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## **IWF INDIGENOUS HONOURS SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS OF AWARD**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Each year the Institute for Water Futures may offer up to three awards known as the IWF Indigenous Honours Scholarship ('the Award').

The objective of the Award is to assist an Indigenous student to undertake an Honours year in water-related research.

Funding for this Award has been provided by The Institute for Water Futures.

### **2. BENEFITS**

The value of the Award is stated in your letter of offer. The Award includes a cash payment plus additional benefits such as provision for fieldwork travel and access to an allowance for a return trip home. The duration of the Award is for the duration of the Honours program. 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 the 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 commencing or continuing ANU student who:

- (a) is a domestic student; and
- (b) identifies and is accepted as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander;
- (c) has received an offer to or is enrolled in an Honours program at ANU.

### **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 applicants meeting the eligibility criteria and the quality of responses provided in the application.

The Award is offered to a student by a selection committee chaired by the Director of the Institute for Water Futures which will also include two representatives from the Indigenous Scholars Program (ISP) Advisory Council.

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 recipient is expected to take up their Award in the semester for which it is offered. Any request for deferral of the Award must be approved by the chair of the selection committee. Subject to approval, the Award may be deferred for a maximum of two years.

## **8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY**

A recipient of this Award is required to remain enrolled in the Honours program that the Award was intended to support.

## **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 their program or course without permission to retain the Award;
- (f) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Integrity Policy and/or the Discipline Rule;

whichever is earliest.

## **10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS**

Subject to the information available at the time, Institute Manager, Institute for Water Futures, 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**

Selection for 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 Director of the Institute for Water Futures.

## **13. TAXATION & CENTRELINK**

Recipients are responsible for seeking independent taxation advice regarding their own individual circumstances. Student financial awards are regarded as taxable income if a recipient is enrolled on a part-time basis. If you are receiving Centrelink benefits, student financial awards may impact your Centrelink payments.

For more information, visit

- <https://www.ato.gov.au/Calculators-and-tools/Host/?anchor=IMST&anchor=IMST&anchor=IMST/questions#IMST/questions>
- <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/income-from-scholarships-for-students-and-apprentices?context=43921>

#### **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 Institute for Water Futures or ANU Communications and Engagement (ACE).

#### **16. DISCLOSURE AND DONOR CONTACT**

For the purposes of reporting on the impact of student financial awards, the name, program name and demographics (for example: age, country or town of residence) relating to a recipient of the Award may be disclosed to donors supporting the Award. This will not include recipient contact details. The recipient may be asked to write a personal note of thanks or to meet with donors. Any contact between a donor and a recipient will be facilitated by the ANU Advancement Office or an authorised representative of the University.

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

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

*Institute for Water Futures*

Email: [waterfutures@anu.edu.au](mailto:waterfutures@anu.edu.au)

#### **18. 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.

#### **19. 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 Integrity Policy - [https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_6477101](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_6477101)

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