Amendment of University trust record 6.333 certified by the General Counsel on the advice of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) and the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry & Health Sciences - To govern The Millis Jackson Research Grant.

The record as currently in force needs to be amended to transfer the decision-making delegation from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) to the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences.

It is proposed that the record be amended as follows:

- In the administrative arrangements section, replace all mentions of the ‘Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)’ with the ‘Dean’

The amendment of the record is intended to facilitate the administration by the University of the trust established by the bequest in a manner that is consistent with the trust terms.

The proposed amendment of the record does not require the sanction of the Attorney-General for Victoria or the Supreme Court of Victoria as the amendment of the operative provisions of the record-

- relates to the administrative arrangements for the implementation and ongoing performance of the trust terms, as determined by the University from time to time; and
- is within the trust terms.

The faculty has-

- confirmed that it has provided all details required to prepare this proposed amendment of the record; and
- approved the contents of this document and the amendment of the record.

Proposed Amendment

UTR 6.333 – The Millis Jackson Research Grant

Amend UTR 6.333 shown below.
Recitals-

A. By her Will dated 31 March 2010, the late Jean Jackson BSc (Melb.) PhD (Malaya) (nee Millis) (‘donor’) bequeathed $100,000 to the University (‘bequest’) -

‘... for research in Biotechnology or Environmental Microbiology’.

B. The donor, who died on 29 March 2012 aged 99, was a biochemist specialising in dietetics and nutrition. The donor graduated from the University in 1934 with a bachelor of Science degree, and an exhibition in biochemistry. She was appointed lecturer (and later senior lecturer) in biochemistry at the University in 1935. In 1950 she was appointed senior lecturer in charge of nutrition at the University of Malaya in Singapore. She taught medical, dental and social studies students but much of her time was spent on research into the influence of nutrition on the development of infants, especially those of low socioeconomic status. This information was useful in directing government programs to improve the nutrition of infants. She obtained her doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Malaya in 1954. In 1957, the donor married Arthur Jackson, who was to become the chief scientist of Singapore. When the donor retired from Singapore in 1960, she returned to Melbourne where she demonstrated in biochemistry at both the University and Monash University to medical students. However, her knowledge of the nutritional scene in the far east led the World Health Organisation to employ her as a consultant to their applied nutrition program. In 1973 she was a consultant to the World Bank for their nutritional work in Indonesia. She was a member of that government’s committee developing the rationing program for the population, for orphanages, homes for the elderly, hospitals and prisons. She was also concerned in developing food standards and establishing standards for the scales used in the supply of food. She was instrumental in the establishment of the Dietetics Association of Victoria and a very active member of the Victorian Women Graduates Association.

C. The University accepted the bequest upon the trusts specified by the Will (‘Will trusts’).

D. Having regard to the terms of the Will trusts, the University decided to apply the bequest to establish a perpetual trust for grants awarded from the income of the fund to students undertaking research in biotechnology or environmental microbiology, with each grant to be called The Millis Jackson Research Grant, and that if in any year there is any unspent income, the unspent income may be added to the capital of the trust or accumulated as income for the award in a subsequent year of one or more grants (‘additional trusts’).

E. The bequest therefore became the capital subject to the Will trusts and the additional trusts (‘capital sum’).

F. The name for each grant reflects in part a wish from the donor’s sister, the late Nancy Millis who bequeathed $150,000 to the University on her death in 2012, to
have that bequest linked in some way to the donor’s bequest, and when the precise trust terms did not align for that purpose.

G. This University trust record is the means by which the University records –

(1) the trusts specified by the donor and determined by the University upon which the University as trustee holds trust property, including the capital sum; and

(2) the administrative arrangements for the implementation and ongoing performance of those trusts, as determined by the University from time to time.

It is provided as follows-

Name of the fund

1. The capital sum, all income arising from the capital sum, and any accumulations and additions thereto together form a fund called ‘The Millis Jackson Research Grant’ (‘fund’).

Investment of the fund

2. The fund is to be paid into one or more investment common funds and remain there until Council directs otherwise.

Trust terms

3. As trustee of the fund, the University is obliged by the Will trusts and the additional trusts (collectively ‘trust terms’) -

   (1) to establish a perpetual trust;

   (2) to call each grant a ‘Millis Jackson Research Grant’;

   (3) to award grants from the income of the fund to students undertaking research in biotechnology or environmental microbiology; and

   (4) to provide that if in any year there is any unspent income, the unspent income may be added to the capital of the fund or accumulated as income for the award in a subsequent year of one or more grants.

Administrative arrangements

4. Until its further determination, and in order to implement the trust terms, the University has determined-

   (1) that the Dean of the Faculty on the recommendation of the Head of School of Biomedical Sciences, who must first consult with the Head of the Department of Microbiology, and Immunology, is to determine-
(a) the value of each grant,

(b) the terms and conditions applying to each grant,

(c) the number of grants to be awarded each year, and

(d) the recipient of each grant;

(2) that if no grants are awarded in first semester, a second call for applications will be made for second semester; and

(3) that the Dean is to decide each year for the purposes of section 3(4) whether any unspent income is to be added to the capital of the fund or is to be accumulated as income.

5. The Dean is authorised to award each grant on behalf of the University.

   [New UTR certified 12/05/14; s 4, 5 am 20/07/2021]