



KAMBRI INDIGENOUS UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the Australian National University (“The University” or “ANU”) may offer a number of awards known as the *Kambri Indigenous Undergraduate Scholarship* (“the award”).

The objectives of the award are to support Indigenous Australians to attend ANU and complete an undergraduate degree program. The University aims to provide a flexible package of support encompassed by this award to alleviate financial and other barriers to entry to the University.

Funding for this award has been provided by the ANU and the generous gifts of donors.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the award is up to five years’ full-time study. The award is paid at the beginning of each semester unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

The amount of the award may vary between individuals, depending upon the recipient’s eligibility for other scholarships/awards and their financial circumstances.

Recipients of this award are responsible for making payment of all tuition fees by the prescribed date as set out by the University each session and all other costs of study not covered by the scholarship.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The award is available each year to a prospective or current ANU student who:

- (a) is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent; and
- (b) identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person; and
- (c) is recognised as such by their community; and
- (d) has applied for, or received an offer of admission to, or is enrolled in an undergraduate degree program at ANU.

4. APPLICATION

The application for this scholarship is a two-step process. The first step will be a written application to include:

- (a) a statement with, where possible, supporting documentation outlining their involvement and leadership activities within their school and/or community.
- (b) for applicants who have completed year 12 in the past 2 years, a letter of recommendation from a School Principal attesting to the leadership qualities displayed by the applicant and their desire to undertake tertiary education;

or

for applicants who have completed year 12 more than two years ago, a letter of recommendation from a teacher or employer attesting to the leadership qualities displayed by the applicant and their desire to undertake tertiary education.

- (c) a statement from the applicant describing what it would mean for them to be awarded this scholarship and how it may affect their life and time at University.

Applications will be reviewed and the selection committee will shortlist applicants to proceed to the second stage of the interview process, which will consist of a video interview.

5. SELECTION

Selection is made on the basis of academic merit and the candidate's written application and interview, aligned with the University's strategic objectives to ensure a diverse student cohort.

As there are limited scholarships available, additional factors to foster diversity and inclusion may be taken into account and may include but are not limited to:

- Financial Need
- Educational access or disadvantage
- Rural/regional status

The award is offered to a student by the Kambri Indigenous Scholarship Committee chaired by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and consisting of the Director, Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre, A College Dean and a senior Indigenous academic staff member

The Committee reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant meeting the eligibility criteria. The 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 SCHOLARSHIPS

A recipient of this award is permitted to hold concurrent scholarships as outlined in the ANU Coursework Scholarships procedure. Concurrent scholarships may be a factor in any assessment of need.

7. DEFERMENT

The award cannot be deferred.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A recipient of this award is required to enrol in a full-time load (18 - 24 units per semester). A recipient requests permission, in writing, from the Director, Tjabal Centre to hold the award on a part-time basis. If approved, payments of the award will be made on a pro-rata basis.

Recipients are expected to maintain a minimum (Grade Point Average) GPA of 4.0 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 required GPA in any semester a formal warning is sent and the Tjabal Centre notified in order to provide the student with support.

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. SCHOLAR OBLIGATIONS

Scholarship recipients will be encouraged to engage with the Tjabal Centre and the activities of the Centre, and will be required to attend all Kambri Scholars events and functions.

10. 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 fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements;
- (f) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Misconduct & Discipline Rules;

whichever is earliest.

11. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

Subject to the information available at the time, the Director, Tjabal Centre may request that the payment for the semester in which the breach of conditions or withdrawal occurs be refunded/returned to the University by the recipient in part or in full.

12. 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.

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 the award may affect Centrelink benefits, see this website <http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enablers/income/> or contact the Tjabal Centre for assistance.

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 Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre or Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University.

16. CONTACT WITH THE SCHOLARSHIP OWNER

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

Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre

Email: tjabal.centre@anu.edu.au

17. DISCLOSURE AND DONOR CONTACT

For the purposes of reporting on the impact of scholarships, the name, program name and demographics (for example: age, country or town of residence) relating to a recipient of this 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.

18. 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.

19. 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 Rules - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2015L02025>

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