R J ‘Gus’ Wiles Chemical Engineering Scholarship for Overseas Study

(The scholarship was established in 2011 and is maintained by the income from the Robert ‘Gus’ Wiles Scholarship Endowment Fund.)

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support meritorious students studying in a Relevant Field of chemical engineering, who will undertake an approved overseas exchange in year 3 and/or 4 of an Approved Program.

2. Definitions

In these rules-

Approved Program means the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) program, or Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)/Master of Engineering program, or an engineering dual program.

Associate Dean means the Associate Dean (Academic), Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology.

Head means the Head of School, School of Chemical Engineering.

Relevant Field means any associated with the chemical engineering discipline.

Scholarship means the R J ‘Gus’ Wiles Chemical Engineering Scholarship for Overseas Study.

3. Value and award of scholarship

(1) The value of each Scholarship will be determined each semester by the Head and will be at least $5,000 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) submits an application to the Head, by the closing date for applications;
(b) is a domestic student in accordance with the University’s Student Fees Policy;
(c) has completed at least 16 units of an Approved Program in a Relevant Field;
(d) has approval from the University to undertake an overseas exchange semester of study;
(e) achieved a cumulative GPA of at least 5.5 for courses undertaken in an Approved Program; and
(f) can demonstrate financial need.

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 one member of the University's academic staff who is currently teaching in a Relevant Field.

(2) The Scholarship is awarded to the applicant showing greatest merit as demonstrated by-

(a) academic achievement in courses undertaken in an Approved Program;
(b) strength of the proposed overseas study program;
(c) personal qualities, including leadership potential;
(d) financial need; and
(e) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant’s future success in the chemical engineering profession.

(3) In making its recommendation, the selection committee will take gender diversity into account.

6. Conditions for scholarship

(1) The recipient(s) may hold the scholarship for a semester, subject to the recipient commencing an approved full-time overseas study program.

(2) Payment will be made in two equal instalments.

(a) the first payment will be made when the recipient has provided evidence of airline receipt and is enrolled in exchange codes in SI-net.
(b) the second payment will be made after census date in the semester that the student is undertaking their approved overseas exchange.

(3) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1) the student must show cause to the Associate Dean why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.

(4) Upon the recipient’s return from the overseas exchange, the student must submit to the Head a report of no more than 1,000 words on their study experience. The report may be reproduced in a school or faculty publications.

7. Termination of scholarship

The University may terminate a Scholarship:

(a) if the recipient does not comply with the Scholarship conditions in rule 6(1); or
(b) if the recipient does not show cause to the reasonable satisfaction of the University as provided for in rule 6(3); or
(c) once maximum duration of the Scholarship has lapsed; or
(d) if the student commits misconduct.