

# The Betty Fletcher Memorial Travelling Scholarship

(Established in 1992 as a memorial to Betty Fletcher, foundation Patron of the Friends of Antiquity and generous benefactor of the Department of Classics and Ancient History. Until 2019, the Scholarship was maintained by an annual gift from the Alumni Friends of The University of Queensland, made on behalf of Friends of Antiquity. Following a 2020 donation by Alumni Friends of The University of Queensland, in conjunction with and on behalf of Friends of Antiquity, the Scholarship is now maintained from the Betty Fletcher Memorial Travelling Scholarship Endowment Fund.)

## 1. Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to enable a meritorious student in Classics and Ancient History to travel for academic purposes in Greece, Italy, Asia Minor or any other place that was part of the civilisation of Rome or Ancient Greece, for a period of no less than 4 weeks.

#### 2. Definitions

In these rules -

**Associate Dean** means the Associate Dean (Academic) of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

**Head** means the Head, School of Historical and Philosophical Inquiry. **Scholarship** means the Betty Fletcher Memorial Travelling Scholarship

# 3. Value and Award of Scholarship

- (1) A number of scholarships may be awarded each year on the recommendation of the Head.
- (2) The value of each Scholarship will be at least \$5, 500.
- (3) The total combined value of the Scholarships will be the amount of the annual income from the fund.

## 4. Eligibility for Award

An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship, if the applicant -

- (a) is enrolled in an extended major, major or field of study administered by the School of Historical and Philosophical Inquiry;
- (b) does not hold another travel scholarship;
- (c) has not previously held the Scholarship;
- (d) submits an application for the Scholarship to the Head, by the closing date for applications; and
- (e) has identified a travel opportunity of not less than four weeks to commence in the next 12 months in Greece, Italy, Asia Minor, or any other place that was part of the civilisation of Rome or Ancient Greece.

### 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;
  - (b) the Major Convenor of Classics and Ancient History or nominee; and
  - (c) an additional academic staff member from the School of Historical and Philosophical Inquiry.
- (2) The Scholarships are awarded to the students showing the greatest merit based on
  - (a) academic capability and future academic potential;
  - (b) value of the proposed travel to the applicant's future success in the discipline; and
  - (c) strength of commitment to one or more of the disciplines of classics and ancient history as evidenced by personal statement included in the application.

#### 6. Conditions for Scholarship

- (1) The Scholarship will be paid upfront in one instalment.
- (2) Within 3 months of returning to Australia the recipient will be asked to present a report of approximately 2,000 words to the Head on the work done and benefits derived from the holding of



- the Scholarship. In addition, the Head may invite the scholar to give a lecture or seminar for members of Friends of Antiquity.
- (3) The recipient may apply to defer the Scholarship for a maximum period of 12 months, and only in exceptional circumstances as approved by the Associate Dean.