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BILL NICHOLLES “WILLIGOBUNG” SCHOLARSHIP FOR MEDICINE CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the ANU School of Medicine and Psychology may offer two awards known as the Bill Nicholes “Willigobung” Scholarship for Medicine (‘the Award’).

The objective of the Award is to provide financial assistance to students enrolling in the Australian National University’s four-year graduate entry *Medicinae ac Chirurgiae Doctoranda* (8950XMCHD) program.

Funding for this Award has been provided by the late Bill Nicholes, who bequeathed more than \$4.2 million to support students studying graduate medicine at ANU. To honour Bill’s regional upbringing, one of the scholarships available each year will be for a student from a rural background.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the Award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the Award is for four years. The Award is paid in equal instalments after census date each 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 an Australian citizen, holder of an Australian Permanent Resident visa or a permanent humanitarian visa; and
- (b) receives an offer of admission to the *Medicinae ac Chirurgiae Doctoranda* (8950XMCHD) program at the School of Medicine and Psychology, College of Health and Medicine; and
- (c) is able to demonstrate disadvantage on the grounds of educational, financial, physical or emotional hardship;
- (d) is able to attend the Bill Nicholes “Willigobung” Scholarship for Medicine interview; and
- (e) for the scholarship reserved for student from a rural background, has resided for at least 5 consecutive years or 10 cumulative years in a Modified Monash Model (MMM) 2019 category MM 2 to MM 7 area. This aligns with the rural background criteria as defined by the Department of Health for admission to the *Medicinae ac Chirurgiae Doctoranda* (8950XMCHD) program.

Supporting documentation to confirm rural background status is collected at the time of admission.

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 must be submitted prior to the closing date set by the School of Medicine and Psychology, which will be published on the ANU scholarships website.

5. SELECTION

Only applicants who meet all the eligibility criteria will be considered. Selection is made on the basis of applicants meeting the eligibility criteria and:

- Academic achievement;
- Personal achievements beyond academic performance;
- Suitability based on the information provided in their application;
- Ability to demonstrate personal qualities, abilities and talents desirable in a clinician; and
- Performance at the Bill Nicholes “Willigobung” Scholarship for Medicine interview.

The Award is offered to a student by a selection committee chaired by the Director, School of Medicine and Psychology or nominee, which will also include two other members of the senior faculty executive or nominee/s.

The selection committee reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit. If the selection committee deems that there is no suitable or eligible applicant from a rural background, both scholarships may be awarded to applicants from non-rural backgrounds. 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. A recipient must declare and obtain permission to hold another student financial award. Failure to do so may result in the recipient being required to refund a payment or payments to the School, as determined by the Director, School of Medicine and Psychology.

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 Director, School of Medicine and Psychology. Subject to approval, the Award may be deferred for a maximum of 12 months.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A recipient of this Award is required to enrol in a full-time load of 24 units per semester.

Recipients are expected to maintain a minimum grade of CRS in all courses each year including Professional Practice.

If a recipient is unable to achieve the minimum standards in any semester a formal warning is sent.

If the recipient does not meet the required standards 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:

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- (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 transfers out of the 8950XMCHD program;
- (f) if a recipient fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements; or
- (g) 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 Director, School of Medicine and Psychology, 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 Director, School of Medicine and Psychology.

13. TAXATION & CENTRELINK

Recipients are responsible for seeking independent 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://www.anu.edu.au/study/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 ANU College of Health and Medicine or ANU Communications and Engagement (ACE).

16. DISCLOSURE AND DONOR CONTACT

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

17. CONTACT WITH THE AWARD OWNER

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

School of Medicine and Psychology
College of Health and Medicine
Email: admissions.medicalschool@anu.edu.au

18. 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.

19. 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>