



BOK HONOURS YEAR SCHOLARSHIP IN ASTROPHYSICS

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics (“RSAA”) in the ANU College of Science may offer an award known as the Bok Honours Year Scholarship in Astrophysics (“the award”).

The objective of the award is to support students with an outstanding academic record to undertake their Honours year in Astronomy and Astrophysics with the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics in the ANU College of Science.

Funding for this award has been provided by Mr John Bok and Mrs Joyce Ambruster in memory of Professor Bart J. Bok. Professor Bart J. Bok was Director of the Mount Stromlo and Siding Spring Observatories from 1957 to 1966 and Professor of Astronomy at the Australian National University.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the award is two consecutive full-time academic semesters. The award is paid in two instalments, one at the beginning of each semester, unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

An additional allowance may be available for the successful applicant who transfers enrolment to the ANU for the honours year and whose permanent place of residence is outside of the Australian Capital Territory.

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 or continuing ANU student who:

- (a) is a domestic or international student; and
- (b) is enrolled/enrolling in the Astronomy and Astrophysics Honours Year within the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics in the ANU College of Science.

4. APPLICATION

The application is submitted on the prescribed form. Any requirement for supporting documentation and forwarding details will be stated on the application form and/or ANU Scholarships website. The application and all supporting documentation (where applicable) must be submitted on, or prior to, the closing date published on the ANU scholarships website.

5. SELECTION

Selection is made on the basis of academic merit and application.

The award is offered to a student by a selection committee chaired by the Director of the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics (or their nominee), the RSAA Honours Convenor and at least one more RSAA academic staff member.

Where the selection committee cannot come to a consensus or a vote is tied, the Chair has the casting vote.

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 Bok Honours Year Scholarship in Astrophysics is permitted to hold concurrent scholarship 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 24 units per semester. A recipient requests permission, in writing, from the Associate Director (Education) of RSAA to hold the award on a part-time basis. If approved, payments of the award will be made on a pro-rata basis.

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 receiving permission to retain their scholarship;
- (e) if a recipient changes their program or course;
- (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 of the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics 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 the ANU College of Science 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 Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics or Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University.

16. 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.

17. 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/F2018L00319>