1. **Definitions**
   In these rules -
   - *north Queensland* means -
     (a) the city of Townsville, Queensland; or
     (b) any town or city that lies north of Townsville and is within the state of Queensland.
   - *preferred region* means the districts of Charters Towers, Hughenden and Cloncurry.
   - *scholarship* means the R D Arida Scholarship.

2. **Purpose**
   The purpose of the scholarship is to support students from north Queensland who have no previous study at tertiary level and who can demonstrate that they are in financial need, for their first year of study at the university.

3. **Value of scholarship**
   The value of the scholarship for a year is approximately equal to the annual income from the scholarship fund.

   *Note* See Senate Rule - Financial Awards, rule ii.

4. **Award of scholarship**
   The Senate will determine the number of scholarships to be awarded in a year, on the recommendation of the Academic Registrar.

5. **Eligibility for award**
   An applicant is eligible for the award of a scholarship in a year, if the applicant -
   (a) submits an application for the scholarship to the Academic Registrar, by the closing date for applications; and
   (b) has undertaken no previous study at tertiary level, excluding a course undertaken through a university while attending senior secondary school; and
   (c) can demonstrate that their home residence is in north Queensland; and
   (d) can provide documentary evidence of financial need.

6. **Selection process**
   (1) The Academic Registrar must rank the eligible applicants consecutively in order of merit, based on, for each applicant -
     (a) financial need; and
     (b) the standard of the applicant's academic achievement in secondary school; and
     (c) any other matter that the Academic Registrar considers to be relevant to the applicant's future professional success.
   (2) If there is at least 1 eligible applicant from one of the preferred regions, the Academic Registrar must recommend that the scholarship be awarded to the applicant with the highest ranking.

7. **Conditions for scholarship**
   (1) The recipient may hold the scholarship for 1 year, subject to the recipient -
     (a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate program; and
     (b) achieving a GPA of at least 4 in semester 1 in the year in which the scholarship is held.
   (2) A recipient who fails to satisfy subrule (1) must show cause why the scholarship should not be cancelled, by the date by which the Academic Registrar requests the recipient to do so.