

THE MAIBEN DAVIES POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP IN CLASSICS HISTORY & RELIGION

Guidelines for Applicants

Goal To attract candidates to the University of New England to undertake research in Classics History & Religion

The candidate must have an outstanding first degree in Greek or Classics, and intend to pursue postgraduate research in any area of ancient Greek or joint Classics (Homer to the early Byzantine period) which involves strong focus on the Greek language. In any year when the scholarship is made available and no outstanding candidate in Classics or Greek applies, a Latin candidate may be considered provided there is already strong ability in Greek.

Eligibility Preference will be given to an internal full-time PhD or MA (research) candidate who holds an Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) or University of New England Research Assistantship (UNERA). However, an external part-time candidate may be considered if in that year no suitable internal full-time applicant emerges.

At the time of application the person must be normally resident in Australia

Tenure Internal full-time: 1 calendar year, renewable annually for up to 3 years subject to evidence of satisfactory progress (as determined by the Supervisor in conjunction with the Professor of Classics and Ancient History).

External part-time: 1 year only, and specifically to provide such things as costs of books, travel to Armidale for consultation with supervisor/library work, travel overseas for research/conference paper delivery, or similar.

Value \$7,000 min. p.a. \$3,500 payable at the start of each semester upon evidence of re-enrolment unless otherwise arranged with the permission of Prof Greg Horsley.

Caveat Since APAs are now deemed transportable by Canberra, the holder of this scholarship will be required to repay any moneys paid up until the date of transfer if the candidature is transferred to another University.

Method of application

Contact UNE Scholarships Office. Provide evidence of Australian citizenship/ Permanent residency status; degree transcript(s); names of two referees who should be asked by the candidate to write confidentially to the Scholarships Office; copy of BA thesis or other evidence of research (published or unpublished).

The Maiben Davies Postgraduate Scholarship in Greek

Background Notes

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To build present capital to a stage where a full scholarship can be provided.

Eligibility ‘Normally resident in Australia’ means here: Australian citizen, person with permanent residency status, or person without either status but who is not merely visiting Australia temporarily.

Tenure Completion in minimum time will normally be expected. An internal candidate would hold the scholarship for three years, and after that the scholarship would be readvertised. A person may hold the scholarship once only. Suspension of candidature for a semester or longer causes automatic forfeiture of the Scholarship.

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Initially to function as a top-up to an APA or UNERA (Government or UNE postgraduate research scholarship); or in the case of an award to an external part-time candidate as a stand-alone scholarship.

Once the capital reaches an amount suitable to fund a full scholarship, a review of this part of the terms should be undertaken, in conjunction with the family, to decide whether external part-time postgraduates should continue to be provided for on the current basis.

Related Costs

Administration of the Scholarship will be looked after by the Scholarships Office, Expenses such as advertising should be borne by the Scholarships Office of the Administration, not taken out of the fund itself. Normally advertise July for the following year. Liaison with the Professor of Classics and Ancient History should occur.

Guidelines for determining an acceptable awardee

- (i) The strong focus on the Greek language should be understood to mean that topics in the following areas are acceptable: linguistics, history, philosophy, religion, literature, etc.; whereas art history or archaeology, for example, would be excluded. (Note that while a candidate may work on a historical topic, this is not the same as being a candidate in Ancient History because candidates for the latter are sometimes accepted without the language strength required of a Classics candidate.)
- (ii) Must be ready to begin by March of the next year (i.e. at commencement not still getting Greek/Latin up to pace; ideally should already have reading knowledge of appropriate modern European languages).
- (iii) The Scholarship is not to be awarded automatically if no outstanding candidate applies.

Caveats

1. Since APAs are now deemed transportable by Canberra, the holder of this scholarship should be required to repay it if the candidature is transferred to another University.
2. If the University of New England should decide to discontinue the teaching of either or both Classical Languages from beginners-p/grad. level, advice should be sought from the family about an appropriate redirection of the capital. If the family is not available to do this, then to keep faith with the intention of the Scholarship, the capital sum should be transferred to a University in Australia which is still providing Classics. First preference in this case will go to the University of Sydney.

Determination of Award

Any two of: Dean of the Faculty of Arts; Head of School of Classics, History and Religion; and Chair, UNE Scholarships Committee.

Plus both the Professor of Classics and Ancient History and one other Classics staff member. Should there not be consensus, the Professor of Classics and Ancient History has a casting vote.

Communication with the family

It is incumbent on the Scholarship Office in conjunction with the Professor of Classics and Ancient History to inform the family members of each award, and generally to keep them up to date on developments with the scholarship.

GHR Horsley
6 March 2007