Conditions of The M. K. Tandon Medical Research Scholarship

The M. K. Tandon Medical Research Scholarship (Scholarship) is established to support medical research in the School of Medicine, Fremantle at The University of Notre Dame Australia.

The Scholarship is governed by the following conditions:

1. NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP
The M. K. Tandon Medical Research Scholarship.

2. PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP
The Scholarship provides support for research training and/or training leading to research that targets issues of particular relevance to Aboriginal Health and/or respiratory disorders.

3. VALUE AND NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS
One or more Scholarships will be awarded each year, each with a total value equivalent to the annual stipend payable for an Australian Postgraduate Award as calculated in accordance with the Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines (Research) 2010. Where students are enrolled part time, the value of the award will be half that of the standard full-time Australian Postgraduate Award rate. Candidates in concurrent receipt of another scholarship are eligible for The M. K. Tandon Medical Research Scholarship but the selection committee reserves the right to award it to a value less than total amount as set out above.

4. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
To be eligible for consideration, applicants must:
   i) Be undertaking a research degree in the School of Medicine, Fremantle, including but not limited to a Masters by Research or Doctor of Philosophy degree;
   ii) Be conducting research or training for research in one of the areas listed below, in order of preference:
       a) Research in the area of respiratory disorders in Aboriginal Australians; or
       b) Research in chronic disease relating to Aboriginal health (including cardiovascular disorders, renal disorders or diabetes); or
       c) Research in areas relating to the health and wellbeing of the Aboriginal community; or
       d) Research in areas relating to the health and wellbeing of people living in rural or remote locations.

5. APPLICATION PROCEDURE
   i) The Scholarship will be advertised annually in the year preceding the year in which the Scholarship is awarded.
   ii) Applications must be submitted to the Senior Administrative Officer of the School of Medicine, Fremantle by the advertised closing date.
   iii) Applications must include all supporting documentation required.

6. BODY RESPONSIBLE FOR SELECTION
The body responsible for the selection of the successful applicant shall be the “Research Degrees and Scholarships Committee”, a sub-committee of the “Research Committee”
7. SELECTION CRITERIA
A recommendation as to the recipient/s of the Scholarship will be made by the Research Degrees and Scholarships Committee on the basis of an objective assessment of applicants, having regard to any matters it considers relevant, including but not limited to:

i) Knowledge and skills demonstrated through the originality and excellence of the proposed research;

ii) Feasibility and relevance of the proposed research project;

iii) The alignment of the research with the goals and Object of the University;

iv) Academic merit of the applicant; and

v) Documented written statement of support from the Dean of the School of Medicine.

8. SELECTION PROCESS
i) All eligible applications will be reviewed by the Research Degrees and Scholarships Committee outlined in Clause 6 and assessed in accordance with the Selection Criteria in Clause 7.

ii) In selecting a recipient, the Research Degrees and Scholarships Committee must consult with, or co-opt a member with Aboriginal health research expertise.

iii) The Research Degrees and Scholarships Committee may interview a shortlist of applicants if required but is not obliged to do so.

iv) Selection of the recipient/s will be made by the Research Degrees and Scholarships Committee.

v) If in a particular year there are no candidates for the scholarship, or if there are no candidates of sufficient merit, the scholarship will not be awarded in that year.

9. AWARDING BODY
The Scholarship will be awarded by the Pro Vice Chancellor for Research on the recommendation of the Research degrees and Scholarships Committee.

10. METHOD OF PAYMENT
i) Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the student in the form of a fortnightly stipend.

ii) Recipients are required to complete a Gift Expenditure Form for payment of funds.

11. DURATION OF AWARD
i) To retain this award, recipients are required to:
   a) Continue to satisfy the eligibility requirements set out in Clause 4;
   b) Comply with their reporting obligations as set out in Clause 12;
   c) Continue to make ‘satisfactory progress’ on their degree as per supervisor progress reports required by the Research Office.
   d) Comply with the Objects of the University and with any applicable regulations policies and procedures; and
   e) Not be found to have committed misconduct.

ii) In the event that a recipient fails to satisfy the conditions set out in Clause 11(i), the University retains the right to revoke the award in which case no funds will be paid to the recipient after the date on which they ceased to satisfy such conditions.

iii) The duration of the award shall be two years for full-time Masters by research applicants and three years for full-time Ph.D. candidates. Where students are enrolled part-time, the duration of the award shall be twice that for full-time students.

iv) When funds to the total value of the Dr Michael Tandon Research Scholarship are awarded for the duration of more than one year as provided for in clause iii above, no further awards will be granted until the expiry of the initial award as set out in clauses i, ii, and iii of this section.
12. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
i) The successful applicant will be required to write a report of approximately 2500 words, outlining the research project. This report is to be submitted within one week of completion of the research project. A one page summary outlining the potential benefits of the research activities to the community should be included within this report.

ii) This report may be used for media and public relations purposes and must be in language that the general public can understand.

iii) Reports should be submitted to the Senior Administrative Officer in the School of Medicine, Fremantle.

iv) Successful applicants receiving the award across multiple years (e.g. Masters or Ph.D. awardees) will be required to submit annual progress reports as mandated by the Research Office.

13. ADMINISTERING BODY
The Scholarship will be administered by the Research Office, Fremantle and the Office of University Relations.

14. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS
Any regulations regarding the awarding of this Award must comply with these Terms and Conditions.

15. PUBLICATIONS
Any thesis, dissertation or other publications resulting from research undertaken by the recipient while in receipt of the Award must acknowledge the assistance of the Award and carry the University by-line.

16. PRIVACY
The University is committed to the principles contained in the Privacy Act 1988 (Commonwealth) and the Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Act 2000 (Commonwealth) and will not disclose any personal information (as defined in the Privacy Act) relating to this award to any third party without the written consent of the applicant.

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| Responsible Executive: | Dean, School of Medicine, Fremantle |
| Responsible Office: | Campus Manager, Office of University Relations |
| Contact Officer: | Senior Development Officer |
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