

## THE SIR RONALD FISHER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

### [Proposed Rules]

#### Background –

In 1965 a fund was established by the University of Adelaide from contributions amounting to £1,300 made by the professional colleagues and friends of the late Sir Ronald A. Fisher ScD, FRS, for the purpose of endowing two scholarships in his memory.

Ronald A Fisher's contributions to statistical theory and methods, experimental design, scientific inference, evolutionary biology and genetics have had far-reaching consequences in many branches of human thought and endeavour. It has also been said that modern genetics could not have developed without his contributions.

These are endowed scholarships with the capital held in the University's Endowment Fund<sup>1</sup> and the income distribution each year used to fund the scholarships.

#### Rules –

The following Rules now apply:-

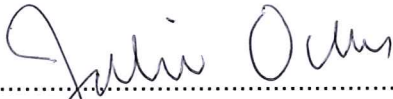
1. Two scholarships tenable in the University of Adelaide, to be known as 'The Sir Ronald Fisher Memorial Scholarships', shall be offered for award annually.
2. The value of each scholarship shall be \$5,000 payable in one instalment direct to the student following confirmation of enrolment in the approved program for which the scholarships were approved.
3. One scholarship shall be awarded to the highest ranked Genetics student proceeding to a postgraduate degree in Genetics at the University of Adelaide.
4. The other scholarship shall be awarded to the student placed highest in order of merit amongst those candidates who have completed a major in Statistics, with a standard of distinction overall in the subjects included in the major and who proceeds to a Master of Philosophy degree in Statistics.
5. The scholarship must be taken up in the year in which it is offered; acceptance of the scholarship cannot be deferred. If a student declines the scholarship offer, the scholarship will be offered to the next eligible student.
6. The scholarships shall be administered by the School of Biological Sciences (Genetics) and School of Mathematical Sciences (Statistics) respectively.
7. Where two or more candidates are of equal merit in any year, the Scholarship may be divided equally among them.

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<sup>1</sup> For further information on the University's Endowment Fund and the distribution of interest available please see the [Endowment Fund Investment Report](#)

8. The scholarship may be terminated where:-
- a student ceases to be enrolled in the approved program of study at the University;
  - a student has provided false or misleading information with regard to their personal details;
  - a student is guilty of serious misconduct in terms of the University Policy Rules for Student Conduct in the University.
9. The University may vary the rules from time to time in a manner consistent with the University's legal obligations and policies.

Approved:

  
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