THE 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 a meritorious student studying in a relevant field of chemical engineering, who will undertake an approved overseas exchange in year 3 and/or 4 of an approved undergraduate engineering program.

2. Definitions
In these rules-
Approved undergraduate Engineering program includes the Bachelor of Engineering or Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) program or integrated Bachelor of Engineering / Master of Engineering or Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) / Master of Engineering or a dual program that includes the Bachelor of Engineering or Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) program.
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 the scholarship is $5,000.
(2) Senate may award up to two scholarships each year on the recommendation of the Head.

4. Eligibility for award
An applicant is eligible for the scholarship, if –
(a) submits an application to the Head, by the closing date for applications; and
(b) is a domestic student in accordance with The University’s Fee Policy; and
(c) has completed at least 16 units of an approved undergraduate Engineering program in a relevant field; and
(d) has approval from the university to undertake an overseas exchange for 1 or 2 semesters of study; and
(e) achieved a cumulative GPA of at least 5.5 for courses undertaken in an approved undergraduate Engineering program; and
(f) can demonstrate financial need.

5. Selection of award
(1) For the selection process, the Associate Dean 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 undergraduate Engineering program; and
(b) strength of the proposed overseas study program; and
(c) personal qualities, including leadership potential; and
(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 a year when 2 scholarships are offered, preference for 1 scholarship will be given to an eligible female applicant.

6. Conditions for scholarship
(1) The recipient(s) may hold the scholarship for a year, subject to the recipient:
(a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in an approved undergraduate Engineering program in a relevant field; and
(b) commencement of an approved overseas study program.

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

(3) Upon the student'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 school or faculty publications.