

## **LEGAL PROFESSION SUPPORT PACKAGE SCHOLARSHIPS TERMS & CONDITIONS**

The College of Law (**College**) is committed to supporting the legal profession and helping practitioners to reposition their legal careers into new areas or by developing new skills to enhance those careers. As a direct response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the College has created a support package which includes the provision of scholarships to help legal industry professionals upskill.

### **1. THE SCHOLARSHIPS**

- 1.1. The Applied Law Program Scholarship is a Graduate Certificate in Applied Law which consists of any 2 subjects in the College's Applied Law program (**ALP Scholarship**)
- 1.2. The Legal Business Management Scholarship is:
  - (a) a Graduate Certificate in Legal Business which consists of any 4 subjects from the College's Master of Legal Business program; OR
  - (b) a Graduate Certificate in Legal Operations which consists of 2 core subjects and 2 elective subjects from the College's Master of Legal Business program (**LBM Scholarship**).
- 1.3. Scholarship recipients will also receive access to the Centre for Legal Innovation's the extensive range of offerings and a complimentary membership to its Legalpreneurs Lab for the duration of the scholarship.

### **2. PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS**

The College acknowledges that legal service industry professionals might be experiencing unexpected financial challenges because of COVID-19. The purpose of these scholarships is to assist legal service industry professionals who have been impacted by the COVID-19 environment to upskill and diversify their skillsets during these times.

### **3. SCHOLARSHIP VALUE**

- 3.1. The value of each ALP Scholarship is \$6,900 being the cost of a College Graduate Certificate in Applied Law consisting of two subjects.
- 3.2. The value of each LBM Scholarship is \$12,000 being the cost of a College Graduate Certificate in Legal Business or Graduate Certificate in Legal Operations consisting of four subjects.

### **4. NUMBER OFFERED**

300 ALP Scholarships

100 LBM Scholarships.

### **5. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

- 5.1. Applications are open to legal service industry professionals who:
  - (a) are Australian or New Zealand citizens or permanent residents;
  - (b) meet the enrolment criteria for the ALP Scholarship or LBM Scholarship as set out in section 6; and
  - (c) meet the scholarship selection criteria set out in section 7 (**Eligible Applicant**).

## 6. ENROLMENT CRITERIA

6.1. An applicant must meet the enrolment criteria for the relevant scholarship program:

ALP Scholarship	LBM Scholarship
<p>Applicants must have an undergraduate law degree, or equivalent</p> <p>If previous studies were in a language other than English, the requisite IELTS standard is at level 8 (writing), 7 (listening), 7.5 (speaking), 7 (reading), and 7.5 overall.</p>	<p>Applicants must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an undergraduate or postgraduate law degree (or equivalent); or</li> <li>• any undergraduate degree plus at least 1 years' relevant work experience in the legal service industry; or</li> <li>• at least 5 years' relevant work experience in the legal service industry</li> </ul> <p>If previous studies were in a language other than English, the requisite IELTS standard is at level 8 (writing), 7 (listening), 7.5 (speaking), 7 (reading), and 7.5 overall.</p>

6.2. An applicant must be able to commence study within the consecutive two intakes that start after the award of the scholarship.

## 7. SELECTION COMMITTEE

The selection committee will be chaired by the CEO and comprise at least two members with appropriate expertise to assess applicants (**Selection Committee**).

## 8. SELECTION CRITERIA

The Scholarship will be awarded to Eligible Applicants who in the opinion of the Selection Committee, demonstrates through their application and supporting documentation:

(a) *Negative Impact of COVID-19*

Demonstrated negative impact of COVID19-related economic circumstances on work, role, career or practice constituting hardship broadly equivalent to a 30% impairment, expressed in either financial or non-financial measures.

(b) *Commitment to Career Development*

Demonstrated commitment to re-forging career utilising education strategies to build career-relevant knowledge, skills and credentials

(c) *Positive Benefit for Profession and Community*

Demonstrated likelihood that the applicant's enhanced career opportunities will have positive impact on people around the applicant in the profession and the community

## **9. SCHOLARSHIP SPECIFIC CONDITIONS**

- 9.1. The award of a scholarship is conditional upon the recipient formally enrolling into the relevant Graduate Certificate within the following two intakes that start after the award of the scholarship.
- 9.2. The scholarships must be taken as offered and cannot be varied or redeemed for cash.
- 9.3. A recipient must be able to fully meet the enrolment requirements for the relevant scholarship and comply with the relevant program rules and the College's rules and policies.
- 9.4. The maximum time for completion of an ALP Scholarship or LBM Scholarship is 12 months.
- 9.5. If a subject selected by a recipient is unavailable or the subject date is rescheduled, a recipient will be eligible to transfer to another nominated subject.
- 9.6. A recipient must achieve a pass grade in each subject undertaken. If the recipient fails any subject the College may, at its discretion, deny to the recipient any further funding under the scholarship.
- 9.7. If a recipient fails a subject, the scholarship will not cover tuition fees associated with enrolment in repeat or substitute subjects.
- 9.8. All ancillary costs associated with the scholarship including travel (if applicable) are the responsibility of the recipient.

## **10. APPLICATION DATES**

Applications Open: Monday, 1 June 2020

Applications Close: Friday, 3 July 2020 at 5pm AEST

## **11. APPLICATION PROCESS**

To apply for a scholarship an Eligible Applicant must complete an online application form and upload the following supporting documentation to demonstrate the selection criteria:

- (a) a statement of no more than two A4 pages addressing each of the selection criteria outlined in section 8 above;
- (b) evidence of 30% financial impairment such as a statutory declaration, letter from employer regarding employment status, Centrelink Income Statement or proof of income/support from family; and
- (c) a brief curriculum vitae.

## **12. AWARD OF THE SCHOLARSHIP**

- (a) The scholarships will be awarded to Eligible Applicants on the recommendation of the Selection Committee. The awarding of a scholarship is at the sole discretion of the College.
- (b) Successful applicants will be notified via email by Monday 13 July 2020.
- (c) Following notification of award of the scholarship the successful application must formally enrol in the relevant program by the intake deadline.