R6.71 - JOHN AND ERIC SMYTH TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP

Recitals-

A. John Smyth, first Professor of Education in the University, by his will dated 18 October 1926, bequeathed part of his residuary estate to the University for the purpose of founding a travelling scholarship or scholarships according to the detailed prescriptions set out in the schedule to his Will, the substance of which is set out below.

B. The University received under the terms of the will Commonwealth Government inscribed stock to the value of £4,700.

C. John Gladstone Smyth, son of John Smyth who died on 29 June 1971, by his Will dated 15 February 1968, bequeathed the residue of his estate, subject to a life interest to his widow, Marjorie Veronica Smyth, for the same purpose.

D. Marjorie Veronica Smyth died on 6 August 1972.

E. The University received the further sum of $48,311 and may receive further money for the same purpose.

F. The capital was $276,916 at 31 December 1994.

It is provided as follows-

1. The sum of $276,916 and any accumulations and additions to the sum forms a fund called the "John and Eric Smyth Travelling Scholarship" ("the fund") and the fund must be paid into an investment pool and remain there until the Council directs otherwise.

2. The scholarship is awarded annually by the Council on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising the Chancellor, the dean of the faculty of Education, the Chief Executive of the Ministry of Education and, where practicable, a descendant of John Gladstone Smyth, the deceased son of the said John Smyth. The scholarship must be advertised in the University ***Calendar*** and in the press.

3. The scholarship is awarded to the best candidate who-

    (a) is a teacher in a state or private school; and

    (b) is under 30 years of age as at the closing date for applications as advertised in the press; and

    (c) (i) (1) holds a degree of the University; or

    (2) holds a diploma of Education of the University; or

(3) holds the degree of bachelor of Education of the University; or

(4) holds the degree of bachelor of Teaching of the University; or

(5) holds the master's degree in Education of the University; or

(6) holds any other degree in Education which the University may confer from time to time and which, in the opinion of the selection committee, is substantially similar to at least one of the qualifications in (i) (2) to (i) (5); or

(ii) has shown skill as a teacher or lecturer; or

(iii) has displayed ability in experiment or research in the field of Education; and

(d) will, in the opinion of the selection committee, be able to enrich the teaching profession and the work of the school by study abroad.

4. Despite paragraph (a) of section 3, the selection committee has power to recommend that the scholarship be awarded to a candidate who has just completed one of the degrees or diplomas referred to in paragraphs 3 (c) (i) (2) to 3 (c) (i) (6) above or to one who has had some experience in teaching or lecturing.

5. The value of the scholarship is $4,000 or such other sum as the Council determines after considering the circumstances of the particular case and the income of the fund. If sufficient income is available the Council may establish a further scholarship or scholarships. With the permission of the Council the scholar may hold another scholarship in conjunction with this scholarship.

6. The scholarship is awarded in the first instance for one year only but the Council may, on the recommendation of the selection committee, extend the tenure by one year, but no scholar may hold the scholarship for more than two years.

7. The scholar must spend the term of his or her scholarship abroad either studying education and allied subjects at a university or studying educational systems or studying any subject or problem directly related either to the work of the teacher or to the advance of education. The subject of study must be approved by the selection committee.

8. The scholar must either take a degree abroad or produce a report of the work done.

9. The scholar must return to Australasia[1] within three years of the termination of the scholarship and must hold a teaching position there for at least two years.

Each scholar on appointment must enter into a bond to observe this condition and must undertake in case of failure to return to Australasia[1] to repay to the fund half of the emoluments received from it within four years of the termination of the scholarship.

10. Every scholar on appointment must be given a copy of clause 9 of the schedule of the Will as directed by the Founder.

[Substituted 2/12/96.]

[1] Australia and New Zealand