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## BRIGHT HORIZONS SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS OF AWARD

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the Australian National University ('the University') may offer a number of awards known as the Bright Horizons Scholarship ('the Award').

The objective of the Award is to provide financial support to bright and high-achieving students who have faced adversity so that they may pursue their studies at ANU.

Funding for this Award has been provided by the University.

### 2. BENEFITS

The value of the Award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the Award is for up to five years. The Award is paid in equal instalments upon confirmation of enrolment 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 a domestic student; and
- (b) receives an offer of admission to an undergraduate degree program offered by the University; and
- (c) based on evidence provided in their application to the University, has been assessed as meeting at least one of the following characteristics:
  - a. financial disadvantage
  - b. family difficulties
  - c. long-term medical condition or disability
  - d. permanent humanitarian visa-holder
  - e. attended their final years of secondary education at a school with an ICSEA of 900 or below
  - f. attended their final years of secondary education in a [regional or rural school \(i.e. S01R\)](#)
  - g. at the time of application to the University, resides in a Very Remote, Remote or Outer Regional area as determined by the geographical classification defined by the [Australian Statistical Geography Standard – ASGS 2016](#)

### 4. APPLICATION

All applicants applying for admission through the ANU Admission Scholarship and Accommodation Application System will be automatically considered for the Award based on them meeting the eligibility criteria and electing to be considered for scholarships.

## 5. SELECTION

Only applicants who meet the eligibility criteria will be considered. Selection is made on the basis of (in order of priority) applicants who:

1. have achieved an ANU Selection Rank of 99.95; and
2. have received adjustment factors for financial hardship; and
3. exhibit most of the following five characteristics:
  - Family difficulties
  - Long-term physical or psychological hardship
  - Refugee status
  - From low socio-economic status schools (ICSEA < 900)
  - attended their final years of secondary education in a [regional or rural school \(i.e. S01R\)](#) or resides in Very Remote, Remote or Outer Regional Area as determined by the geographical classification defined by the [Australian Statistical Geography Standard – ASGS 2016](#); and
4. demonstrates the highest level of severity (i.e. received most total adjustment factors overall).

The Award is offered to a student by the University Coursework Scholarships Committee. Details of this committee are outlined in the [ANU Coursework Scholarships, grants and bursaries procedure](#).

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 Award cannot be deferred.

## 8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A recipient of this Award is required to enrol in a full-time load of 18 units per semester. A recipient requests 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 4.0 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 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 University Registrar, Division of Student Administration and Academic Services, 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. TAXATION

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>

## 13. 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>

## 14. 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 Coursework Scholarships Office or ANU Communications and Engagement (ACE).

## 15. CONTACT WITH THE AWARD OWNER

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

*ANU Coursework Scholarships Office*

*Email: [coursework.scholarships@anu.edu.au](mailto:coursework.scholarships@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 University's student financial awards policy and coursework scholarships, grants and bursaries procedure available from the ANU website.

#### **17. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES**

ANU Student Financial Awards Policy -

[https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_007803](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](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_009607)

ANU Academic Integrity Policy - [https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_6477101](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_6477101)

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