

THE FRED JOHNS SCHOLARSHIP FOR BIOGRAPHY

Rules

In 1932, Fred Johns, whose 1906 publication 'John's Notable Australians' was the precursor of 'Who's Who in Australia', bequeathed £1,500 to the University to establish a scholarship to be called "The Fred Johns Scholarship for Biography" to encourage the writing of biographies on eminent Australians.

The Fred Johns Scholarship for Biography is administered according to the following Rules:-

1. Scholarships to the total value of \$14,000 shall be offered annually to staff and students of the Faculty of Arts, and are called 'The Fred Johns Scholarships for Biography'.
2. Scholarship holders shall be required to write a biography of publishable standard and length on a deceased eminent Australian (not necessarily Australian born).
3. The Faculty, through its Research Committee, shall call for expressions of interest for the scholarships each year from amongst its postgraduate students and academic staff.
4. Expressions of interest must include the proposed subject of the biography.
5. The Faculty's Research Committee will then review the expressions of interest and call for applications based on one, some or all of the subject(s) nominated by those expressions of interest.
6. Applications must include a brief summary of the project, a proposed budget, details of research methodology, a list of relevant scholarly material in existence on the subject of the biography and a relevant CV.
7. The Faculty's Research Committee shall award the scholarships at its discretion. In selecting the successful applicant the Committee will consider the detail and clarity of the intended methodology and publication plans as well as the applicant's CV.
8. The number of scholarships awarded and value of each scholarship shall be at the discretion of the Research Committee but the total value awarded shall not exceed the annual income distribution available from the Endowment Fund.
9. The scholarship winner(s) shall be awarded 50% of the value of the scholarship at the time of the awards being made and on application to the Research Committee the balance shall be paid on receipt of evidence that satisfactory progress has been made with the project.
10. The writers shall lodge the completed biography with the Faculty within 2 years of the scholarship being awarded or within such further period as the Research Committee upon application may deem expedient. Each biography must include a synopsis and a full bibliography. If the work is adjudged to be of sufficient merit, publication of the work shall be encouraged. Financial assistance may be provided to achieve this, subject to availability of funds. If the work is subsequently published, clear acknowledgement of the Faculty and of the scholarship shall be made in the publication.

11. Should there be no applications of sufficient merit, then the Scholarship shall not be awarded that year and the funds may be used in a subsequent year, or added to the capital sum in the Endowment Fund, at the discretion of the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Arts.
12. The University may vary the rules from time to time in a manner consistent with the University's legal obligations and policies.

Approved by Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor & Vice President (Research) 30 October 2018