



# Michael French Memorial Scholarship

(Established in 2024 and maintained by an annual gift from Norton Rose Fulbright Australian Services Pty Ltd.)

## 1. Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to support students who are studying the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and are experiencing financial hardship.

## 2. Definitions

In these rules –

**Annual Program GPA** means the result of applying the following formula to all courses undertaken in a calendar year by a student for credit towards an Approved Program –

$$\frac{\Sigma(GP)}{\Sigma(P)}$$

where G = the result in a course; and

P = the unit value of that course.

If a student is enrolled in a course but gets no result, G=0.

**Approved Program** means the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) or a dual degree program with the Bachelor of Laws (Honours).

**Dean** means the Dean of the TC Beirne School of Law.

**Minimum Completion Time** means the minimum period it would take to complete the Approved Program based on enrolment in 8 units per semester in semester 1 and semester 2 each year or 16 units per calendar year.

Students awarded the Scholarship partway through a program will hold the Scholarship for the minimum duration for completion of their current program, less the time already enrolled.

**Scholarship** means the Michael French Memorial Scholarship.

## 3. Award and Selection Committee

- (1) Up to one Scholarship may be awarded each year as it becomes vacant.
- (2) The value of the Scholarship is \$5,000 for each year that it is held.
- (3) The maximum duration of each Scholarship is the Minimum Completion Time.
- (4) The Scholarship will be awarded on recommendation from the Dean after consultation with a selection committee, comprising –
  - (a) the Dean (or nominee); and
  - (b) at least two academic staff members from the School of Law.
- (5) The Scholarship may be awarded to another person in a later year, only if the earlier recipient no longer holds the Scholarship. In this instance, the duration of the Scholarship will be determined by the Dean.

## 4. Eligibility and Award Criteria

- (1) An applicant is eligible for a Scholarship, if the applicant –
  - (a) submits an application to the Dean, by the closing date for applications;
  - (b) is a domestic student in accordance with the University's Fee Policy in the year of the award;
  - (c) is or will be enrolled full-time in an Approved Program in the year of the award;
  - (d) does not hold another scholarship that the Dean considers to be similar in the year of the award; and
  - (e) can demonstrate financial hardship by providing documentary evidence.
- (2) The Scholarship is awarded to the student who best demonstrates the eligibility and award criteria of –
  - (a) evidence of financial hardship;
  - (b) strength of personal and leadership qualities as evidenced by application; and
  - (c) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant's future success in their studies.
- (3) Preference will be given to applicants who are in their first semester of study in an Approved Program.

## 5. Conditions for Award

- (1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for the Minimum Completion Time, subject to the recipient –
  - (a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in an Approved Program;
  - (b) achieving an Annual Program GPA of at least 4; and
  - (c) not holding another scholarship that the Dean considers to be similar.
- (2) If the recipient fails to satisfy rule 5(1), the recipient must show cause to the Dean why the Scholarship should not be terminated.

## 6. Deferral and Interruption of Award

The Scholarship cannot be deferred or interrupted.



## 7. Termination of Award

The University may terminate a Scholarship if the recipient –

- (a) does not show cause to the satisfaction of the University as provided for in rule 5(2); or
- (b) defers or interrupts their study; or
- (c) commits misconduct.