Ailsa Munro Physiotherapy Student Scholarship

(The scholarship was established in 2011 and is maintained by the income of a bequest from Ailsa Munro, a greatly respected, retired physiotherapist, who graduated with the first cohort of students from the physiotherapy program at The University of Queensland in 1941.)

1 Purpose
The purpose of the scholarship is to memorialise Ailsa Munro, respected physiotherapist, by encouraging and supporting physiotherapy students who can demonstrate financial need. Students from a rural area of Australia are encouraged to apply.

2 Definitions
In these Rules –
*Head* means the Head of School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.
*School* means the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.
*relevant program* means any of the following –
(a) Bachelor of Physiotherapy;
(b) Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours);
(c) Master of Physiotherapy Studies.
*Satisfactory academic progress* means for all recipients, passing all assessment, in the year of the award.
*rural area* means any rural, regional or isolated community, town or city in Australia that is not a capital city.
*scholarship* means the Ailsa Munro Physiotherapy Student Scholarship.

3 Award and value of scholarship
(1) The Senate may award up to 4 scholarships each year on the recommendation of the Head.
(2) The value of the scholarship is $6000 for one year.

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; and
(b) is a domestic student within the meaning of the Fee Rules; and
(c) is enrolled in a relevant program; and
(d) has completed at least either the –
   (i) first 2 years of the Bachelor of Physiotherapy program; or
   (ii) first year of the Master of Physiotherapy Studies program; and
(e) can provide documentary evidence of 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) one academic staff member who is teaching in the discipline of physiotherapy; and
   (c) Associate Professor Yvonne Burns, or nominee.
(2) The scholarship is awarded to the applicant showing greatest merit, as demonstrated by-
   (a) evidence of financial need; and
   (b) academic achievement in courses undertaken in a relevant program; and
   (c) strength of interest shown in physiotherapy; and
   (d) personal qualities; and
   (e) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant’s future success in the profession of physiotherapy.
(3) The selection committee may decide to interview short-listed applicants.
(4) In a year where there are eligible applicants from a rural area, preference for each scholarship awarded in a year will be given to the applicant from a rural area showing greatest merit.

6 Conditions for Scholarship

(1) The recipient may hold the scholarship for 1 year, subject to the recipient -
   (a) achieving satisfactory academic progress; and
   (b) continuing to be enrolled full-time in a relevant program.

(2) If the recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1), the recipient must show cause to the Head, why the scholarship should not be cancelled.

(3) The scholarship may be deferred only with approval of the Head.