

## THE CHARLES AND FRANK FENNER POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH GRANTS Rules

### Background

The Charles and Frank Fenner Postgraduate Research Grants were established in 2009 at the University of Adelaide, as the result of a generous gift from Emeritus Professor Frank Fenner CMG MBE AC who graduated in medicine at the University of Adelaide in 1938. Following his death in November 2010, Professor Fenner ensured the fund became perpetual through a bequest left for the continuation of these Grants.

### Rules

1. The Grants will be formally named 'The Charles and Frank Fenner Postgraduate Research Grants'.
2. The Grants will provide financial assistance to currently enrolled Masters by Research or Doctor of Philosophy students in the Department of Geography, Environment and Population.
3. The Grants may be used for any research costs such as:
  - travel costs;
  - purchase of equipment;
  - purchase of data;
  - data collection.
4. Applications will be called for throughout the year and will close at a time determined by the Head of Department. Grants must be utilised in the year in which they are awarded unless an extension of time has been approved by the Head of Department.
5. The number of Grants and value of each shall be determined annually by the Selection Committee depending on applications received but the total value awarded in any year shall not exceed the annual income distribution from the Endowment Fund (approx. \$6,000).
6. The Selection Committee will comprise:
  - a. The Head, Department of Geography, Environment and Population as Chair; and
  - b. Two academic staff members of the Department.
7. In selecting the successful recipients, consideration shall be given to a) academic merit as well as other factors, such as b) the essential nature of the candidate's research project and c) the likely benefit to be derived by the candidate and the University. Preference shall be given to candidates whose research is primary field-based.
8. The Grant will be paid direct to the student in one lump sum and must be used for the approved purpose or the Grant may reimburse the student upon the receipt of proof of purchase.

9. The Grants shall be administered by the Department of Geography, Environment and Population.
10. If no Grant(s) are awarded in any year, any surplus income will be reinvested in the capital sum in the Endowment Fund.
11. The University may vary these Rules from time to time in a manner consistent with the University's legal obligations and policies.

Rules approved by Deputy Vice-Chancellor & Vice-President (Research) 7 September 2020