

The Dame Roma Mitchell Scholarship.

The Dame Roma Mitchell scholarship is an scholarship of \$500 available to a student of ICARUS college or Medical Entrance who is a South Australian year 12 student in 2007 and commences medical school at Adelaide University in 2008 after obtaining a score in the 100th percentile in section 2 of the 2007 UMAT test.

About Dame Roma Mitchell

Dame Roma Mitchell had a brilliant career.

Among many firsts, she was Australia's first woman Queen's Counsel, the first woman Court Judge in Australia and as Governor of South Australia, was the first woman in Australia to achieve this honour.

Roma Flinders Mitchell was born in Adelaide in 1913 the second daughter of Harold and Maude Mitchell. When Roma was four, her father was killed in World War One and her mother struggled to bring up her daughters alone.

"It wasn't easy in those days and the fact that my mother had no occupation, was one of the things that influenced her and that she was determined that her daughters would have a career that they could follow if the necessity arose."

Even at this early age young Roma had made up her mind about what she wanted to do.

"For as long as I remember I wanted to be a lawyer and I don't quite know why."

"What Roma did know was that she had a strong sense of social justice. "

"I was always willing at school to push for things that I thought were right and to push against anything that I thought was an injustice. I also had the characteristic of being the spokesperson for the class."

Roma was a brilliant student and in 1930 won a scholarship to study law at the University of Adelaide.

During her years at university, Australia was in the grip of the Great Depression.

"...on the way to uni I would pass Kintore Avenue where the man would be lined up waiting to get their ration cards and that was all they got, a ration card and they exchanged that for certain groceries."

Roma felt unemployment and poverty were wrong and that something had to be done.

"I think my interest in people was one of the things that fired me to study law because I had the feeling that people could be helped that way."

"...I always felt that justice demanded that we shouldn't have a depression again and I think that strongly influenced me in practice as well as elsewhere."

In 1934, at the age of twenty-one, Roma was admitted to the Bar and for twenty-eight years worked as a Barrister representing people in the courts.

It was a tough job with long hours.

"...you have to have a fair amount of courage because it's a fearsome thing at first. You have to have a certain amount of determination and a certain amount of persistence."

In 1962, Roma was appointed Australia's first woman Queen's Counsel.

"I was very gratified when I became a Queen's Counsel because that was really the recognition within the legal profession of achievement as a barrister and as I was the first woman in Australia to that I really did have pleasure in that."

Three years later Roma became Australia's first woman Supreme Court Judge.

"I was surprised when I was asked to accept the appointment of Supreme Court Judge because once again there had never been a woman in an Australian court nor in England at that stage."

In 1981, Roma was founding chairman of the Australian Human Rights Commission and became a human rights worker of international acclaim.

She became Dame Roma Mitchell in 1982, and in 1991, was invested as Governor of South Australia - the first woman in Australia to do so.

Dame Roma Mitchell was a quiet achiever who spent her life making sure everyone was treated fairly and her achievement has proven that women can do anything they want to do.

"...if you have a particular ambition follow it, don't be put off by thinking it's difficult. I think you just have to go on trying at the thing you think you do the best."

Requirements for Entry & Instructions

- This scholarship is open to all Australian citizens who are a student of ICARUS College or Medical Entrance.
- The applicant must be a South Australian Year 12 student during 2007, and commencing medical school at Adelaide University in 2008.
- Include a self addressed Yellow envelope for promotional materials
- Should you be selected as a recipient of the scholarship you must first provide proof of enrolment in a Medical Course at Adelaide University.
- The applicant must also provide a certified copy of UMAT test results obtained, to verify the applicants' scores.

- The applicant must have obtained a score in the 100th percentile in section 2 of the 2007 UMAT test.
- The winner will be required to provide a passport photo for publishing on the medical entrance website.
- Print out the registration form attached to this document and fill in the details. All fields are required for entry.

Rules

- One entrant will be selected as the recipient of the Dame Roma Mitchell Scholarship.
- All applications must be received by last mail 20th January 2008.
- Only properly completed entries will be eligible for selection.
- All entries received after the 20th January 2008 will not be considered.
- Scholarship recipients will be announced on the website upon confirmation and acceptance by the respective recipients.
- Potential scholarship recipients will be notified no later than the 16th of February 2008.
- The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Winning entrants permit the use of their name, photo and details for website inclusion.

The Dame Roma Mitchell Scholarship application

Name:	
Address:	
Suburb:	
Post Code:	
State:	
Contact phone number:	

Please ensure you also include:

- Your certified copy of UMAT results.
- Proof of enrolment at Adelaide University Medical.
- This registration form fully completed.

Mail this form including the above documents¹ to:

**Icarus College
Level 2,
339 King St
West Melbounre
Victoria 3003**

Please write on the back of the envelope **Attention: The Dame Roma Mitchell Scholarship**

¹ Please note all Submissions remain the property of ICARUS College