UTR6.164 - THE ALMA HANSEN SCHOLARSHIP

Recitals-

A. Alma Philippina Hands (formerly Hansen) late of Derby in England, who died on 29 July 1965, bequeathed her residuary estate to the University on the following terms -

'I DESIRE that the University of Melbourne shall retain the capital sum so bequeathed to them in the form of an “Alma Hansen Fund” the annual income of which shall provide a travelling scholarship for Post Graduate Students to be known as “The Alma Hansen Scholarship” which shall be awarded annually without competitive examination I DESIRE further that in awarding this Scholarship preference shall be given to Graduates in the Faculty of Arts and due consideration given to financial needs. I WISH for the Senate and Professorial Board or other Body appointed by the University to administer such Fund to have discretion during or under any special circumstances to vary the terms or amount of the said Scholarship so however that the name of the Scholarship be not changed and the value thereof be not reduced below One hundred pounds per annum I DESIRE further that the balance of income remaining after providing for the aforesaid Scholarship shall be applied at the discretion of the administering Body to augment the said Alma Hansen Scholarship or to maintain or be used as a Loan Fund or Funds for or as a further Travelling Scholarship or Scholarships tenable by Students or Graduates of any Faculty of the University of Melbourne'.

B. Mrs Hands studied Arts at the University where she won a number of scholarships and prizes including the Shakespeare Scholarship in 1911. In 1914, with the award of a government research scholarship in literature for the purpose of making an enquiry into the sources of some Shakespearean plays, and an Orient Steamship Company Scholarship for her study on Shakespeare’s London, she travelled to England and lived at Somerville College Oxford where she gained her MA in 1917.

C. The University received $93,752 in satisfaction of the bequest in 1977, which sum increased to $101,752 at 31 December 1994.

It is provided as follows-

1. The sum of $101,752 and any accumulations and additions to the sum forms a fund called the ‘The Alma Hansen Scholarship Fund’ (‘the fund’) and must be paid into an investment pool and remain there until the Council directs otherwise.

2. From the net annual income of the fund a travelling scholarship known as ‘The Alma Hansen Scholarship’ (‘the scholarship’) is to be awarded to a graduate student at the University, for the purpose of enabling the scholarship-winner to pursue study and research relevant to his or her graduate studies for an award of the University at an overseas venue approved for the purposes by the Council on the recommendation of the dean of the faculty of Arts (‘the dean’).

3. The scholarship is to be awarded by the Council on the recommendation of the dean.

4. Preference is to be given to applicants for the scholarship who are graduates in the Faculty of Arts of the University and an applicant’s financial need must be taken into account in the selection process.
5. The value of the scholarship in any year must not exceed the net annual income of the fund, unless augmented in accordance with sub-section 7(a), or be less than, in the words of the bequest, ‘One hundred pounds’ [$200] and is to be determined after consideration of-

(a) the study programme of the successful applicant; and

(b) the other financial resources available to the applicant; and

(c) the estimated cost of travel and living expenses.

6. Each scholarship is awarded in the first instance for a period not exceeding one year as may be determined by the Council on the recommendation of the dean, but may be awarded to the same candidate for a further period if the dean so recommends.

7. By the direction of the Council on the recommendation of the dean any surplus or unexpended income of the fund may be used to-

(a) augment the scholarship; or

(b) establish-

(i) a loan fund for; or

(ii) a travelling scholarship or travelling scholarships tenable by undergraduate students of any faculty of the University and graduate students of any such faculty who are also graduates of the University.

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