March, Kidd, Teo, Thomson, Walsh Dentistry Undergraduate Scholarship

(Established in 2020 by Dr Sandra March, Dr Bruce Kidd, Dr Hiow Hoong Teo, Associate Professor David Thomson, Dr Monica Thomson and Professor Laurence Walsh AO under the Create Change Scholarship Match Initiative. The Scholarship will be maintained by income generated from the endowment fund.)

1. Purpose
The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support financially disadvantaged students studying dentistry.

2. Definitions
In these rules-
Approved Program means an undergraduate program in the discipline of dentistry.
Head means the Head of School, School of Dentistry.
Satisfactory Academic Progress means meeting the requirements to remain enrolled under the University’s Academic Progression Procedure.
Scholarship means the March, Kidd, Teo, Thomson, Walsh Dentistry Undergraduate Scholarship.

3. Award and value of scholarship
(1) One Scholarship may be awarded per year on recommendation of the Head.
(2) The value of the Scholarship will be at least $4,500, but will be limited to the annual income from the fund.

4. Eligibility for award
An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship, if the applicant –
(a) can demonstrate financial need;
(b) submits an application to the Head, by the closing date for applications; and
(c) is enrolled in an Approved Program.
(d) does not hold another scholarship that the Head considers to be similar.

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 two academic staff from the School of Dentistry.
(2) The Scholarship is awarded on the basis of the following criteria –
(a) evidence of financial need;
(b) personal qualities, including leadership potential;
(c) strength of the applicant’s personal statement demonstrating how the Scholarship funds will assist completion of the student’s program; and
(d) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant’s future success in the dental profession.
(3) The selection committee may interview shortlisted applicants.

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 in an Approved Program;
(b) maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress in each semester that the Scholarship is held;
(c) not holding another scholarship that the Head considers to be similar.
(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) The Scholarship may only be interrupted in exceptional circumstances with the approval of the Head. The recipient must submit a written application to the Head outlining the circumstances leading to the request to defer or interrupt the Scholarship.

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);
(b) if the recipient defers or interrupts their study without approval; or
(c) if the student commits serious misconduct.