Ernest Fields Scholarship Regulations

Made by the Monash University Council

1. These regulations may be cited as the Ernest Fields Scholarship regulations.

2. In these regulations 'the scholarship fund' shall mean the Ernest Fields Scholarship Fund created from a one-fifth share of the residue of his estate for the benefit of medical research in memory of Mr Fields and his late wife Herta Luise Sittenfeld-Schlesinger nee Piske who died in Auschwitz in 1942. Mr Fields died on the 9th day of April 1983.

3. The purpose of the fund is to generate income to provide a scholarship to be awarded for up to three years to a PhD candidate enrolled in the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, on academic merit, as judged by the faculty scholarships committee. The first scholarship shall be awarded in 1990.

4. The capital of the fund shall be invested by the university in such manner and upon any such investments as shall be permitted by law. The university shall have the power in any year to set aside and accumulate part of the income and add the accumulations to the capital of the fund but with power also at any future time to apply the whole or any part of such accumulations as income.

5. The faculty scholarships committee shall:

5.1 call for applications for the scholarship in such manner as the committee thinks fit;

5.2 consider the applications received and award the scholarship on and subject to the conditions hereby prescribed and such further conditions as the committee thinks fit provided that for any year the committee may decide to make no award if it considers there is no suitable applicant or to share the award between more than one applicant; and

5.3 generally do such other things as are required for the purpose of these regulations.

6. The scholarship shall be awarded to a candidate for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy who, in the opinion of the committee, shows the greatest academic merit. In the first instance, the scholarship shall be for one year but may be extended annually by the committee if in its opinion the scholar is continuing to progress satisfactorily.

7. Subject to these regulations and within the amount of income available the committee may from time to time determine the amount of the stipend for the scholarship which in any event shall be not less than the Commonwealth postgraduate scholarship award amounts and may impose any conditions it thinks fit upon the tenure of this scholarship in the payment of the stipend.
8. The committee may consider all matters relating to the scholarship, these regulations, and the administration and application of the fund, and may make recommendations thereon to the Council.

9. Council may from time to time amend or re-make these regulations, provided it is satisfied that the fund and the name thereof shall continue to be held and applied in accordance with the purposes specified in the said gift.