

THE ARTHUR PATRICK HIGHER DEGREE BY RESEARCH (HDR) SCHOLARSHIP

BACKGROUND

It was always Arthur Patrick's desire to further God's kingdom on earth. His purpose was to help this world to be a better place, and saw education as vital to realising this goal. Education changed his own life when, at the age of 14 years, Arthur left lumbering in the bush to study at Avondale College. From this time on, education continued to be an enormous influence and emphasis in his life. Avondale College was the central place in which Arthur enjoyed –and wrestled with –education, and he fulfilled, to the best of his ability, a variety of roles at this College: lecturer, curator, administrator, researcher and pastor.

In honour of Avondale's formative influence on Arthur and of his subsequent influence on this campus, it is the wish of the Patrick family to provide opportunity to promote scholarship in one of Arthur's main areas of scholarly interest, Adventist Studies. With this in mind, the Arthur Patrick HDR Scholarship is made available to Research MPhil and PhD students who wish to undertake research in areas related to Adventist Studies.

THE PURPOSE

Arthur was fond of citing Ellen White's statement to the effect that "we have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history" (*Life Sketches of Ellen G. White*, p. 196). Accordingly, the Arthur Patrick HDR Scholarship focuses on the area of study closest to Arthur's heart: Adventist Studies. It also extends to studies of authentic Christian practice in a changing and challenging world.

The scholarship aims to:

- Contribute to scholarship in the Adventist Studies and related fields
- Increase awareness and understanding of how Christianity and society interact
- Help build relevant research expertise within Adventism.

MANAGEMENT

The Scholarship will be managed by a committee of three members: one member nominated by the Patrick family (normally one of the family), HDR Course Convenor, and the Vice President (Academic and Research) or her/his nominee.

One scholarship will be available for each of five calendar years, beginning with 2018. All decisions regarding the allocation of this scholarship will be made by the small committee mentioned above, voting by secret ballot. The Patrick family reserves the right to withhold the awarding of this scholarship if no suitable applicant is available.

The scholarship sponsors scholarly/study experiences, up to six weeks in duration, which are designed to enhance the broad exposure of an HDR student to their subject area.

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SUCCESSFUL SCHOLARS WILL RECEIVE:

An honorarium of between \$2,000 and \$4,000, payable half at the start and half at the conclusion of the approved scholarly/study experience. Prior to the awardee receiving the final payment, a 500-word report is to be tendered to the committee by the awardee. The final report should be signed by the student's HDR principal supervisor.

CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

This scholarship is only available to students currently enrolled in HDR programs at Avondale College of Higher Education. Further, applicants should have completed the first full year or equivalent of their program, and not yet be undertaking their final year.

APPLICATIONS

Applicants are requested to supply the following documents:

- An application letter of approximately 300 words outlining and justifying how the scholarship will contribute to the student's research
- An estimate of how the scholarship funds will be spent
- A supporting letter from the principal supervisor

Applications are to be submitted by **31 January**, or by **15 July** for second semester.

Successful applicants will be notified by email.

POST OR EMAIL APPLICATION TO

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