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## DIRECTOR'S SCHOLARSHIP FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE CONDITIONS OF AWARD

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the ANU College of Science ('the College') may offer a number of awards known as the Director's Scholarship for Academic Excellence ('the Award').

The objective of the Award is to attract and reward high quality, top-performing students from the ANU-SDU Joint Science College at Shandong University to study at the Australian National University ('the University').

There are a number of awards available based on the degree programs/majors that students are enrolled in at the ANU – SDU Joint Science College at Shandong University.

Funding for this Award has been provided by the College.

### 2. BENEFITS

The value of the Award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the Award is two years. The Award is paid in equal instalments after census date of the first and third semester after commencement 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 the Award are responsible for the costs of books, study materials, accommodation and all other costs of study.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY

The Award is available to a prospective ANU student who:

- (a) is an International student; and
- (b) is currently enrolled in the ANU-SDU Joint Science College at Shandong University, Weihai; and
- (c) receives an offer of admission to a vertical double degree combination of undergraduate and postgraduate coursework programs offered by the ANU College of Science; and
- (d) has not received the Award previously.

### 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 meeting the eligibility criteria and academic merit. Other factors such as diversity of the student cohort, community and university engagement or evidence of leadership may also be taken into account. Preference may be given to marks achieved in academic courses relevant to their major at the University.

The Awards are divided equally between the top-ranked male and top-ranked female applicants from each degree program/major at ANU – SDU Joint Science College, as determined by the Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee will be chaired by the Deputy Dean (Education), ANU College of Science (or nominee) which will also include the Associate Dean (Teaching & Learning), ANU College of Science (or nominee) and one or more Associate Directors (Education) from the relevant ANU College of Science Research Schools.

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 Award is permitted to hold concurrent student financial awards 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.

Recipients are expected to maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.5 or above each semester (with the average being across all courses taken in a particular semester or session/s overlapping that semester).

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;
- (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 the Award;
- (f) if a recipient changes their program or course without permission to retain the Award;
- (g) if a recipient fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements; or
- (h) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Integrity Rule;

whichever is earliest.

## **10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS**

Subject to the information available at the time, the Dean of ANU College of Science 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 Award is based on the information provided to the University. The 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 for the Award.

## **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 on the recommendation of the chair of the selection committee.

## **13. TAXATION & CENTRELINK**

Recipients are responsible for seeking taxation advice regarding their own individual circumstances. Awards may be regarded as taxable income if a recipient is enrolled on a part-time basis.

## **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 Science or ANU Communications and Engagement (ACE).

## **16. CONTACT WITH THE AWARD OWNER**

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

*ANU College of Science*

Email: [International.science@anu.edu.au](mailto:International.science@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 Student financial awards Policy and Coursework Scholarships Procedure available from the ANU website.

## **18. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES**

ANU Student financial awards Policy -

[https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_007803](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_007803)

ANU Coursework Scholarships 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>

and/or ANU Academic Integrity Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2021L00997>

ANU Discipline Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2020L01686> and/or <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2021L00998>

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