



## **BILL NICHOLLES “WILLIGOBUNG” SCHOLARSHIP FOR MEDICINE**

### **CONDITIONS OF AWARD**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

In 2021, the ANU Medical School may offer two awards known as the Bill Nicholes “Willigobung” Scholarship for Medicine (“the award”).

The objective of the award is to provide financial assistance to students enrolling in the Australian National University’s four year graduate entry Medicinae ac Chirurgiae Doctoranda (MChD) degree program.

Funding for this award has been provided by the late Bill Nicholes, who bequeathed more than \$4.2 million to support students studying graduate medicine at ANU. Bill was a retired farmer who lived and worked on his family’s farm near Tumbarumba, NSW, for most of his life. The estate was called “Willigobung” and was acquired by his father as a Solider’s Settlement block in 1951. There the family established an apple orchard and eventually became one of the most successful apple growers in the region. Bill was said to be instrumental in the farm’s success.

In later years, when his mother and father’s health deteriorated, Bill cared for them at “Willigobung”. Bill also suffered from a number of medical conditions and it is thought that these experiences may have contributed to his decision to support scholarships in medicine. To honour Bill’s regional background and his intention to give students the opportunity to come to ANU who otherwise might not be able to, one of the scholarships available each year will be for a student who is relocating from, or was schooled in a rural, regional or remote area.

#### **2. BENEFITS**

The value of the award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the award is four years. The award is 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 prospective ANU student who:

- (a) is an Australian citizen, holder of an Australian Permanent Resident visa or a permanent humanitarian visa;
- (b) has been offered a place in the Medicinae ac Chirurgiae Doctoranda (MChD) program at the ANU Medical School, College of Health and Medicine;

- (c) has achieved an overall weighted minimum GPA of 6.8 (as per GEMSAS calculation);
- (d) is able to attend the ANU Medical School Nicholes' Scholarship Interview in person;
- (e) is able to demonstrate the attributes of a Nicholes' Scholar;
- (f) for the scholarship reserved for a student from a rural, regional or remote area, in addition to satisfying the above criteria, the student must have relocated from, or been schooled in a rural, regional or remote area (Australian Statistical Geography Remoteness Area-2-5) and completed the majority of their secondary studies in a rural, regional or remote area. Scholarship applicants can check the rural, regional and remote classification of their address at the DoctorConnect website.

Supporting documentation will be required in the format of:

- Supporting letters from a GP, school, university or workplace (signed originals on letterhead). Supporting letters must include your rural residential address details.
- Documents to prove residence such as invoices for telephone, rates, utilities, or bank statements showing your (or your family's) address.

#### **4. APPLICATION**

Applications are called for with a closing date as set by the ANU Medical School and advertised on the ANU website. The application is submitted on the prescribed electronic form and supporting documentation forwarded to the ANU Medical School admissions' office by email (stated in section 16) prior to the closing date.

#### **5. SELECTION**

Selection is made on the basis of:

- Academic achievement;
- A track record of sustained contributions to the applicants community eg during university life (volunteer programmes);
- Ability to demonstrate personal qualities, abilities and talents desirable in a clinician;
- Extra-curricular activities beyond academic achievement; and
- Nicholes Scholarship interview

The award is offered to a student by a selection committee chaired by Dean, ANU Medical School which will also include Deputy Dean, ANU Medical School, two other members of the senior faculty executive and a health industry leader.

The ANU Medical School reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit.

If the selection committee deems that there is no suitable or eligible student from a rural, regional or remote background, the scholarship may be awarded to a student from a non-rural, regional or remote background.

The ANU Medical School 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 Bill Nicholes “Willigobung” Scholarship for Medicine is not permitted to concurrently hold other scholarships, awards, grants and bursaries.

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 Dean, ANU Medical School.

## **7. DEFERMENT**

The award may be deferred in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Dean, ANU Medical School.

## **8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY**

A recipient of this award is required to enrol in a full-time load of 24 units per semester.

Recipients are expected to maintain a minimum grade of CRS each year including professional performance.

If a recipient is unable to achieve the minimum standards in any semester a formal warning is sent.

If the recipient does not meet the required standards 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) 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;
- (e) if a recipient transfers out of the MChD program;
- (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 Dean, ANU Medical School 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 6 and/or 7 of these conditions of award may be varied by the Dean, ANU Medical School on the recommendation of the Nicholes Scholarship 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 Joint Colleges of Science 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:

ANU Medical School  
College of Health and Medicine  
Email: [admissions.medicalschool@anu.edu.au](mailto:admissions.medicalschool@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 Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2015L02025>

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