2021 Michelle McLean Egyptology Travelling Scholarship: Supporting Research Enhanced by Experience

Each year Macquarie's Discipline of Ancient History and Archaeology offers the Michelle McLean Egyptology Travelling Scholarship.

The Scholarship enables MQ Ancient History and Archaeology MRes, MPhil, MA and PhD students, and recent PhD graduates, to travel and pursue research opportunities in the broad field of Egyptology, while also enhancing research and scholarly output at Macquarie University.

In 2021, we are proud to offer this scholarship once again. However, this year, as in 2020, due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic and the University’s moratorium on all University associated non-essential travel, the Michelle McLean Egyptology Travelling scholarship conditions will be broadened as a special case. Please read the conditions in the relevant section below.

How to apply

To apply for the Michelle McLean Egyptology Traveling Scholarship, please complete the 2021 Scholarship application form and the reference form. Please return completed application and reference forms, together with supporting information, via email to angela.abberton@mq.edu.au by the due date.

The closing date for applications for this scholarship is 12.00 midnight, Friday, 3 September 2021.

Selection criteria

The selection criteria for the scholarship are:

1. Strength of academic record and achievement, including awards, prizes, scholarships, grants and peer-reviewed activity.
2. Projected outcomes, including research outputs.
3. Feasibility of delivery of outcome.
4. Benefit the scholarship would bring to the nominated project.
5. Benefit the scholarship would bring to Macquarie University, the Discipline of Ancient History and Archaeology, and (if applicable) to the host institution.
6. Preparation of a budget.

**Ranking of candidates**

In the interests of equity, candidates may apply for the scholarship more than once, but will only be eligible to be awarded it once, except at the discretion of the judging committee.

If no applicant is deemed to be of sufficient merit to receive a scholarship, at the absolute discretion of the judging committee, no award will be made.

In all cases, the decision of the judging committee is absolute and binding, and no correspondence will be entered into.

**Eligibility**

Currently, travel on University business is strictly not permitted. When the current University-wide moratorium has been lifted, eligible applicants who intend to travel will have obtained permission to travel as follows:

- A completed OSR form (N.B. Applicants must receive approval to travel from their supervisor).

All applicants MUST have the appropriate Risk Assessment and Health and Safety clearance in order to travel. Failure to do so will jeopardise their trip. Please see Department staff for details.

**Availability**

The Michelle McLean Egyptology Travelling Scholarship is available to postgraduate candidates (MRes, PhD or MA) in Ancient History and Archaeology at Macquarie University, or to recent Macquarie University Ancient History and Archaeology postdoctoral scholars or Masters graduates, within five years of award of their degree.

**The Michelle McLean Egyptology Travelling Scholarship**

**Description:**
In memory of the late Mrs Michelle McLean, and thanks to the generosity of Mr Cameron McLean, the Department of History and Archaeology at Macquarie University offers a scholarship to enable a student to undertake travel overseas to pursue a program of study or research with the aim of advancing the study of Egyptology.

In 2021, recognising the difficulties with international travel, successful candidates may also make use of the funds for purposes not directly related to travel, in alignment with University policy. In particular, recent PhD candidates or candidates expecting to submit
their thesis in the near future are encouraged to apply to use the funds for the purpose of editing their thesis to present for publication.

**Purpose:**
The purpose of the scholarship is to enable a student to undertake travel overseas to pursue a program of study or research with the aim of advancing the study of Egyptology. The successful candidate will be expected to give a public lecture on their return about their overseas study/research project and prepare a short report of their activities. For variation to the purpose of this Scholarship in 2021, please refer to the Description above.

**Availability:**
Available to postgraduate candidates (MRes, PhD or MA) in Ancient History and Archaeology at Macquarie University, or to recent Macquarie University Ancient History and Archaeology postdoctoral scholars or Masters graduates, within five years of award of their degree.

**Value:**
Up to A$5,000 contribution towards airfare/accommodation/expenses at the discretion of the Selection Panel.

**Time frame:**
The successful candidate will be eligible to complete his or her project within one year of award of the scholarship.

**Application due date:**
12.00 midnight, Friday, 3 September 2021.

**Selection panel:**
The applications will be considered by a panel consisting of:

- the Dean of the Faculty of Arts (or nominee)
- the Head of the Department of History and Archaeology (or nominee)
- the donor (or nominee)
- a member of the Ancient History and Archaeology staff with academic interests in the area

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