



ANU NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the Australian National University ('the University') may offer a number of awards known as the ANU National Merit Scholarship ('the Award').

The objective of the Award is to provide financial assistance to select students who are no longer eligible to receive the ANU National University Scholarship (NUS).

2. BENEFITS

The value of the Award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the Award is equal to the remaining duration under your original NUS award. The Award is paid in two 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 continuing ANU students who:

- (a) were originally awarded an NUS; and
- (b) had their NUS terminated due to not meeting the Grade Point Average (GPA) academic progress requirements applying under their original NUS Conditions of Award; and
- (c) maintained at least a GPA of 6.0, or a 5.5 for students enrolled in the Bachelor of Law or combined Flexible Double Degree Law, in each semester from the commencement of the award of the NUS.

4. APPLICATION

There is no application as students are automatically considered based on them meeting the eligibility criteria or conditions prescribed under the Eligibility section.

5. SELECTION

Selection is made on the basis of applicants meeting the eligibility criteria stated in Section 3.

The Dean of Students reserves the right to make no Award if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit.

6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS

A recipient of the Award is permitted to hold concurrent scholarships as outlined in the ANU Coursework Scholarships procedure.

7. DEFERMENT

The Award cannot be deferred.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A recipient of this Award is required to enrol in a full-time load of 48 units per year. A recipient requests permission, in writing, from the Dean of Students to hold the Award on a part-time basis. If approved, payments of the Award will be made on a pro-rata basis.

Recipients are expected to maintain a GPA of 6.0 or above each semester (with the average being across all courses taken in a particular semester or session/s overlapping that semester). Recipients achieving a GPA of 5.5 in Bachelor of Law or combined Flexible Double Degree Law (with the average being across all courses taken in a particular semester or session/s overlapping that semester) will be permitted to retain their scholarship.

If a recipient is unable to achieve the GPA in any semester, a formal warning is sent.

If the recipient does not meet the required GPA in a subsequent semester, they risk having their Award suspended or terminated.

A 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) if a student no longer meets the eligibility requirements;
- (b) at the conclusion of the period outlined in section 2; or
- (c) on the date on which the recipient withdraws or ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences;
- (d) if a recipient fails to enrol as required in section 8;
- (e) if a recipient changes to part-time enrolment without receiving permission to retain their scholarship;
- (f) if a recipient changes their program or course without permission;
- (g) if a recipient fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements;
- (h) 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 Dean of Students 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.

12. VARIATION TO CONDITIONS OF AWARD

In exceptional circumstances and on a case-by-case basis, section 7 of these Conditions of Award may be varied by the Dean of Students.

13. TAXATION & CENTRELINK

Recipients are responsible for seeking taxation and Centrelink advice regarding their own individual circumstances. Scholarships 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 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 Coursework Scholarships Office or Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University.

16. CONTACT WITH THE SCHOLARSHIP OWNER

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

ANU Coursework Scholarships Office

Division of Student Administration & Academic Services

Email: coursework.scholarships@anu.edu.au

17. DISCLAIMER

The recipient of the 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 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 Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2015L02025>

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