



Endowed Dr J & Dr M Fulcher Scholarship in Law

(Established in 2015 and maintained by the income of an endowment fund supported by donations from Jonathan and Michele Fulcher)

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to provide support for academically qualified Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander law students who have experienced financial disadvantage, and in the absence of any qualified candidate, for other Australian law students who have experienced such disadvantage.

2. Definitions

In these rules –

Approved Program means the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) program or an associated dual degree program and any postgraduate coursework program administered by the School of Law.

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person means a person who can provide compelling evidence of their Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status. Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status under the common seal of a community organisation may be provided. Where exceptional circumstances apply, statutory declarations and other forms of documentation may be considered. Original or certified copies of supporting documentation must be provided.

Head means Academic Dean and Head, School of Law.

PVC(IE) means Pro Vice Chancellor (Indigenous Engagement)

Satisfactory Academic Progress means meeting the requirements to remain enrolled under the University's Academic Progression Procedure.

Scholarship means the Endowed Dr J & Dr M Fulcher Scholarship in Law.

3. Award and value of scholarship

- (1) One Scholarship may be awarded each year, on the recommendation of the Head.
- (2) The value of the Scholarship is to be determined annually by the selection committee, but will be limited by the annual income available from the endowment fund.
- (3) The value of the Scholarship will not be less than \$2,250.

4. Eligibility for award

An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship if the applicant –

- (1) submits an application to the Head by the closing date for applications;
- (2) is a domestic student in accordance with the University's Fee Policy;
- (3) is enrolled full-time in an Approved Program in the year the Scholarship is to be awarded;
- (4) can provide documentary evidence of financial disadvantage; and
- (5) does not hold another scholarship that the selection committee considers to be similar.

5. Selection of award

- (1) The scholarship will be awarded annually by the Head in consultation with a selection committee comprising -
 - (a) the Head, or nominee, as chair of the committee;
 - (b) a minimum of two academic staff members from the School of Law as nominated by the Head;
 - (c) Jonathan and Michele Fulcher, or nominee; and
 - (d) if there is an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicant, the PVC(IE), or nominee;with university staff comprising the majority.
- (2) The committee may decide to interview short-listed candidates.
- (3) The Scholarship must be awarded to an eligible Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicant but in the absence of such an applicant, may be awarded to another eligible candidate. It is noted that the School of Law will work with the Office of the PVC(IE) to seek applications from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants.
- (4) In making its recommendation the selection committee will take the following factors into account -
 - (a) academic achievements in previous studies;
 - (b) demonstrated financial disadvantage;
 - (c) personal qualities, including leadership potential; and
 - (d) any other evidence which may be deemed relevant.

6. Conditions for scholarship

- (1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for up to one year subject to the recipient:
 - (a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in an Approved Program; and

- (b) maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress.
- (2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1), the recipient must show cause to the Head why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.
- (3) Previous recipients may reapply in subsequent years.

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; or
- (c) if the student commits serious misconduct.