

UTR6.162 - THE FELIX MEYER SCHOLARSHIP

Recitals-

- A. By her Will dated 8 November 1968, the late Mary Fisher Meyer ('donor') bequeathed \$50,000 to the University ('bequest') as follows -
- 'as an endowment fund to provide out of the income derived therefrom a Scholarship or Scholarships to be called "The Felix Meyer Scholarship" to be awarded to a graduate of the said University for post graduate studies in some branch of Literature, classical or otherwise my object being to give to the successful graduate an opportunity by travel or otherwise after obtaining a degree to do some creative work during the tenure of the scholarship AND I DIRECT that the scholarship be awarded upon such conditions, at such intervals and for such tenures as the Council of the said University may from time to time determine'.
- B. The University received an additional sum of \$30,000 for the same purpose under clause 3(g) of the Will following the death of a life tenant.
- C. The donor, who died on 7 March 1975, was a talented artist who had studied under E. Phillips Fox. In 1965 she held a retrospective exhibition at the Lyceum Club, of which she was an original member.
- D. The bequest memorialises the donor's late husband, Felix Henry Meyer (1858-1937), medical practitioner. He studied medicine at the University and graduated M.B., B.S. in 1880-81, and M.D. in 1902. He lectured in obstetrics and gynaecology at the University in 1914-18 and published many articles on them in medical journals. He was a member of the obstetrical research committee set up by the University's faculty of medicine in 1925, which led to the establishment in 1929 of the chair of obstetrics in the University. He was also interested in learning, art and music, and was a member of the faculty of Music at the University and of the board of the Lady Northcote Permanent Orchestra Trust.
- E. The University accepted the bequest upon the trusts specified by the donor, and the bequest therefore became the capital subject to those trusts ('capital sum').
- F. This University trust record is the means by which the University records -
- (1) the trusts specified by the donor upon which the University as trustee holds trust property, including the capital sum; and
 - (2) the administrative arrangements for the implementation 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 Felix Meyer Scholarship' ('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 trusts specified by the donor-
 - (1) to establish a perpetual trust;
 - (2) to provide out of the income a scholarship or scholarships to be called 'The Felix Meyer Scholarship';
 - (3) to award the scholarship to a graduate of the University for postgraduate studies in some branch of Literature, classical or otherwise, thereby giving the recipient an opportunity by travel or otherwise after obtaining a degree to do some creative work during the tenure of the scholarship; and
 - (4) to provide that the scholarship be awarded upon such conditions, at such intervals and for such tenures as Council may from time to time determine.

Administrative arrangements

4. Until its further determination, and in order to implement the trust terms, the University has determined-
 - (1) to award each scholarship upon the recommendation of a selection committee ('committee');
 - (2) that the name, composition and terms of reference of the committee are to be determined from time to time by the dean of the faculty of Arts ('dean');
 - (3) that the committee is to determine-
 - (a) the value of each scholarship,
 - (b) the recipient of each scholarship, and
 - (c) the number of scholarships awarded each year;
 - (4) that each scholarship is awarded in the first instance for a period not exceeding twelve months but may be renewed on the recommendation of the committee for a further period not exceeding 12 months;
 - (5) that a graduate to whom a scholarship is awarded must during the tenure of the scholarship undertake advanced studies in literature in any form and in any

language as may be approved by the dean from time to time but need not pursue a course of studies for a higher degree;

- (6) that a scholar may undertake such advanced studies in Australia or in other countries at institutions which are approved by the dean for the purpose;
 - (7) that in recommending a candidate for an award the committee must take into consideration the demonstrated ability and the expressed intention of the candidate to engage in creative work during the tenure of the scholarship; and
 - (8) that if in any year in the opinion of the committee no candidate is deemed worthy of an award, no scholarship is to be awarded in that year and the whole or any part of the income for that year may at the discretion of the committee be added to the amount available for the award of a scholarship or scholarships in a subsequent year.
5. As provided in section 43 of the Act, Council has delegated its power to make awards to the dean of the relevant faculty, in this case the faculty of Arts, but this does not extend to Council's powers and responsibilities as set out in section 2.
 6. The dean is authorised to award each scholarship on behalf of the University."

[ss. 2, 3(1) and (2), 4(1) and (2), 5 and 6 am. 6/11/00; revoked as a Regulation and certified as a University trust record 26/5/10; revoked and remade 18/01/2012]