

# ANU EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CONDITIONS OF AWARD

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the Australian National University (ANU) may offer a number of awards known as the ANU Excellence Scholarship program ("the award") to high achieving students from select countries.

The objective of the award is to support diversity of the student body and recruit high caliber international students into undergraduate and postgraduate coursework programs offered by ANU.

#### 2. BENEFITS

The value of the award will be stated in the letter of offer. The award will be credited towards a student's tuition fees once the student has enrolled each semester or session. The duration of the award will be for the normal length of a Bachelor degree (three to five years) or a Postgraduate coursework degree (up to two years).

The recipient is responsible for making payment of the balance of their 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 will be available each year to a prospective ANU student who:

- (a) Is defined as an overseas student under the terms of the Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000;
- (b) meets the citizenship and program requirements as published on the ANU Excellence Scholarship page;
- (c) has achieved at an excellent level in their final years of schooling, demonstrated by excellent results in their secondary studies qualification or undergraduate degree;
- (d) will enrol in a program at ANU for the first time.

Dependents or a spouse of staff of diplomatic or consular missions enrolling in a **postgraduate** degree are eligible.

## 4. APPLICATION

Applications are called for with a closing date as set by the University. The application is submitted via the prescribed electronic form on the ANU Excellence Scholarship Program page prior to the closing date.

#### 5. SELECTION

Selection will be made on the basis of a student meeting the eligibility outlined in section 3. Eligible candidates will then be ranked according to their Grade Point Average (GPA) or Weighted Average Mark (WAM) from their Bachelor Degree or High School/pre-Bachelor degree studies. Academic Colleges will award scholarships to students from different countries and regions according to their strategic priorities.

The award will be offered to students by College selection committees chaired by the Dean (or nominee) of the relevant College which will also include other College staff as appointed by the Dean.

College Selection Committees reserve the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit. Selection Committees may also vary the number of awards and/or offer the award at other times in exceptional circumstances or based on the standard of applications or students (where funding allows).

#### 6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF OTHER AWARDS

A recipient of the University Excellence Scholarship is not permitted to concurrently hold other scholarships, awards, grants and bursaries without prior permission from the Delegate.

Failure to declare and obtain permission to hold another scholarship, award, grant or bursary may result in the recipient being required to refund a payment or payments to the University, as determined by the Delegated Authority of the University.

## 7. DEFERMENT

The recipient must take up their award in the semester of which it is offered. Any requests for deferrals of the award must be approved by the Dean of the College (or nominee) of the student's program of study. Subject to approval, the award may be deferred for a maximum of one year.

# 8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A recipient of the award is required to enroll in a full-time load of 48 units per calendar year. A recipient must request permission, in writing, from the Dean of the College (or nominee) to hold the award on a part-time basis. If approved, payments of the award may be made on a pro-rata basis.

Recipients must maintain a 65 per cent average with a minimum of 60 per cent in each course in each semester/session during the tenure of the award and must not fail a course.

If a recipient is unable to achieve the required average in any semester/session 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. AWARD CESSATION

The award ceases or must be surrendered:

- (a) at the conclusion of the period outlined in section 2;
- (b) on the date on which the student 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 from the relevant College;
- (e) if a recipient changes to a program outside of the College that originally offered the scholarship;
- (f) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Misconduct and Discipline Rules;

whichever is earliest.

#### 10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

Subject to the information available at the time, the Delegated Authority in the College 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 INFORMATION

The awarding of a scholarship/grant 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. VARIATIONS 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 Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) on the recommendation of the Chair of the respective College selection committee.

# 13. TAXATION AND 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://study.anu.edu.au/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 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 respective College of study or the University Strategic Communications and Public Affairs office.

#### 16. CONTACT WITH THE UNIVERSITY

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

Student Administration and Records
Division of Student Administration
X005 Childers Street, ANU Student Exchange
The Australian National University
Acton ACT 2601
AUSTRALIA

E: coursework.scholarships@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 - <a href="https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP">https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP</a> 007803

ANU Coursework Scholarship Procedure - https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP 009607

ANU Academic Misconduct Rule - <a href="https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2015L02025">https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2015L02025</a>

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