

Ken Wanganeen Scholarship

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre ('the Tjabal Centre') may offer an award known as the Ken Wanganeen Scholarship ('the award').

The objective of the award is to encourage young Indigenous Australians to develop their leadership skills and aspire to leadership positions in their community. The scholarship has been generously established in memory of the distinguished Indigenous Australian, Ken Wanganeen. Mr Wanganeen completed his first degree with honours at Flinders University and during his career became Assistant Secretary in the Department of Aboriginal Affairs. He was committed to developing constructive ways of bringing the people of Australia together.

Funding for this award has been provided by Carolyn Wanganeen, widow of the distinguished Indigenous Australian, Ken Wanganeen. Ken started his career in the Administrative Trainee Scheme and later became Assistant Secretary in the Department of Aboriginal Affairs. He was committed to developing constructive ways of bringing the people of Australia together.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the award is stated in your letter of offer. The award is paid as a one-off payment at the beginning of the 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 or current ANU student who:

- (a) is an Australian citizen; and
- (b) is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent; and
- (c) identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person; and
- (d) is accepted as such by the community in which they live, or formerly lived; and
- (e) is enrolled or will be enrolled in a postgraduate coursework program at the university, or is enrolled or will be enrolled in the Australian National Internships Program.

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 suitability to the goals of the scholarship. Preference may be given to students who have not previously applied or been awarded the scholarship.

The award is offered to a student by a selection committee of at least three people, chaired by the Director of the Tjabal Centre and which will also include at least one other senior Indigenous academic staff member.

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 Ken Wanganeen Scholarship is permitted to hold concurrent scholarships 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 18-24 units per semester. A recipient requests permission, in writing, from the *Director of the 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 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 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; or
- (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 their scholarship;
- (f) if a recipient changes their program or course without permission;
- (g) if a recipient fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements;
- (h) 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, Director of Tjabal Centre 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/grant.

12. 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/

13. 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

14. 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.

15. 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

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 - <u>https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2015L02025</u> ANU Discipline Rule - <u>https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2015L02046</u>