The Mildura Alumni Scholarship Management Policy

These conditions apply to the Mildura Alumni Scholarship and scholarships selected on the criteria outlined in University Trust Record 7.251

Key Terms

- **Benefits** - components of the scholarship that provide value to the recipient such as fee remission or allowance payments.

- **Conditions** - regulations that govern scholarship tenure ensuring the scholarship benefits are delivered only to eligible students.

- **Full study load** - Normally completion of 100 points within a calendar year but may be broken down by teaching periods (50 points in semesters 1 and 2)

- **Full-time enrolment** - Determined on the basis of enrolment per semester for semesters 1 and 2. Normally, a study load of at least 37.5 points in each of semesters 1 and 2.

- **Semester** - In accordance with current federal Government guidelines, subjects undertaken from:
  - 1 January – 30 June will count towards a student’s semester 1 load.
  - 1 July – 31 December will count towards a student’s semester 2 load.

Concurrent Scholarship Awards

- No student is permitted to hold a Mildura Alumni Scholarship and a Melbourne Access Scholarship concurrently.

Course transfer

- Scholarship recipients will not be permitted to retain their scholarship if they transfer to a course at an institution other than the University of Melbourne.
- Scholarship recipients may be permitted to transfer their scholarship to another course at the University of Melbourne providing that they remain eligible.
• Normally approval will be given if the new course is at the same level as the original course, and students enrolled in the new course also would be eligible for the scholarship concerned.

• Transferring to a new course does not constitute grounds to extend the duration of a scholarship. The duration should be the normal duration of the new course if the student undertakes a full study load. Calculation of expired duration should take into account the component of the original course for which the student has already been in receipt of the scholarship.

Deferring/Deferment of Scholarship

• Deferment of a scholarship on commencement will not be permitted.

Duration of allowance

• Normal duration of the course if the student undertakes a full study load of 100 points per year.

• A recipient who undertakes a study load of between 75 and 100 points per year will not normally be permitted to extend the duration of their allowance for this reason.

• A student who elects to study part-time without having received approval to retain their scholarship will forfeit their entitlement to any allowance payments that would ordinarily have been made during the period in which they are studying part-time.

Honours

• Support for an Honours year can be considered

Leave of Absence

• Mildura Alumni Scholarship holders who return to their studies following a leave of absence from their course may apply to receive support from the Mildura Alumni Scholarship Fund noting that there will be no guarantee of the scholarship resuming.

Part-time enrolment

The Mildura Alumni Scholarships are generally awarded on the basis that the student maintains a full time load and is enrolled full-time. A full-time enrolment is at least 37.5 points per semester. See Key Terms for more details.

Students may be permitted to retain their scholarship (pro-rata) and study part-time if there are socially compelling reasons for them to do so. Socially compelling reasons could be one or more of the following:

• primary care responsibilities for a pre-school child;
• primary care responsibilities for school-aged children as a sole parent with limited access to outside support;
• primary care responsibilities for an invalid or disabled partner, child or parent; or medical condition/s.

Students who wish to retain their scholarship and study part-time must apply to Melbourne Scholarships and provide documentary evidence of their socially compelling circumstances. If successful they will be required to complete a Tax Declaration form.
• Where no such socially compelling reasons exist students may take leave from their scholarship. (See Leave of Absence)

Giving Back

The University of Melbourne has a long and proud tradition of philanthropy. From the Baillieu Library to Wilson Hall and even to this very scholarship; so much has been made possible because of the generosity of others who placed such a high value on tertiary education and research.

As a Mildura Alumni Scholar, you will carry the legacy of the Mildura Alumni’s generosity and will no doubt go on to achieve great things in your field. There are a number of different ways you may consider becoming involved in the University’s philanthropic work and making a contribution back. We hope this scholarship inspires you to volunteer with the University Student Appeal, work as one of the student callers in our University Telethon, or one day in the future, to participate in giving yourself.

One important expectation of your scholarship is that you will assist the University with reporting back to generous donors who have supported the University. In the years to come, we would certainly like to hear your story about the impact the Mildura Alumni Scholarship has had on you, your studies and your career. The University’s Advancement Office works closely with donors and members of the team will be in contact during the year to seek your involvement in stories for publications, videos or other publications sent to our donors.