Kingshott Cassidy Poetry Scholarship Award

(The scholarship was established in 2010 and is maintained by a bequest from the estate of Dorothy Susan Cassidy who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1980 and a Master of Arts in 1986.)

1. **Purpose**
   The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and financially assist a current undergraduate student with a demonstrated interest in poetry who is deemed to be in financial need.

2. **Definitions**
   In these rules-
   - **Head** means the Head of School, School of Communication and Arts.
   - **Scholarship** means the Kingshott Cassidy Poetry Scholarship Award.

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 approximately equal to the annual income from the award fund.

4. **Eligibility for award**
   An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship, if the applicant -
   (a) submits an application to the Head, by the closing date for applications; and
   (b) is enrolled in an undergraduate program; and
   (c) has completed at least 2 units of poetry courses; and
   (d) can provide documentary evidence of financial need; and
   (e) has not previously received the Scholarship.

5. **Selection of award**
   (1) For the selection process, the Head must establish a selection committee, comprising-
   (a) the Head, or nominee, as chair of the committee; and
   (b) at least 1 member of the university's academic staff who is currently teaching or researching in the field of poetry.
   (2) The Scholarship is awarded to the applicant showing greatest merit as demonstrated by –
   (a) academic achievement in poetry courses undertaken by the applicant; and
   (b) strength of interest in poetry, demonstrated in a personal statement of 750-1000 words; and
   (c) 1 poem up to 50 lines maximum; and
   (d) financial need; and
   (e) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant's future success in the field of poetry.

6. **Conditions for scholarship**
   (1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for a maximum period of 1 year, subject to the recipient passing all courses undertaken in semester 1.
   (2) Where a recipient will program complete in semester 1 of the award, payment of the second instalment of the Scholarship will be made after confirmation of conferral, subject to the recipient meeting 6(1).
   (3) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1), the recipient must show cause to the Head why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.