

UTR 6.225 – THE VERA SCANTLEBURY BROWN CHILD WELFARE MEMORIAL TRUST

- A. **Background** The Vera Scantlebury Brown Child Welfare Memorial Trust was established by a public appeal in 1946 to commemorate the work of Dr Vera Scantlebury Brown, OBE Director of Maternal Welfare and Pre-School Welfare in Victoria from 1926 until her death on 14 July 1946.
- B. The purposes of the trust are set out in the Deed of Trust dated 28 April 1948, as amended by a Deed of Trust dated 10 June 1978.
- C. By a Deed of Retirement of Trustees and Appointment of New Trustee dated 17 May 2004, the University became the trustee of the fund.
- D. On 15 June 2004, the University received the trust fund from the retiring trustees, amounting to the sum of \$98,731.93.
- E. The terms of this University trust record were approved by the retiring trustees.

Trust Terms

- 1. The sum of \$98,731.93 and any accumulations and additions to the sum is to form a fund called 'The Vera Scantlebury Brown Child Welfare Memorial Trust' ('the fund') which must be paid into an investment pool and remain there until Council directs otherwise.
- 2. The net annual income from the fund must be applied to providing from time to time –
 - (i) the Vera Scantlebury Brown Scholarships ('the scholarships'); or
 - (ii) the Vera Scantlebury Brown Memorial Lectures to be given by persons who have undertaken research either in Australia or overseas in public health, community education, pre-natal care, infant welfare, pre-school activities or in any matters related to or associated with such objects.
- 3. The scholarships are to be open to women who are graduates or have such other qualifications as the committee considers appropriate, in child welfare, medicine, nursing, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, preschool teaching and social work and which include, but are not limited to –
 - (i) maternal and child health nurses who have midwifery and infant welfare qualifications and are registered with the Victorian Nurses Board;
 - (ii) pre-school teachers with a Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood) or equivalent three year degree in early childhood studies and an approved fourth year of study recognised by the Australian Early Childhood Association Qualification Approvals Committee; and

(iii) medical practitioners registered in Victoria.

Administrative Arrangements

4. The scholarships are to be awarded by Council on the recommendation of the Dean of the faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences ('the Dean') who, before making any recommendation concerning the scholarship, must consult a committee ('the committee') appointed by Council to administer the fund.
5. The committee is to have the following members –
 - (i) the Head of the Department of Paediatrics;
 - (ii) eight trustees of the fund immediately before it was transferred to the University; and
 - (iii) such other persons as the committee may from time to time co-opt.
6. When any vacancy occurs on the committee, the remaining members may nominate a new member provided that –
 - (i) no fewer than two members must be women; and
 - (ii) one member must be a qualified medical practitioner.
7. The functions of the committee are to include –
 - (i) selecting scholarship recipients;
 - (ii) reviewing regularly, the financial statements of the fund;
 - (iii) initiating such fund raising activities as the committee may consider appropriate from time to time; and
 - (iv) furthering the aims of the fund.
8. The scholarships are to enable the recipients to undertake research in a field associated with public health, social welfare, and education of the community, particularly in relation to pre-natal care, infant welfare and preschool activities or in any matters related to or associated with such objects.
9. In considering candidates for the scholarships, the committee must also consider their character.
10. The committee must not recommend a candidate for a scholarship unless it has first interviewed the candidate.

11. A recipient of a scholarship must within three months of completing the term submit to the committee a written report of her research.
12. The scholarships may be awarded annually but not less frequently than every three years.
13. The term of the scholarships is to be such period as may be decided by the committee and will not usually exceed two years. It is expected that a scholarship recipient will return to Victoria within a reasonable time after completion of her scholarship and work in the field in which she has gained training and expertise.
14. The value of the scholarships is to be such sum as Council, on the recommendation of the committee, may determine provided that the value shall not exceed the net income since the scholarships were last awarded.
15. A recipient of a scholarship who fails to comply with this University trust record is expected to repay the scholarship monies except where this has been due to illness, accident or other circumstances where the committee believes that this would be unreasonable.

[Made 12/7/04; revoked as a Regulation and certified as a University trust record 26/5/10; ss 3, 8, 9, 14 and 15 am. 15/12/2015]