The Kathy Hirschfeld Scholarship for Women in Engineering

The scholarship was established in 2015 and is maintained by an annual gift from alumna Kathy Hirschfeld (BE 1982).

1 Purpose
The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage and support a female student undertaking their first year of the Bachelor of Engineering program.

2 Definitions
In these rules-

- **Associate Dean** means the Associate Dean (Academic) Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology
- **BE program** means the Bachelor of Engineering program or Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) and includes a dual program that includes a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) component.
- **Scholarship** means the Kathy Hirschfeld Scholarship for Women in Engineering.

3 Award and value of scholarship
(1) The Faculty may award 1 scholarship each year on the recommendation of the Associate Dean.
(2) The value of the scholarship is $5,000 for one year.

4 Additional Benefits
(1) Ms Kathy Hirschfeld may also offer the recipient the following opportunities:
   (a) an ambassadorial role to attend select networking functions
   (b) personal mentoring or coaching during the year (including help in identifying part-time work or vacation experience).

5 Eligibility for award
An applicant is eligible for the scholarship, if the applicant -
   (a) submits an application to the Associate Dean, by the advertised closing date for applications, complete with resume and required short answer responses.
   (b) is a female student; and
   (c) is a domestic student within the meaning of the Fee Rules; and
   (d) is enrolled full-time in the first year of the BE program; and
   (e) does not hold another scholarship that the Associate Dean considers to be similar.

6 Selection of award
(1) For the selection process, the Associate Dean must establish a selection committee, comprising:
   (a) the Associate Dean, or nominee, as Chair of the committee; and
   (b) Ms Kathy Hirschfeld or nominee; and
   (c) at least one member of the university's academic staff who is currently teaching in engineering.
(2) The scholarship is awarded to the applicant showing greatest merit based on-
(a) leadership qualities and potential to succeed in the engineering profession; (b) interest in and need for mentoring/coaching and industry networking; (c) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant.

(3) Preference will be given to students –
   (i) who have no family members or mentors in the engineering profession;
   (ii) are active in the community.

(4) The selection committee may decide to interview short-listed applicants.

7 Conditions for scholarship
(1) The recipient may hold the scholarship for 1 year, subject to the recipient –
   (a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in the BE program; and
   (b) achieving an overall GPA of 4.0 for each semester of study.
(2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 7(1), the recipient must show cause to the Associate Dean, why the scholarship should not be cancelled.