Australian National University

JOHNSTONE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP
CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the Mathematical Sciences Institute may offer an award known as the Johnstone Family Scholarship ("the award").

The objective of the award is to support undergraduate students pursuing studies in mathematics or statistics at the Australian National University.

Funding for this award has been provided by Professor Iain Johnstone (Bachelor of Science (Hons), 1978 and Master of Science, 1979) as a tribute to his parents.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the award is stated in the letter of offer. The duration of the award is the remainder of the recipient's undergraduate degree, up to three years in total, and may include an Honours year at the discretion of the Selection Committee, provided that funds are available. The award will be paid in equal instalments at the beginning of each semester unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

The recipient is responsible for making payment of all tuition fees by the prescribed date as set out by the University each session. Recipients of this award are responsible for the costs of books, study materials, accommodation and all other costs of study.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The award is available each year to a continuing ANU student who:

(a)   is a domestic or international student;

(b)   Is enrolled in an undergraduate degree in mathematics and/or statistics (including the Bachelor of Mathematical Science, the Bachelor of Statistics, or a Bachelor of Science with a significant mathematical and/or statistical component, as determined by the Selection Committee);

(c)   has completed a minimum of 48 units and a maximum of 96 units of their degree course;

(d)   can demonstrate a history of excellent academic performance in their undergraduate degree program.

4. APPLICATION

Applications are called for with a closing date as set by the Mathematical Sciences Institute. The application should be submitted on the prescribed electronic form and supporting documentation forwarded to the Administrative Officer – Education, Mathematical Sciences Institute, by email or post prior to the closing date.

5. SELECTION

Selection is made on the basis of academic merit. All other factors being equal in terms of academic merit, preference may be given a candidate that meets one or more of the below equity components:

i) is a female student
ii) is from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background
iii) can demonstrate evidence of disadvantage or financial need
iv) is a domestic student; or
v) is a student who had or has refugee status and holds a refugee visa (subclass 200) or a Permanent Humanitarian Visa

The award is offered to a student by a Selection Committee chaired by the Director, Mathematical Sciences Institute (or nominee), and includes the Director, Research School of Finance, Actuarial Studies and Statistics (or nominee), and at least one academic staff member whose research interests include statistics or statistical science.

The Selection Committee reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit. The Mathematical Sciences Institute may also vary the number of awards where funds allow and/or offer the award at other times in exceptional circumstances or based on the standard of applications or students.

6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS

A recipient of the Johnstone Family Scholarship is permitted to concurrently hold other scholarships, awards, grants and bursaries, provided that they are not in receipt of an award equal to or greater in value than the Johnstone Family Scholarship and subject to the terms of the corresponding section in the conditions of award of the other scholarship/bursary/grant/award that they are holding.

Failure to declare and obtain permission to hold another award or scholarship may result in the scholar being required to refund a payment or payments to the School, as determined by the Director, Mathematical Sciences Institute.

7. DEFERMENT

The recipient must take up their award in the semester for which it is offered.   Any requests for deferrals of the award must be approved by the Selection Committee. Subject to approval, the award may be deferred for a maximum of one year.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A recipient of this award will be required to enrol in a full-time load of 24 units per semester. In order to hold the award on a part-time basis, the recipient must request permission, in writing, from the Associate Director - Education, Mathematical Sciences Institute. If approved, payments of the award will be made on a pro-rata basis.

Recipients are expected to maintain an 80% average each semester (with the average being across all courses taken in a particular semester).

If a recipient is unable to achieve the required average in any semester a formal warning is sent.

If the recipient does not meet the required average in a subsequent semester they risk having their award suspended or terminated.

An award recipient is given the opportunity to explain their performance and how their performance can be remedied before a decision on the suspension or termination of an award is made.

9. **CESSATION OF AWARD**

    The award ceases or should be surrendered:

    (a)   at the conclusion of the period outlined in section 2; or

    (b)   on the date on which the recipient withdraws or ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences;

    (c)   if a recipient fails to enrol as required in section 8;

    (d)   if a recipient changes to part-time enrolment without permission,

    (e)   if a recipient changes their program or course without permission;

    (f)   if a recipient fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements;

    (g)   if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Misconduct & Discipline Rules;

    whichever is earliest.

10. **REPAYMENT OF FUNDS**

    Subject to the information available at the time, the Director, Mathematical Sciences Institute may request that the payment for the semester in which the breach of conditions or withdrawal occurs be refunded in part or in full.

11. **PROVIDING FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION**
    The awarding of a scholarship is based on the information provided to the University. An award may be withdrawn at any stage if incorrect, false or misleading information is provided or relevant information is withheld. This includes circumstances where the false information is unrelated to the assessment in awarding the scholarship/grant.

12. **VARIATION TO CONDITIONS OF AWARD**

    In exceptional circumstances and on a case-by-case basis section 6 and/or 7 of these conditions of award may be varied by the Director, Mathematical Sciences Institute on the recommendation of the Chair of the Selection Committee.

13. **TAXATION & CENTRELINK**

    Recipients are responsible for seeking taxation and Centrelink advice regarding their own individual circumstances. Scholarships/grants may be regarded as taxable income if a recipient is enrolled on a part-time basis.

    For information on how your award may affect your Centrelink benefits, see this website
    http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enablers/income/

14. ACCOMMODATION

It is the recipient's responsibility to obtain residential accommodation. Information on student accommodation and application forms are available from the University Accommodation Services. Information may be found on the Web at:
http://www.anu.edu.au/students/services/accommodation

15. PUBLICITY

The recipient may be requested to participate in publicity for the award from time to time. This may include publicity in the state or territory of residence or of schooling. Recipients may be contacted for an interview and photograph. The University may also publicise the award by publishing the names of the recipients. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the ANU College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences or Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University.

16. CONTACT WITH THE COLLEGE

All enquiries regarding the award and changes, issues, or further information after acceptance should be made to:

Mathematical Sciences Institute
College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences
The Australian National University
Canberra ACTON 2601
AUSTRALIA

Email: admin.msi@anu.edu.au

17. DISCLAIMER

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

The award of a scholarship/grant does not carry any commitment by the University for future employment.

These conditions of award should be read in conjunction with the University's Coursework Scholarships Policy & Procedures available from the ANU website.

18. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES

ANU Coursework Scholarship Policy - https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_007803

ANU Coursework Scholarship Procedure - https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_009607

ANU Academic Misconduct Rules - https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2015L02025

ANU Discipline Rules - https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2015L02046