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TAIWAN - AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the ANU ('the University') and the Department of International and Cross-Strait Education of the Ministry of Education of the Republic of China (Taiwan) ('DICE') may offer up to 5 awards known as the Taiwan Australian National University Scholarship ('the Award').

Funding for this Award has been provided by DICE and ANU in equal parts.

In August 2012, the Ministry of Education (MOE), Taiwan and ANU signed an agreement to collaborate to provide scholarships for Taiwanese PhD candidates commencing PhD study at the Australian National University. The agreement has been renewed for a third time in July 2023 will remain current for five years.

The objective of the Award is to support/funding for outstanding Taiwanese PhD candidates to enable them to pursue a PhD program in any field except for professional doctorates at the ANU.

2. ELIGIBILITY

The Award is available each year to a prospective international PhD candidate who:

- (a) is a Taiwan national and is enrolling full-time and remains full time in a program of study for a PhD in any field except for professional doctorates and
- (b) has met the entry requirements for the PhD program.
(<https://www.anu.edu.au/study/apply/anu-postgraduate-research-domestic-and-international-applications>)

Applicants should be ROC citizens normally resident in Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen, and Ma Tsu, although those currently residing outside Taiwan are not excluded if they meet other MOE requirements.

Continuing ANU PhD candidates are not eligible to apply (commencing candidates only).

3. BENEFITS

3.1 The value of the Award is stated in the letter of offer. The Award will be paid in fortnightly instalments, unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

- A. **Stipend Scholarship:** A recipient will be awarded a stipend scholarship equivalent to the value of the ANU AG RTP Stipend (<https://www.anu.edu.au/study/scholarships/find-a-scholarship/australian-government-research-training-program-agrtp-stipend>).
<http://www.anu.edu.au/study/scholarships/find-a-scholarship/australian-government-research-training-program-agrtp-stipend> The Award is indexed each year on 1 January and is tax free in Australia; and

B. Tuition fees:

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In accordance with Australian Government policy, international scholars are required to pay International Student Fees for tuition. The fee for the particular program is set out in the letter of offer. The Scholarship pays the tuition fee for a period of three and a half years in the first instance, up to a maximum of four years.

- a. The recipient is responsible for making payment of Services and Amenities 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.

3.2 All international PhD candidates are required by the Australian Government and by ANU to purchase the Australian Government approved Overseas Student Health Cover for the duration of their studies in the Australian Capital Territory. This must be paid before the Confirmation of Enrolment can be issued.

4. DURATION

The duration of the full-time Award will be:

- a) For Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) / 3.5 years.

- b) Extensions

A recipient may apply for an extension of the stipend scholarship by completing the [Manage my Degree – HDR form](#). The maximum period of extension is 6 months. (Four full-time years of study being 192 units of enrolment.

An extension may be sought only where the program has been delayed by circumstances beyond the recipient's control.

5. PROGRAM LEAVE

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

Leave provisions under clause 5d, 5e and 5f below will be fully funded by the ANU.

- 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 of time.

A recipient must apply for unpaid program and scholarship leave by completing the relevant section of the [Manage my Degree - HDR form](#) in the ANU Interactive Student Information System (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.

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 for the duration of the award 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.

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. PhD candidates who access partner leave will only be eligible for 55 working days parental leave.

Paid parental leave is aggregated and awarded only in one-week blocks.

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.

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

1. less than five years of age;
2. not a stepchild of the PhD candidate; and
3. has not previously lived continuously with the PhD candidate for six months or more.

f) Paid Partner Parental Leave

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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 (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.

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.

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

1. less than five years of age;
2. not a stepchild of the PhD candidate; and
3. has not previously lived continuously with the PhD candidate for six months or more.

6. SELECTION

- a) Selection is made by ANU and DICE on the basis of academic merit, referee reports and other evidence as required; and
- b) is subject to DICE requirements,

ANU reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit. ANU may also vary the number of Awards in exceptional circumstances or based on the standard of applications or PhD candidates (where funds allow).

7. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS

Holders of the Scholarship may not concurrently hold another scholarship that provides support for tuition fees. Holders of the Scholarship may not concurrently hold another award or scholarship funded by the government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to support tuition fees, stipend, production of the PhD thesis and other associated costs for undertaking their research degree.

If eligible, holders of the Scholarship may receive a concurrent award or scholarship to undertake their research degree provided such award or scholarship provides a benefit less than 75% of the Stipend Scholarship. The Scholarship will be terminated if this limit is exceeded. Salary for work unrelated to the PhD candidate's research is not subject to this limit.

8. DEFERMENT

The Award must be taken up no later than 31st of August in the year of offer noting the ANU intake windows for Semester 1 (1st Jan to 31st March) and Semester 2 (1st July to 31st August).

The Scholarship cannot usually be deferred. In exceptional circumstances it may be deferred with the approval and written agreement from both DICE and the ANU.

9. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A recipient of this Award is required to remain enrolled full-time in an eligible program of study for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at ANU.

The continuation of each scholarship is conditional upon the scholar making satisfactory progress in his/her studies each year.

After the end of each year ANU will provide DICE with the academic results for that year of all PhD candidates sponsored under the scholarship.

DICE shall obtain the written consent of its PhD candidates for ANU to release the above personal information, so that ANU can comply with the Commonwealth privacy legislation and ANU policy. DICE will supply ANU with a copy of that signed consent.

10. SUSPENSION OF AWARD

The University may suspend the Award where a recipient has:

- a) outstanding SA fees; or
- b) an outstanding debt with the University; or
- c) outstanding PhD 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.

11. CESSATION OF AWARD

The Award ceases or should be surrendered:

- (a) if a PhD candidate 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 Discipline Rule (2021) and Academic Integrity Rule (2021);

whichever is earliest.

12. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

A recipient who is taking leave from their program must submit the prescribed [Manage My Degree - HDR form](#) (available in ISIS) 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.

13. PROVIDING FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION

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.

14. VARIATION TO CONDITIONS OF AWARD

In exceptional circumstances and on a case-by-case basis, clause 7 of these Conditions of Award (Concurrent Holding of Awards) may be varied by the Dean on the recommendation of the chair of the selection committee.

15. TAXATION & CENTRELINK

Recipients are responsible for seeking taxation and Centrelink advice (if applicable) regarding their own individual circumstances.

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

16. 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://www.anu.edu.au/study/accommodation>

17. 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 ANU Communications and Engagement (ACE).

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

18. CONTACT WITH THE AWARD OWNER

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

Office of the Dean Higher Degree Research

ODHDR@anu.edu.au

19. 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 *Research Awards Rule* and Higher Degree Research Policy and Procedures available from the ANU website

(<https://www.anu.edu.au/students/program-administration/assessments-exams/hdr-policies-procedures>).

20. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES

HDR Legislation, policies and procedures - <https://www.anu.edu.au/students/program-administration/assessments-exams/hdr-policies-procedures>

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>