

***Australasian Plant Pathology Society Inc***  
***Constitution Appendix 1***  
**Advancing Plant Pathology Fund - Australia**

**Rules**

**Definitions**

- a) The Advancing Plant Pathology Fund - Australia is the Fund described in these rules
- b) The Committee is the Advancing Plant Pathology Fund - Australia Executive Committee described in these rules
- c) The APPS is the Australasian Plant Pathology Society Inc.
- d) The Management Committee of the APPS is as defined in Rule 14 of the APPS Constitution
- e) The Scholarship is a scholarship provided according to these rules.

**Purpose**

- 1. The purpose of the Fund is to provide scholarships to Australians to support education in the science of plant pathology to enhance the protection of agriculture, forestry and the environment from plant diseases.

**The Advancing Plant Pathology Fund - Australia source of revenue**

- 2. Gifts of money from the general public provide the funding for scholarships.

**Availability**

- 3. Scholarships are available to Australian citizens and permanent residents of Australia from all areas of Australia.
- 4. Study may be undertaken in educational institutions in all areas of Australia subject to the relevance of the proposed educational institution to the proposed field of study.
- 5. Scholarships are open for any course of study at a tertiary institution (universities, research organisations affiliated with universities or training organisation) that is directly relevant to the science of plant pathology. This includes, undergraduate, postgraduate, postdoctoral and specialised training courses.
- 6. A scholarship will only be awarded for studies overseas where the study is a component of an approved course in an Australian institution.

**The Advancing Plant Pathology Fund - Australia Executive Committee**

- 7. The Fund Executive Committee shall consist of at least 3 members.

8. Members of the Committee will be selected by the Management Committee of the APPS.
9. Committee members must be Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia.
10. Committee members will be selected on the basis of their knowledge of and experience in the discipline of plant pathology and other relevant expertise.
11. At all times the Fund's Executive Committee must consist of a majority of people who because of their occupation or tenure of some public office, or their position in the community are considered to be responsible persons as detailed in paragraph 21 of Australian Taxation Ruling TR 95/27 on Public Funds.
12. Secretariat support for the Committee will be provided by the Secretariat of the APPS.
13. The Committee will invite the public to contribute gifts to the Fund by notification on the APPS website.
14. Based on the availability of funds, the Committee will advertise the availability of one or more scholarships on the APPS website and by any other means considered appropriate by the Committee.
15. The advertisement will indicate the procedures for application and the closing date for receipt of applications.
16. In advertising Scholarships the Committee may indicate a preference for a particular field of study.

### **Selection of candidates**

17. The Committee will select candidates based on the following criteria:
  1. Demonstrated ability to complete the proposed course of study based on previous academic record or any other relevant information
  2. Relevance of the proposed course of study of plant pathology, taking into account any preference by the Committee for a particular field of study.
  3. Need for financial support.
18. The Committee reserves the right to award no scholarships if it considers that the quality of the applications does not reach a sufficient standard.

### **Fund management**

19. Receipts of funds gifted shall be issued in the name of the Fund.
20. Funds gifted for scholarships shall only be used for funding scholarships and any direct costs associated with the awarding and management of scholarships.
21. Funds gifted will be kept in a separate account and be subject to an independent audit each year.
22. Reports on the status of the fund and scholarships will be provided to the APPS Management Committee

at least twice per year and to the Annual General Meeting of APPS.

### **Winding up of the fund**

23. In the event that the APPS Management Committee or a General Meeting of the Society consider that the Fund should be discontinued the Management Committee of the APPS should propose a motion to wind up the Fund to a meeting of the APPS. Voting on the motion should follow the rules and procedures of the APPS.

24. If the Fund is wound up then any residual assets and funds remaining after all liabilities have been satisfied shall be provided to an Australian fund, institution or organisation which has a similar purpose and which is a fund, authority or institution approved by the Australian Commissioner of Taxation as a fund, authority or institution referred to in subsection 78(4) of the Australian Income Tax Assessment Act 1936.

25. If the Fund's endorsement by the Australian Taxation office as a deductible gift recipient (DGR) is revoked then any residual assets and funds remaining after all liabilities have been satisfied shall be transferred to another entity that is endorsed as a DGR.