



Richard Cooper Scholarship

(Established in 2006 and maintained by the Richard Cooper Scholarship Endowment.)

1 Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to provide financial assistance for living expenses for one year to students enrolled in an Approved Program.

2 Definitions

In these rules

Approved Program means the Master of Laws (LLM), or a Higher Degree by Research (HDR)

Head means Head, School of Law

Relevant Field means maritime law, administrative law, trade practices, or native title

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

Scholarship means the Richard Cooper Scholarship

3 Award and value of scholarship

(1) The Head may award one or more scholarships each year.

(2) The value of the scholarships will be determined annually by the Head but will not exceed the amount available for distribution from the endowment fund.

4 Eligibility for award

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

(a) submits an application for the Scholarship to the Head, by the closing date for applications;

(b) is a domestic student in accordance with the University's Fee Policy; and

(c) is or will be in the year of award enrolled in –

i) the LLM; or

(ii) a HDR in a Relevant Field.

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) one member of the legal profession; and

(c) at least one person from either the School of Law or the legal profession

with University staff in the majority.

(2) The Scholarship is awarded to the applicant showing greatest merit based on –

(a) academic achievement;

(b) demonstrated financial need; and

(c) strength of interest in the study of law as evidenced by personal statement included in application.

6 Payment of award

(1) The Head may approve payment of the Scholarship in either one or two instalments.

7 Conditions for scholarship

(1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for up to 1 year, subject to the recipient –

(a) continuing to be enrolled in the Approved Program; and

(b) where the Approved Program is the Master of Laws (LLM), maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress in each semester that the Scholarship is held.

(2) If the recipient fails to satisfy rule 7(1), the recipient must show cause to the Head why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.

(3) A recipient may apply to the Head to have their Scholarship deferred for up to 1 year in exceptional circumstances only.

8 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 7(2);

(b) if the recipient defers their study without approval; or

(c) if the student commits misconduct.