



**Australian
National
University**

NATIONAL SECURITY COLLEGE INDIGENOUS EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the National Security College ('the NSC') may offer an award known as the National Security College Indigenous Excellence Scholarship ('the Award').

The objectives of the Award are to support an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander student to complete a postgraduate coursework award at the ANU National Security College, and to attract a high achieving prospective Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Island student who otherwise may not have the opportunity to undertake studies with the NSC.

Funding for this Award has been provided by the National Security College.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the Award is stated in the letter of offer. The duration of the Award is for the duration of the program (up to 72 units). The Award is paid in equal instalments at the beginning of 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 ANU student who:

- (a) is a domestic student; and
- (b) identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; and
- (c) receives an offer of admission to the Master of National Security Policy or Graduate Certificate of National Security Policy.

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, academic merit and the quality of the responses provided in the application.

The Award is offered to a student by a selection committee chaired by the National Security College academic program convenor which will also include a representative from the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre, a member of NSC academic staff and the Deputy Head of NSC (or nominee).

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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, grants and bursaries 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 six months.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A recipient of this Award is required to enrol in a full-time load of 18 units per semester. A recipient can request permission, in writing, from the chair of the selection committee 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 6.0 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;
- (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 Policy and/or the Discipline Rule;

whichever is earliest.

10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

Subject to the information available at the time, the Head of the National Security College 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 Head of the National Security College on the recommendation of the chair of the selection committee.

13. TAXATION

Recipients are responsible for seeking 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 National Security College 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:

National Security College

Senior Student Engagement Coordinator

Email: crawford.degrees@anu.edu.au

Phone: +61 2 6125 6261

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, grants and bursaries 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

ANU Coursework Scholarships, Grants and Bursaries Procedure -

https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_009607

ANU Academic Integrity Policy - https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_6477101

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