HLAF Science & Technology Scholarship Terms and Conditions

- 1. To encourage postgraduate research Human Life Advancement Foundation offers scholarships to those about to begin their doctoral studies. These scholarships are awarded on academic merit and are open to local and international students in any discipline that supports technology and innovations.
- 2. Human Life Advancement Foundation Scholarships from 2012 will consist up to USD 15,000 per annum stipend including tuition fees for four years. However, recipient is free to contribute to the academic life of the School in which they undertake study.
- 3. The Scholarships are offered to the top ranked candidates in any Postgraduates admission. To be considered for a Human Life Advancement Foundation Scholarship the applicant must have:
 - a strong academic record and excellent academic references, or
 - a demonstrated potential for high quality research; or
 - a record of publication in high quality journals commensurate with experience and education.

Other considerations may be taken into account such as the alignment between the applicant's research interests and those of the School, Institute or Centre. Strategic interests including collaboration between institutions or research involving potential joint initiatives with the research and business communities may also be factors in determining offers of scholarship.

- 4. (i) The effective date of the Scholarship for incoming students will be the commencement date of the relevant semester or the actual date of registration, whichever is the later. For existing students who are awarded the Scholarship during their candidature, the effective date of the Scholarship will be from a date as stipulated by the relevant faculty or school.
 - (ii) Notwithstanding the above, for students who are employed as at the time of the award of the Scholarship, the Scholarship will only take effect from the date immediately after he/she has ceased to draw a salary from the employer.
- 5. The Scholarship is tenable at any recognised global universities worldwide. As full-time students, Scholars are expected to report to their Department of study and/or supervisor at the University during the period of the Scholarship, except during periods of approved leave.
- 6. The Scholarship is tenable for one year in the first instance and thereafter may, subject to the Scholar's satisfactory progress, be renewed each semester at the University's discretion. The maximum period of the Scholarship is 4 years for PhD candidates, as determined by the relevant faculty or school in each case.
- 7. The Scholar undertakes to devote his/her full time and energy to his/her studies and to the best of his/her ability, apply himself/herself to his/her programme of study, to the satisfaction of the University. Scholarship recipients shall be required to maintain full time enrolment and devote themselves full-time to their programme of research during the tenure of the scholarship and may not hold a position of emolument in addition to the work experience component of this scholarship without the approval of the Scholarships Manager. All requests to undertake part-time employment must be supported in writing by the supervisor(s) and Head of School.
- 8. The Scholar may not accept employment, whether or not he/she is remunerated, or hold concurrently any other scholarship, fellowship, allowance or other award during the period of the Scholarship, without the prior approval of the University. In addition, the Scholar cannot change to a programme of study different from that stated in his/her offer of admission letter or take up any additional course(s) without the prior written permission of the University.

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- 9. Tuition fees will be paid on confirmation of enrolment and on the presentation of the fees assessment documentation to the Scholarships Office.
- 10. Once the period of tenure of a scholarship has commenced, the Scholarships Manager may, grant a scholarship recipient a suspension of their scholarship for a period not exceeding six months or a total of twelve months during the first three years of registration.
- 11. A scholarship shall be terminated if a scholarship recipient ceases to resume the aforesaid programme of research within one month of the last day of the period of the suspension.
- 12. The scholarship recipient must complete six monthly reports (1 Semester) outlining their progress to date and ensure that copies of these reports are submitted by their Faculty to the Scholarships Administrator.
- 13. The Committee may at any time suspend or terminate a scholarship, or require the forfeiture of such proportion of the scholarship emolument as it may determine, if the scholarship recipient is not diligently pursuing their programme of research and is not making satisfactory progress, has violated the University Statute on Conduct, or has failed to comply with any of the terms and conditions on which the scholarship was awarded and of their Human Life Advancement Foundation Scholarship Contract.
- 14. At the discretion of the Committee, the application of any of the terms and conditions of a Human Life Advancement Foundation Scholarship may be modified or relaxed in special circumstances or in order to avoid hardship to any scholarship recipient or misuse of the scholarship funding.
- 15. The Committee shall review these Terms and Conditions from time to time.

For other information not covered in this section, please email scholarship@hlaf.org.my



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