; and
(c) at least one member of the university's academic staff who is currently teaching in engineering.
(2) The Scholarship is awarded to the applicant showing greatest merit as demonstrated by-
(a) educational disadvantage experienced as a result of their financial circumstances and/or geographic isolation; and
(b) an interest in the engineering profession; and
(c) personal qualities, including leadership potential, community service and engagement; and
(d) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant’s future success in the engineering profession.
(3) The selection committee may decide to interview short-listed applicants. Preference will be given to students who -
(a) have no previous immediate family history of tertiary studies; and/or
(b) demonstrate an active involvement in the community.

6 Conditions for Scholarship
(1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for 1 year, subject to the recipient –
(a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in the Approved Undergraduate Engineering Program; and
(b) maintaining a GPA of at least 4 in the first semester of study and passing all courses in which they are enrolled.
(2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1), the recipient must show cause to the Associate Dean, why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.