



## **BHATI FAMILY INDIA TRAVEL GRANT**

### **CONDITIONS OF AWARD**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Each year the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific (“the College”) may offer an award known as the Bhati Family India Travel Grant (“the award”).

The objective of the award is to help create a better understanding and knowledge of Australia in India and/or a better understanding and knowledge of India in Australia. The award will assist current ANU students from any discipline to undertake research for which they need to travel to India.

ANU alumnus U.N. Bhati (PhD, 1971) and his extended family have provided funds for the travel grant to be awarded each year in perpetuity.

#### **2. BENEFITS**

The value of the award is stated in your letter of offer. The award is paid in one instalment to coincide with the recipient’s travel arrangements, unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer. The award shall contribute towards paying for economy return airfares to India and actual expenses related to travel, e.g. accommodation in India, passport, visa, vaccinations and other preventative medications, and for miscellaneous expenses incurred in India.

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 is:

- (a) a domestic or international student,
- (b) enrolled in an ANU undergraduate, postgraduate or research program and
- (c) undertaking travel to India for their research.

#### **4. APPLICATION**

Applications are called for each year with a closing date as set by the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific and advertised on the ANU scholarships website. The application and supporting documentation will be submitted on the prescribed electronic form prior to the closing date.

## **5. SELECTION**

Selection is made on the basis of:

- (a) the extent to which the applicant demonstrates that travelling to India is vital to their research;
- (b) the extent to which the output of the applicant's research will contribute to a better understanding and knowledge of any aspect of Australia in India, or any aspect of India in Australia;
- (c) the extent of contribution the proposed research is expected to make to issues that are of high priority for Australia and India;
- (d) the applicant's academic record to date;
- (e) whether the applicant has established links with an institution in India which will help in achieving the purpose of the travel (the institution does not have to be academic);
- (f) whether the applicant has obtained formal approval for the travel program and its objectives from their supervisor.

The award is offered to a student by a selection committee chaired by the Associate Dean (Education) and comprised of at least three other members nominated by the Chair, preferably with representation from each ANU College represented in the cohort of applicants.

The selection committee reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit. The selection committee 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 funds allow).

## **6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS**

A recipient of the Bhati Family India Travel Grant is permitted to concurrently hold other scholarships, awards, grants and bursaries 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 recipient being required to refund a payment or payments to the College, as determined by the Associate Dean (Education) of the College (or nominee).

## **7. DEFERMENT**

The recipient must take up their award in the year for which it is offered. Any requests for deferrals of the award must be approved by the Associate Dean (Education) for the College. Subject to approval, the award may be deferred for a maximum of one year.

## **8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY**

A recipient of this award is required to be enrolled and remain enrolled on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate, graduate coursework, or research program at The Australian National University while the proposed travel is being undertaken.

The recipient may request permission from the Associate Dean (Education) of the College to hold the award whilst on approved academic program leave to undertake the proposed travel.

Upon completion of the proposed research and return to ANU, the student must provide to the CAP Student Centre a short report (500 – 1000 words) on the recipient's research work carried out in India and on their experience. This report will be shared with the recipient's supervisor, Selection Committee and the donors.

## **9. CESSATION OF AWARD**

The award ceases or should be surrendered:

- (a) at the conclusion of the proposed travel to India; 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 breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Misconduct & Discipline Rules or breaks the law in India;

whichever is earliest.

## **10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS**

Subject to the information available at the time, the Associate Dean (Education) of 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 OR MISLEADING 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. 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 Dean of the College 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://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 College of Asia and the Pacific 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:

*CAP Student Centre*

*ANU College of Asia and the Pacific*

*Email: [cap.student@anu.edu.au](mailto:cap.student@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](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_007803)

ANU Coursework Scholarship Procedure -

[https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_009607](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_009607)

ANU Academic Misconduct Rules - <https://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01785>

ANU Discipline Rules - <https://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01792>