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JOAN DUFFIELD RESEARCH AWARD

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the Research School of Astronomy & Astrophysics ('the School') in the ANU College of Science ('the College') may offer up to three awards known as the Joan Duffield Research Award ('the Award').

Funding for this Award has been made possible due to an endowment from Miss Joan Doris Duffield, daughter of Professor Walter Geoffrey Duffield, the inaugural Director of the Solar Physics Observatory at Mount Stromlo. Miss Duffield was a treasured member of the Mount Stromlo community and a long-time supporter of science and astronomy.

The objective of the Award is to support outstanding domestic students to enable them to pursue a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program in Astronomy & Astrophysics based in the Research School of Astronomy & Astrophysics.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the Award is AUD\$2,500.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The Award is available each year to a prospective domestic¹ student who:

- (a) is enrolling full-time in a program of study for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Astronomy & Astrophysics based in the Research School of Astronomy & Astrophysics and;
- (b) has a demonstrated track record of significant research that contributes to the field of Astronomy & Astrophysics.

Enrolment in the PhD program must be undertaken in the year the Award is granted.

4. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

No application for the Award is required. Eligible students applying for admission to the PhD program will be automatically considered.

5. SELECTION

Selection is made on the basis of:

- (a) academic merit and research potential, based on their academic record;
- (b) Research achievements and accomplishments (e.g., submitted or published refereed papers, conference presentations); and
- (c) Impact, or potential for impact, in the relevant research field.

¹ A student who is an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen, the holder of an Australian Permanent visa or the holder of an Australian humanitarian visa.

The Award will be awarded on the recommendation of the Delegate Authority appointed by the Director of the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics.

The Award shall not be awarded if, in the opinion of the Delegate Authority, there are no candidates of sufficient merit. The School reserves the right to make no awards in a given year, to vary the number of awards or to make an award/s at other times in exceptional circumstances as determined by the Director of the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics (or nominee). The School reserves the right to revise the award, criteria and conditions from time to time.

6. DEFERMENT

The Award cannot be deferred.

7. PAYMENT

The Award payment will be made to the student upon commencement in the PhD program, or, at a time requested by the student, no later than 12 months from the date of commencement.

8. TERMINATION OF AWARD

The Award ceases or should be surrendered:

- (a) if a student no longer meets the eligibility requirements;
- (b) on the date on which the recipient withdraws or ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences;
- (c) if a recipient fails to enrol as required in section 3;
- (d) if a recipient changes their program or course without permission to retain the Award;
- (e) 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. VARIATION TO CONDITIONS OF AWARD

In exceptional circumstances and on a case-by-case basis, these Conditions of Award may be varied by the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Graduate Research) on the recommendation of the Delegate Authority.

12. 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.

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

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 country 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 Research School of Astronomy & Astrophysics or ANU Communications and Engagement (ACE).

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

15. DISCLOSURE AND DONOR CONTACT

For the purposes of reporting on the impact of 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.

16. CONTACT WITH THE AWARD OWNER

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

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ANU College of Science

The Australian National University
Acton ACT 2601 Australia

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17. 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 2021* and Higher Degree Research Policy and Procedures available from the [ANU website](#).

18. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES

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

HDR Scholarships Policy - https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_7926387

HDR Scholarships Procedure - https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_7926390

ANU Academic Integrity Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2021L00997>

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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>

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