Meller-Hume Scholarship in Agricultural Innovation
CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. ### INTRODUCTION

   Each year the Fenner School of Environment & Society ('the School') may offer one award known as the Meller-Hume Scholarship in Agricultural Innovation ('the Award').

   The objective of the Award is to support undergraduate domestic and international students to develop skills and knowledge to pursue career opportunities in the agricultural sector and contribute to research that will expand our knowledge of agricultural production and environmental outcomes.

   Funding for this Award has been provided by Troy Meller and Lesley Hume.

2. ### BENEFITS

   The value of the Award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the Award is one year. The Award is paid in two 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 continuing ANU student who:

   (a)   is a domestic student or International student;

   (b)   is enrolled in one of the following programs (including the Agricultural Innovation Major):

   - Bachelor of Environment and Sustainability
   - Bachelor of Environment and Sustainability (Honours)
   - Bachelor of Science
   - Bachelor of Science (Honours);

   (c)   has completed a minimum of 96 units of studies in their program; and

   (d)   has an interest in pursuing research in agricultural innovation.

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 (where applicable) must be submitted on or prior to the closing date 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 academic merit and the responses provided in the application.

Preference will be given to projects that focus on grazing systems.

The Award is offered to a student by a selection committee chaired by the Director, The Fenner School of Environment & Society, which will also include the Convenors of relevant courses and the Associate Director of Education, The Fenner School of Environment & Society.

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 study load as defined in the ANU Glossary - student policies and procedures. A recipient requests permission, in writing, from the Director, The Fenner School of Environment & Society to hold the Award on a part-time basis. If approved, payments of the Award will be made on a pro-rata basis.

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 changes their program or course without permission to retain the Award;

(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, The Fenner School of Environment & Society 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 Dean of the ANU College of Science on the recommendation of the chair of the selection committee.

13. 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

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: https://study.anu.edu.au/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 Fenner School of Environment & Society 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:

The Fenner School of Environment & Society
 Email: fses.coursework.enquiries@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