

REGULATIONS FOR CONFERRING SIR GEORGE ELLIOT FELLOWSHIPS

1 DEFINED TERMS

1.1 Defined terms are as follows:

“course of undergraduate study” means the course of undergraduate study for which a Fellow was supported as a Scholar with a Scholarship;

“Elliot Fellow” or **“Fellow”** means any person upon who a Fellowship is conferred by the Trustees under these regulations;

“Fellowship” means a Sir George Elliot Fellowship conferred under these regulations;

“Scholar” means a person who has been the recipient of a Sir George Elliot Tertiary Scholarship;

“Scholarship” means a Sir George Elliot Tertiary Scholarship awarded under regulations issued from time to time for that purpose by the Trustees;

“Trustees” means the Trustees for the time being of the Sir George Elliot Charitable Trust.

1.2 Unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa;
- (b) words importing one gender include the other genders.

1.3 Headings have been inserted for guidance only and do not form part of the context of these regulations.

2 OBJECTS

2.1 The objects of the Trustees in conferring Fellowships are:

- (a) To recognize from time to time the body of work undertaken or produced by Scholars working in their chosen field of endeavour, and/or Scholars' outstanding and sustained contributions to and leadership in their community, after the completion of their course of undergraduate study;
- (b) By that recognition to encourage Scholars to apply their skills, talents and abilities in making a significant contribution to the development of understanding and the advancement of knowledge in their chosen field of endeavour and/or to seek opportunities for outstanding and sustained community contribution and leadership, after the completion of their course of undergraduate study;

- (c) To provide Fellows with financial support to further work in their chosen field of endeavour at a senior or advanced level and/or to enable them to continue outstanding and sustained community contribution and leadership; and
- (d) To enhance the reputation of Scholarships and Scholars by providing for the possibility of a prestigious further recognition of Scholars after the completion of their course of undergraduate study.

3 AWARD OF FELLOWSHIPS

- 3.1 From time to time the Trustees may confer a Fellowship on the terms and conditions set out in these regulations.
- 3.2 The Fellowship will be called a *Sir George Elliot Fellowship* and recipients of a Fellowship shall be known as *Elliot Fellows*.
- 3.3 When conferring a Fellowship, the Trustees shall determine a monetary amount that shall be paid to the Fellow.

4 QUALIFICATION AS A FELLOWSHIP CANDIDATE

- 4.1 A candidate for a Fellowship must:
 - (a) Be a Scholar;
 - (b) Have successfully completed his or her course of undergraduate study; and
 - (c) Since completing that course of undergraduate study, and in the sole judgement of the Trustees, have:
 - (i) Undertaken or produced a body of work in their chosen field of endeavour that makes a significant contribution to the development of understanding and the advancement of knowledge, in that field; and/or
 - (ii) Made or shown, as the case may be, an outstanding and sustained contribution to, and leadership in, their community.

5. CONSIDERATION OF FELLOWSHIP CANDIDATES

- 5.1 Fellowships are not applied for but are conferred from time to time by, and entirely at the discretion of, the Trustees.
- 5.2 The Trustees may from time to time inquire into the work of a Scholar with a view to determining whether to confer a Fellowship.
- 5.3 The Trustees may invite a Scholar to provide information to enable them to assess whether to confer a Fellowship.

- 5.4 With the permission of the Scholar concerned, the Trustees may submit the information obtained by them under regulation 5.3 for independent assessment as to the significance of the Scholar's contribution to the development of understanding and the advancement of knowledge, in his or her field of endeavour, and/or the significance of the Scholar's community contribution and leadership.
- 5.5 The Trustees are not bound by any decision or opinion of an independent assessor to whom information is submitted under regulation 5.4, but must consider that decision or opinion when deciding whether or not to confer a Fellowship.

6. CONFERRING FELLOWSHIPS

- 6.1 If the Trustees decide to confer a Fellowship:
- (a) They will advise the Fellow of that decision;
 - (b) Confer the Fellowship at a formal ceremony in conjunction with the next scheduled award of Scholarships;
 - (c) Present the Fellow with a suitable diploma or other presentation recording his or her style, title and dignity as an Elliot Fellow; and
 - (d) Confirm payment or transfer to the Fellow of the monetary award determined under regulation 3.3.

7. OTHER CONDITIONS OF FELLOWSHIP

- 7.1 The Trustees may at any time amend, add to or revoke any of these regulations.
- 7.2 Without limiting regulation 7.1, the Trustees may from time to time change the qualifications for a Fellowship candidate, the Trustees' consideration of such candidates and the way a Fellowship is conferred.

I CERTIFY that these Regulations were adopted at a meeting of Trustees held on the 15th day of April 2019



Geoffrey Clews
Chairman
5 June 2019