UTR 6.406 – Robert D Hill Scholarship

Background

A. In March 2017, the University received an absolute gift of $129,684.87 (Gift) from the late Dr Robert D Hill and Mrs Judith Hill (Donors).

B. In recognition of the Donors generous Gift, the University has determined to establish the Robert D Hill Scholarship for postgraduate students in physics with a preference for nuclear, atomic, molecular, particle or plasma physics (Purpose).

C. Dr Robert D Hill was an alumnus of the University, graduating with BSc (1935), MSc (1936) and DSc (1947). Robert Hill had an extensive career in teaching and pure research, particularly on defence matters. During World War Two, he worked in Australia and England, contributing to developments in radar systems. In Australia, he worked at the CSIRO’s Radiophysics Laboratory in 1943, and contributed to the development of optical munitions. Between 1940 and 1947, Robert Hill was a lecturer in physics, then called natural philosophy, at Melbourne University.

In 1947, the Hill family, including son Bobby, left for the United States. Robert Hill's departure created a significant gap in the emerging discipline of nuclear physics at Melbourne University. In around 1955, he became Professor of Physics at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and in 1965, he moved to Santa Barbara, California, to work on anti-ballistic missile systems for the General Research Corporation, a private company on contract to the US Defence Department. Later he became a consultant on anti-ballistic missile systems with the Office of Naval Research. From 1990 until his retirement in 2000, Robert Hill was based at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Robert Hill was a world authority on lightning.

The Gift is made in appreciation of the initial intellectual training obtained by Dr Hill in specialised science at the University.

D. This University Trust Record is the means by which the University records –

(1) the trusts upon which the University holds trust property, including the capital sum; and

(2) the administrative arrangements for the implementation and ongoing performance of those trusts from time to time.

The trust terms and administrative arrangements governing the Gift are as follows

Trust terms

1. A perpetual trust was established for the Purpose on receipt by the University of the Gift and the University is the trustee of that trust.
2. The University must invest and preserve the Gift and any accumulations and additions to the Gift and apply only the net annual income arising from the Fund to support the Purpose.

3. Any unexpended income in any year may be:
   a. Retained as income in which case it will be available in any subsequent year to be applied for the Purpose; and/or
   b. Added to the capital sum represented by the Gift in which case that unexpended income will be forever regarded as capital and will therefore be preserved in the same manner as the capital sum represented by the Gift.

Administrative arrangements

In order to implement the trust terms, the University has determined that:

1. The Gift and any further donations received by the University are to be transferred to the University’s long-term investment common fund at the end of the quarter following receipt by the University, and remain there until Council otherwise directs.

2. The Dean of the Faculty of Science or its successor is authorised to award the scholarship on behalf of the University.

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