ACISA Stress and Trauma Scholarship

(Established in 2008 and maintained by funds donated from the Australian Critical Incident Stress Association Inc (ACISA).)

1 Purpose
The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage students to undertake applied research in the area of stress and trauma in the community or workplace.

2 Definitions
In these rules-
Dean means the Medical Dean, Faculty of Medicine.
Scholarship means the ACISA Stress and Trauma Scholarship.

3 Value of scholarship
The value of the Scholarship is $2,000.

4 Award of scholarship
One or more Scholarships may be awarded each year on the recommendation of the Dean.

5 Eligibility for award
An applicant is eligible for the award of a Scholarship in a year, if the applicant -
(a) is enrolled in the Master of Mental Health program; and
(b) is enrolled in the course entitled Independent Mental Health Research Thesis 1 in semester 1; and
(c) intends to enrol in the course entitled Independent Mental Health Research Thesis 2 in either the following semester or the year immediately following; and
(d) is undertaking an Independent Mental Health Project in the broad research area of stress and trauma in the community or workplace; and
(e) submits an application for the Scholarship to the Dean by the closing date for applications.

6 Selection process
(1) For the selection process for a year, the Dean must establish a selection committee, comprising–
(a) the Dean, or nominee, as chair of the committee; and
(b) the Program Coordinator of the Graduate Mental Health Programs or nominee; and
(c) one representative of the ACISA.
(2) The applications are assessed by the selection committee, based on, for each applicant –
(a) the feasibility of the proposed project; and
(b) the contribution the learning is likely to make to the understanding of the impact of stress in the community or workplace; and
(c) other evidence that may be considered relevant by the selection committee.
(3) Applications must be submitted in the form of a quantitative, qualitative or literature based research proposal of not more than 2 A4 pages.

7 Conditions for scholarship
(1) The recipient of a Scholarship will be paid the Scholarship value in two instalments, at the following times –
(a) one instalment while enrolled in the course entitled Independent Mental Health Research Thesis 1; and
(b) one instalment while enrolled in the course entitled Independent Mental Health Research Thesis 2.
(2) The courses listed in paragraph 7(1) (a) and (b) do not need to be undertaken in consecutive semesters.
(3) Payment of the Scholarship is subject to the recipient satisfying the following requirements -
(a) continuing to be enrolled in the Master of Mental Health program; and
(b) continuing to undertake an Independent Mental Health Project in the broad research area of stress and trauma in the community or workplace.
(4) The recipient will be required to acknowledge the Scholarship in all publications and presentations of the research.