



**Australian  
National  
University**

**PhD Scholarship on**

**Humanitarian Emergencies, Displacement, Children and Young Peoples'  
Protection in the Global South**

**Global South Applicants Only**

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### **CONDITIONS OF AWARD**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

In 2024, the Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs may offer an award known as the PhD Scholarship on Humanitarian Emergencies, Displacement, Children and Young Peoples' Protection in the Global South ("the award").

The objective/s of the award is to provide funding for an outstanding domestic<sup>1</sup> or international<sup>2</sup> student to enable them to pursue a PhD Program in the area of humanitarian emergencies, displacement, and protection to support the project of Professor Bina D'Costa titled [ARC Future Fellowship Project](#).

Funding for this award has been provided by an Australian Research Council (ARC) grant and the Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs.

This fully funded PhD position is being offered through an Australian Research Council Future Fellowship project on humanitarian emergencies, displacement, and protection. The PhD scholar will contribute to the ARC project through a specific focus on collecting and analysing mixed method data from one of the case studies- Europe's hot spots and 'refugee crisis', Horn of Africa emergency, or Myanmar-Bangladesh Rohingya emergency. The PhD scholar will focus on one of the research priority areas- trafficking; child/early marriages; exploitative/forced child labour; sexual abuse.

The PhD scholar will be expected to develop and carry out a project that aligns with the broader purpose of the ARC Project: to provide rigorous evidence to enhance community, organisational and government decision-making and program implementation regarding children and young peoples' protection in displacement contexts and humanitarian emergencies.

This is an exciting opportunity to undertake cutting edge research as part of a team of academics, practitioners and community partners, and a cohort of young people working on diverse aspects of displacement and humanitarian protection. The PhD scholar will also have the opportunity to learn from and engage with colleagues in the Department of International Relations, which is currently celebrating the 75th anniversary of its establishment as the first IR department in Australia.

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<sup>1</sup> A student who is an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen, the holder of an Australian Permanent Resident visa or the holder of an Australian humanitarian visa

<sup>2</sup> A student who is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen or the holder of Australian permanent resident status, and is required to hold a visa to study in Australia and liable for international student fees (ISF) payable to the University either by the student or a sponsor

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## 2. BENEFITS

**Value:** The value of the Award will be stated in the letter of offer. The Award will be paid in fortnightly instalments unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

The Award may contain any or all of the following benefits:

- A. **Stipend Scholarship:** A recipient will be awarded a stipend scholarship to the value of \$36,652 per annum.
- B. **Higher Degree Research (HDR) Fee Remission Merit Scholarship:** An International recipient may be recommended for an HDR Fee Remission Merit Scholarship to cover the International Student Fees for the standard duration of the Higher Degree Research (HDR) program subject to the recipient being ranked as competitive in a merit-based selection process;
- C. **Relocation Reimbursement:** A recipient may be eligible to claim a reimbursement as a one-off payment to assist with relocation costs, including those in respect of the recipient's spouse, de facto partner, and dependent child or children, incurred in commencing their HDR program. Where a claim for a relocation reimbursement is in respect of a recipient's spouse, de facto partner, or dependent child or children, they must accompany the recipient to take up his/her program, or join the recipient within 12 months of the recipient commencing their HDR program.

Recipients who are resident outside the Australian Capital Territory, or who are permanently resident outside Australia at the time of application, may be eligible to receive a one-off relocation reimbursement capped at a maximum of \$1,000 for Domestic students, or \$2,500 for International students, towards the costs of moving to take up their HDR program, on production of original tax invoice/receipts.

Insurance, accommodation and meal costs related to relocation cannot be claimed. Applications for relocation reimbursement must be submitted within 12 months of the recipient commencing their HDR program. No relocation reimbursement is payable after this time or after the Award ceases.

## 3. DURATION

The duration of the full-time Award will be a maximum of 4 years.

## 4. PROGRAM LEAVE

Periods of program leave must be taken in accordance with the *Research Awards Rule*.

### a) Unpaid Program Leave

A recipient may apply for unpaid program leave on personal grounds. If the leave does not exceed a total period of 12 months during the duration of the Award, the recipient may resume the Award at the completion of the leave.

Program leave exceeding a total of 12 months will only be considered where there are exceptional circumstances beyond the control of the recipient and must be approved by the Delegated Authority in the College.

Unpaid program leave is aggregated and awarded only in one-week blocks for a full-time recipient and two-week blocks for a part-time recipient.

A recipient must apply for unpaid program and scholarship leave by completing the relevant section of the Manage my Degree - HDR form in ISIS.

### b) Paid Recreation Leave

A recipient is entitled to a maximum of 20 working days paid recreation leave for each year of the Award. Leave entitlements may be accrued over the life of the Award but are forfeited when the Award ceases.

A recipient must apply in writing to their Chair of Panel.

Paid recreation leave does not extend the duration of the Award.

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c) Paid Medical Leave

A recipient is entitled to a maximum of 10 working days paid medical leave for each year of the Award. Leave entitlements may be accrued over the life of the Award but are forfeited when the Award ceases.

A recipient must apply in writing to their Chair of Panel.

Paid medical leave does not extend the duration of the Award.

d) Additional Paid Leave

A recipient is entitled to additional paid medical or carer's leave to a maximum of 60 working days on provision of a medical certificate. Medical certificates must:

- i. be signed by a registered medical practitioner;
- ii. state the likely duration of the required leave; and
- iii. certify that the recipient requires the leave for medical/caring reasons.

Additional paid medical leave is aggregated and awarded only in one-week blocks for a full-time recipients and two-week blocks for a part-time recipients.

A recipient may apply for additional paid medical leave by completing the relevant section of the [Manage my Degree - HDR](#) form in ISIS.

Additional paid leave extends the duration of the Award.

e) Paid Parental Leave

Recipients who have completed 12 months of their Award and are the primary caregiver of a new child (by birth or legal adoption) are entitled to a maximum of 60 working days paid parental leave.

PhD candidates whose partner gives birth, who have completed 12 months of their stipend, are entitled to 60 working days leave if the candidate is the primary carer of the child in the first year of the child's life. HDR candidates who access partner leave will only be eligible for 55 working days parental leave.

These provisions also apply if the HDR candidate is the legal parent and primary caregiver of an adopted child:

- i. less than five years of age;
- ii. not a step child of the student; and
- iii. has not previously lived continuously with the student for six months or more.

Paid parental leave is aggregated and awarded only in one-week blocks for a full-time recipients and two-week blocks for a part-time recipient.

Recipients may apply for paid parental leave by completing the relevant section of the [Manage my Degree - HDR](#) form in ISIS.

Paid parental leave extends the period of duration of the Award.

f) Paid Partner Parental Leave

Recipients who have completed 12 months of their Award and who are the partner of a person who is the primary caregiver of a new child<sup>3</sup> (by birth or legal adoption) may be entitled to five days paid partner parental leave. The University may require the recipient to provide evidence of the date of birth or adoption.

Paid partner parental leave is aggregated and awarded only in one-week blocks for a full-time recipients and two-week blocks for a part-time recipient.

Recipients may apply for paid partner parental leave by completing the relevant section of the [Manage my Degree - HDR](#) form in ISIS.

Paid partner parental leave extends the duration of the Award.

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<sup>3</sup> A new child is a child who is less than five years of age, not a step-child of the student and has not previously lived continuously with the student for six months or more

## **5. ELIGIBILITY**

The Award will be available in 2024 to a prospective, domestic or international student who:

- a) is enrolling full-time in a program of study for the degree of PhD in the Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, College of Asia and the Pacific; and
- b) has a specific interest in humanitarian emergencies; and
- c) has completed an Australian university honours degree (at the level honours 2A or above), or equivalent prior studies in Australia or elsewhere (for example a Bachelor degree with First Class Honours or equivalent; and Master's degree with a significant research thesis component and/or relevant experience that includes some research work in the field of public health and/or social sciences.

## **6. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Applications shall be called for with a closing date as set by the Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, College of Asia and the Pacific. The closing date, and application instructions will be advertised on the University scholarship webpage.

## **7. SELECTION**

Selection will be made on the basis of:

- a) academic merit, referee reports and other evidence; and
- b) effective use of funds; and
- c) demonstrated intention to meet the Objective/s; and
- d) discipline research interests.

The selection process will be chaired by Future Fellowship recipient, Professor Bina D'Costa and will include at least two senior academic staff from the ANU.

The School may make no Award if it considers there is no student of sufficient merit. Where funds permit, the School may also:

- a) vary the number of Awards; and/or
- b) offer the Award at other times.

## **8. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS**

A recipient is permitted to hold other scholarships, awards, grants and bursaries concurrently with this Award, provided the terms of the other scholarship permits this also.

However a recipient may not receive another allowance, award, grant or bursary to undertake the proposed program, which exceeds the value of 75 per cent of the Award stipend.

## **9. DEFERMENT**

The Award must be taken up no later than the date specified in the letter of offer, unless otherwise approved.

## **10. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY**

A recipient is required to remain enrolled full-time in an eligible program of study for the degree of PhD at the Australian National University.

A part-time Award may be offered or approved if the recipient has reasons acceptable to the University which preclude full-time study for part or all of the program of study. In such cases the University must be satisfied that the reasons relate to caring commitments, a medical condition, a disability or other circumstance which limits the recipient's capacity to undertake full-time study.

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## 11. SUSPENSION OF AWARD

A recipient may apply to the College for suspension of their Award. A suspension may be appropriate if a recipient is studying at another institution and receives an award for that study. In these circumstances the duration of the Award will be reduced by the periods of study undertaken towards the degree during suspension of the Award (unless the study was undertaken overseas as part of a Commonwealth Government financially supported international postgraduate research scholarship or award).

The University may suspend the Award where a recipient has:

- a) outstanding fees; or
- b) an outstanding debt with the University; or
- c) outstanding HDR program milestone/s; or
- d) been found to be in breach of a statute, rule or policy or procedure of the University.

The Award will be suspended when at least 5 working days have passed since the University advised the recipient in writing that the milestones, debt and/or fees are outstanding, until the milestones have been met or the outstanding fees and/or debt have been paid. Under these circumstances, the recipient will forfeit payment of the Award for the period of time that their Award is suspended.

## 12. 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 3;
- (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 5;
- (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 Discipline Rule (2021) and Academic Integrity Rule (2021);

whichever is earliest.

## 13. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

A recipient who is taking leave from their program, or changing their enrolment intensity from full-time to part-time, must submit the prescribed [Manage My Degree - HDR](#) form in a timely manner and, where possible in advance, in order to avoid receiving an overpayment of their Award. In circumstances where an overpayment does occur, these will be recovered in accordance with the ANU Procedure - Overpayments.

## 14. PROVIDING FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION

The offer of the Award is based on the information provided by the student 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 of the Award.

## 15. VARIATION TO CONDITIONS OF AWARD

In exceptional circumstances, these Conditions of Award may be varied by the Dean on the recommendation of the Chair of the selection committee.

## 16. TAXATION AND CENTRELINK

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Recipients are responsible for seeking taxation and Centrelink advice regarding their own individual circumstances. Scholarships, grants or awards may be regarded as taxable income in some circumstances.

For information on how the Award may affect Centrelink benefits, please refer to:  
<http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enablers/income/>

## 17. 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 at:  
<http://www.anu.edu.au/students/services/accommodation>

## 18. PUBLICITY

The recipient may be requested to participate in publicity for the Award from time to time. This may include publicity in the country 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 Coral Bell School or ANU Communications and Engagement (ACE).

Recipients will also be required to acknowledge funding from the Award should the outcomes lead to publication.

## 19. CONTACT WITH THE COLLEGE

All enquiries regarding the Award should be made to:

College of Asia and the Pacific  
[cap.hdr@anu.edu.au](mailto:cap.hdr@anu.edu.au)

## 20. 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.

Receipt of this Award does not indicate any commitment by the University for conferral of the recipient's award, or of future employment.

These Conditions of Award should be read in conjunction with the *Research Awards Rule* and Higher Degree Research Policy and Procedures available from the [ANU website](#).

## 21. IMPORTANT POLICIES, PROCEDURES, RULES & RESOURCES

[HDR legislation, policies and procedures](#)

Research Scholarship Information (including reimbursement and claim forms) -  
<http://www.anu.edu.au/students/scholarships-support/research-scholarship-information>

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

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

ANU Student Code of Conduct <https://www.anu.edu.au/students/program-administration/program-management/student-code-of-conduct>