

THE SIR ROBERT MENZIES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2017

Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Scholarship in Law

Sir Ninian Stephen Menzies Scholarship in International Law

CLOSING DATE: 30 AUGUST 2016

Prospectus and Conditions of Award

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Foundation, a registered charity in Australia, is offering two post-graduate scholarships in law, the **Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Scholarship in Law** and the **Sir Ninian Stephen Menzies Scholarship in International Law**.

Each is tenable at a prestigious overseas university. The scholarship program is partially supported by funds from the Australian Government.

- 1.2 Both scholarships are awarded in memory of the Right Honourable Sir Robert Menzies, KT AK CH QC, Prime Minister of Australia from 1939 to 1941 and from 1949 to 1966.
- 1.3 The Sir Ninian Stephen Menzies Scholarship in International Law is named in recognition of the outstanding achievements of Sir Ninian Stephen, KG AK GCMG GCVO KBE PC QC, as a justice of the High Court, Governor-General and international jurist. Sir Ninian served as Chairman of the Menzies Foundation from 1992 to 1998.

2.0 TENURE

- 2.1 Applications for the **Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Scholarship in Law** are for a course of study at a UK university, principally Oxford, Cambridge, London or Edinburgh. Applications for other UK universities will be received and treated on merit.
- 2.2 Applications for the **Sir Ninian Stephen Menzies Scholarship in International Law** are for a course of study in international law at a prestigious overseas university. Applicants are encouraged to consider undertaking study at a university in Asia.
- 2.3 The awards will generally be tenable for one academic year, although scholars wishing to enrol for longer courses may also apply.
- 2.4 Each award will be made on the understanding that it will be continued for the period for which it is granted, subject to the scholar's satisfactory progress and conduct. Scholars will be required to provide a written report on their progress each six months to the Menzies Foundation.
- 2.5 Scholarships will be awarded for a program of study leading to a higher degree in law. There are no restrictions on the field of law for the **Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Scholarship in Law**. Applicants for the **Sir Ninian Stephen Menzies Scholarship in International Law** must propose a course of study relevant to international law.
- 2.6 Candidates can apply for either or both scholarships. However, both scholarships cannot be awarded to the same person.
- 2.7 The successful candidates will be expected to take up their scholarships in the academic year commencing in 2017.

3.0 THE AWARD

- 3.1 The scholarships in law will be awarded on merit to the persons who best meet the qualifications and qualities set out in this prospectus.
- 3.2 The letter of award will specify the university where the award will be tenable, the course and the period for which it may be held.
- 3.3 Scholarships may not be held concurrently with another named scholarship or award providing materially similar or financially significant benefits.
- 3.4 The recipient agrees to participate in a network of Menzies Foundation scholars and fellows, as appropriate.
- 3.5 The Foundation reserves the right to make no award in a particular year.

4.0 QUALIFICATIONS

- 4.1 Candidates must be Australian citizens, have been resident in Australia for at least five of the last ten years, and be available in person for interview at the time of selection in mid-October 2016.
- 4.2 At the time of application, candidates must hold a law degree with an academic record in law that is equivalent to a First Class Honours Degree, normally from an Australian university.

5.0 PERSONAL QUALITIES

- 5.1 So that Australia may benefit from the experience and knowledge gained, candidates will be asked to indicate the career they hope to follow on return to Australia. The Selection Committee will seek individuals who are likely to attain prominence in Australia and, in their subsequent careers, make a contribution to community or international relations and understanding.
- 5.2 The Selection Committee will take account of the proposed course of study, the academic achievement of the candidate, and also those qualities which Sir Robert Menzies held in high esteem. The qualities sought include:
 - i. Academic excellence
 - ii. Leadership, both proven and potential
 - iii. Interest and experience in the service of others
 - iv. Extra-curricular activities and interests
 - v. Ability to contribute to the life of the university.

6.0 SELECTION PROCEDURE

- 6.1 Reports from four referees who have known the candidate for some years may be requested by the Menzies Foundation. Three referees should have an academic or employment association and the fourth should be personal.
- 6.2 Awards will be made following consideration of a short list of candidates who will be interviewed in mid-October by representatives of the Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Foundation, the Menzies Memorial Scholars' Association and the Australian Government.
- 6.3 An offer of award will normally be made within 24 hours of interview. A formal acceptance is required within 48 hours of offer, failing which the offer will lapse.

7.0 EMOLUMENTS

- 7.1 The scholarships provide emoluments up to AU\$75,000 per annum towards compulsory university fees and charges, a living allowance, the cost of books, equipment and travel. Emoluments are not subject to income tax in the United Kingdom; taxation arrangements in other jurisdictions may differ.

7.2 University and other expenses

- (a) Tuition fees or a research grant equivalent, examination and other compulsory fees - subject to approval by the Foundation.
- (b) A grant of AU\$200 towards the typing and binding of a thesis, if required.

7.3 Personal living allowance

An allowance as determined by the Foundation to suit local circumstances in the country of study, up to AU\$30,000 per annum. The allowance will be payable in three instalments over the academic year.

7.4 Travel

- (a) An economy airfare from Australia to the country of study.
- (b) A similar airfare to return to Australia, provided the scholar returns within 12 months of completing the course of study specified in the letter of award.

8.0 METHOD OF APPLICATION

- 8.1 The secure online application form is available from the Menzies Foundation scholarships website at <http://menziesfoundation.org.au/scholarships/law>
- 8.2 Original or legally certified copies of documents such as academic transcripts or naturalisation certificate must be immediately available to the Menzies Foundation on request and will be required at interview.
- 8.3 For queries, please contact the Menzies Foundation at menzies@menziesfoundation.org.au