

**THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY**  
ANU COLLEGE OF HEALTH & MEDICINE  
RESEARCH SCHOOL OF POPULATION HEALTH  
**GEOFF MERCER AWARD**  
CONDITIONS of AWARD

**1. INTRODUCTION**

An Award has been established and named in honour of Dr. Geoff Mercer, a highly regarded Professor at the National Centre of Epidemiology and Population Health (NCEPH) in the Research School of Population Health (RSPH), who passed away suddenly in April 2014 at the peak of his career.

This Award will continue Geoff's legacy of mentoring and support of students, by funding a grant for postgraduate RSPH students to undertake an activity in pursuit of their academic goals, including travel to a national or international conference. Given Geoff's commitment to applying mathematics to population health, especially infectious disease problems, students undertaking research in that area are particularly encouraged to apply.

**2. VALUE**

The value of the Award will be up to \$1,500 and will be paid as a one off payment. Only one Award will be awarded each year.

**3. ELIGIBILITY**

The Award shall be awarded each year to the student who, enrolled in the Research School of Population Health, has completed an application for funding support that is judged by the Selection Committee to be the most likely to enhance the pursuit of the applicant's academic goals.

**4. APPLICATION**

The application consists of a maximum two-page single-spaced request and justification for an activity to assist in the pursuit of their academic goals and should address the criteria as outlined. These include the academic merit of the proposed activity, the benefit of the proposed activity to the student and the benefit to the proposed activity to the School. The application should be submitted to the School Manager no later than the date advertised on the ANU Scholarships website.

**5. SELECTION**

The Selection Committee shall be determined, from time to time, by the Director of the School, RSPH.

The Selection Committee will make a recommendation on the Award to the Director, RSPH, once each year.

When making their decision, the Selection Committee may take into account the information contained in the Award application and gathered during the annual review of student progress.

The Award shall not be awarded if, in the opinion of the Selection committee, there is no candidate of sufficient merit. The School reserves the right to make no awards in a given year, to vary the number of awards or to make an award/s at other times in exceptional circumstances as determined by the Director RSPH. The School reserves the right to revise the awards from time to time.

**6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS**

The Award can be held concurrently with other Awards

**7. TERMINATION AND REPAYMENT**

The University may terminate an Award if the scholar is not making satisfactory progress. If the Award is terminated the selection committee shall take into account the information available and shall determine whether any repayment of the Award monies is payable.

**8. TAXATION**

Scholars are responsible for seeking taxation advice regarding their own individual circumstances.

**9. PUBLICITY**

It is anticipated that scholars may be requested to participate in publicity of the Award from time to time.

On occasions, the scholar may be contacted by the College / School to participate in activities including, but not limited to, an interview, a photograph, and a formal Award presentation ceremony. The College / School may also request written responses from the scholar which can include, but is not limited to, a summary of basic profile information, and descriptions of University experiences.

The University may publicise the Award by publishing the names of the scholars. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the Communications and External Liaison Office of the University or through the College of Health & Medicine Marketing and Development Office.

**10. CONTACT WITH THE COLLEGE**

Enquiries regarding this Award should be made in writing through the Research School of Population Health.

Telephone (02) 6125 4578;

Email: [rsph.executive.support@anu.edu.au](mailto:rsph.executive.support@anu.edu.au)

**11. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS**

The scholar is subject to *The Australian National University Act 1991* as amended, and to the Statutes, Rules, Regulations and Resolutions of the University.

**12. DISCLAIMER**

The award does not carry any commitment by the University for future employment.