



Australian
National
University

ANU Higher Degree Research (HDR) Stipend Top-up Scholarship

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

The Award is provided to eligible Higher Degree Research (HDR) candidates who hold an approved ANU HDR base stipend scholarship.

Funding for this Award is provided by the University.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the Award is stated in the letter of offer.

The recipient is responsible for making payment of all applicable [fees](#) such as tuition fees, the ANU student Services and Amenities Fee, and late 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. DURATION

The duration of the Award will match the candidate's ANU HDR base stipend including any approved extensions. Candidates will need to note this scholarship when applying for an extension to their base stipend.

4. PROGRAM LEAVE

Recipients are entitled to paid leave where available under the HDR base stipend scholarship.

Program leave will extend the duration of the Award. Please refer to the Conditions of Award/Procedure for the HDR base stipend scholarship for benefits and how to apply.

5. ELIGIBILITY

The Scholarship is awarded on the condition that the scholar is also awarded, and continues to hold, an approved ANU HDR base stipend scholarship.

6. 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.

7. DEFERMENT

The Award can only be deferred in accordance with the ANU HDR base stipend scholarship.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A recipient of this Award must continue to be eligible for their ANU HDR base stipend scholarship to remain eligible for this Award.

9. 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 the 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, 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.

10. CESSATION OF AWARD

The Award ceases on the date the ANU HDR base stipend scholarship expires, or earlier if the recipient no longer meets the eligibility requirements. The recipient is responsible for notifying hdr.candidature@anu.edu.au on or prior to the date if they no longer meet the eligibility requirements. In circumstances where an overpayment does occur, these will be recovered in accordance with the [ANU Procedure - Overpayments](#).

11. 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](#).

12. 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.

13. 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 Dean HDR.

14. TAXATION & CENTRELINK

Recipients are responsible for seeking taxation and Centrelink advice (if applicable) regarding their own individual circumstances. Awards may be regarded as taxable income if a recipient is enrolled on a part-time basis or is providing services or student intellectual property as a condition of the scholarship.

Information regarding taxation can be found on the following Australian Taxation Office (ATO) webpages:

- <https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Income-and-deductions/In-detail/Income/Scholarship-payments-and-tax/>

- ATO Scholarship Tool: <https://www.ato.gov.au/calculators-and-tools/is-my-scholarship-taxable/#Beforeyouusetheool>

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

15. CONTACT WITH THE AWARD OWNER

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

ANU Graduate Research Office

Email: gro@anu.edu.au

16. 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](#).

17. 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://policies.anu.edu.au/ppi/document/ANUP_6097481