The Dr Gordon Colditz Memorial Scholarship

(Established in 2018 through an annual gift and pledge commitment from Dr Graham Colditz, this scholarship was created in memory of his father Dr Gordon Colditz.)

1 Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to support Faculty of Medicine students in financial need who are first in their immediate family to attend university and/or who are of Australian Indigenous or Torres Strait Islander descent and/or who are of Pacific Islander descent.

2 Definitions

In these rules –

**Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person** means a person of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent who identifies as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person and is accepted as such by the community in which he or she lives.

**Approved Program** means any coursework program offered by the Faculty of Medicine.

**Associate Dean** means the Associate Dean (Academic), Faculty of Medicine.

**Pacific Islander person** means a person of Melanesian, Micronesian or Polynesian descent.

**Scholarship** means the Dr Gordon Colditz Memorial Scholarship.

3 Award and value of scholarship

(1) Up to one Scholarship may be awarded each year on the recommendation of the Associate Dean.

(2) The minimum value of each Scholarship will be $1,000 but will be determined annually by the selection committee and limited to the annual income available from the endowment fund.

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 full-time domestic student in accordance with The University’s Fee Policy; and

(c) (i) is an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person; and/or

(ii) is a Pacific Islander person; and/or

(iii) is the first member of their immediate family to attend university; and

(d) can provide documentary evidence of financial need; and

(e) is enrolled in an Approved Program; and

(f) does not hold another similar scholarship in the year of award.

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) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Engagement) (or nominee); and

(c) at least two further members drawn from either professional or academic staff of the Faculty of Medicine.

(2) The Scholarship is awarded to the applicant showing greatest merit, as demonstrated by –

(a) evidence of financial need; and

(b) strength of the applicant’s personal statement outlining the benefit the Scholarship will have to their studies.

6 Conditions for scholarship

(1) The Scholarship will be paid in full after census date in the semester of award subject to the recipient –

(a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in an Approved Program; and

(b) not holding another scholarship that the Associate Dean considers to be similar in the year of award.

(2) If the recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1), the recipient must show cause to the Associate Dean why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.

7 Termination of scholarship

The University may terminate a Scholarship:

(a) if the recipient does not show cause to the reasonable satisfaction of the University as provided for in rule 6(2); or

(b) if the student commits serious misconduct.