



2009 Legal Scholarship Support Scheme

(funded by NSW Law Society Public Purpose Fund)

Guidelines for Applicants

1. Basic Principles of the Scheme

- Full-time members of academic staff in the UOW Faculty of Law at level A, B and C are eligible to apply to the Legal Scholarship Support Scheme (LSSS).
- The Scheme is to be used to support academic research within the Faculty of Law. This includes support for conference attendance (eg, travel and accommodation expenses) where the applicant is presenting a paper at the conference.
- Applicants must demonstrate in their application how the project for which funding is sought will advance legal scholarship and teaching in NSW.
- Recipients of funds must provide acknowledgement of funding received in publications arising out of the research, in the following form:

'This [article/book/conference paper] was made possible by a grant under the Law Society of NSW Public Purpose Fund Legal Scholarship Support Scheme.'

- Recipients must provide the Associate Dean (Research) with a report on progress/outcomes no more than 15 months after the date approval.
- LSSS grants must normally be spent by recipients within 12 months of the date of approval. Recipients wishing to carry over a grant must make a written application to the Associate Dean (Research), prior the expiration of the 12 month period, explaining the exceptional reasons why carry-over is requested. Unless a time extension has been approved, unexpended moneys at the end of the initial 12 month period will be forfeited and returned to the pool for allocation in the next round.
- Grants may be allocated to assist already commenced or ongoing research projects, but all grants must be in respect of future expenditures.
- In 2009, approximately \$30,000 will be available for distribution.
- No individual grant can exceed \$5000.
- In the case of a joint application to support a collaborative research project, each applicant may be awarded up to \$5000.
- No applicant may receive more than one grant in a year.

2. Process

All applications must be submitted to Suzana Kouzan in the Faculty of Law Administration Office (signed hard copy) by **5pm on Friday 27 February 2009**.

All applicants must use the pro forma application form.

All applications will be assessed by the Faculty of Law Research Committee (FRC) at its following meeting. Applications will be ranked and the FRC will make recommendations to the Associate Dean (Research) as to which applications should be approved, and the amount of the grant.

After consultation with the Trustees of the Public Purpose Fund, the Associate Dean (Research) will advise the FRC which applications are approved and the amount of the grant to be awarded.

The Associate Dean (Research), acting as FRC Chair, will be responsible for communicating outcomes to all applicants and, as appropriate, providing feedback.

3. Criteria

Applications will be ranked by the FRC taking into account the following criteria:

- the quality of the proposed project, including the significance of the subject matter, the clarity of the objectives/research questions, the suitability of the planned approach/methodology and the feasibility of the timetable of research activities;
- the quality of the applicant's publication track record (relative to opportunity);
- outcomes produced by the applicant as a result of previous LSSS grants;
- the importance of supporting staff members who have not previously received support from any source for research; and
- the availability of other Faculty and University sources of research funds.

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