



Akers Family History Travel Grant

(Established in 2022 by David Akers, a UQ Alumnus with a love of history and travel. David undertook a BA (Hons) from 1981 - 1984 with majors in History, English and Economics. His love of history stems, in part, from the impact the death of his uncle, Clark Davis Irwin in WWII, made on the family)

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Grant is to recognise a meritorious student studying History and enable them to travel with a preference given for fieldwork, research projects and experiences that endeavour to understand Australia's place and position in the Asia Pacific Region and students with financial hardship.

2. Definitions

In these rules-

Approved Program means any undergraduate program administered by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, or a dual program that includes any undergraduate program administered by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and any subsequent related honours program in a Relevant Field, at The University of Queensland.

Grant means the Akers History Travel Grant.

Head means the Head, School of Historical and Philosophical Inquiry.

Relevant Field means a major, extended major or field of study in History or Ancient History/History.

3. Award and value of the Grant

- (1) One Grant may be awarded each year on recommendation of the Head.
- (2) The value of the Grant will be at least \$1,500.

4. Eligibility for award

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

- (a) submits an application for the Grant to the Head by the closing date;
- (b) is enrolled in an Approved Program in the Relevant Field;
- (c) does not hold another travel grant or scholarship;
- (d) has not previously held the Grant; and
- (e) has identified a travel opportunity of not less than four weeks to commence within the next 12 months which will enhance their studies of History.

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) at least two academic representatives from the School of Historical and Philosophical Inquiry.
- (2) The Grant will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria -
 - (a) value of the proposed travel to the applicant's future success in the discipline;
 - (b) academic capability and future academic potential;
 - (c) demonstrated commitment to history, either through extracurricular or academic work;
 - (d) the contribution the funding is likely to make to the success of the travel opportunity; and
 - (e) any other evidence which may be deemed relevant to the applicant's future success in their field of study.
- (3) Where all other considerations are equal, preference will be given to applicants who:
 - (a) are undertaking travel opportunities which include fieldwork, research projects and experiences that endeavour to understand Australia's place and position in the Asia Pacific Region; and
 - (b) can demonstrate and provide documentary evidence of financial hardship.

6. Conditions for the Grant

- (1) The Grant 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 1,000 words to the Head on the work done and benefits derived from the holding of the Grant.