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Alex Rodgers Travel Grant

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the Research School of Astronomy & Astrophysics (RSAA) may offer up to two awards known as the Alex Rodgers Travel Grant ('the Award').

Funding for this Award has been made possible due to an endowment from Mrs Ruth Rodgers in memory of her late husband Professor Alexander Rodgers. Professor Rodgers was a distinguished academic in the field of stellar astronomy and globular clusters, serving as School Director from 1987 to 1992. Professor Rodgers's most significant contribution to the field was his involvement in the MACHO project, an international search for 'dark matter'.

The objective of the Award is to assist a candidate currently enrolled in the Doctor of Philosophy in Astronomy & Astrophysics to travel abroad to attend scientific meetings and/or to work with astronomers at another institution on some chosen research project of direct relevance to the thesis work being undertaken.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the Award will be stated in the letter of offer. The Award will be paid as a reimbursement for travel expenses incurred.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The Award is available each year to an ANU candidate who:

- (a) is enrolled in a program of study for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Astronomy & Astrophysics, based at the RSAA; and
- (b) has not previously been a recipient of the Alex Rodgers Travelling Scholarship or the Alex Rodgers Travel Grant.

Travel must be undertaken within 12 months of the Award being granted.

4. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application instructions will be advertised on the University scholarship webpage.

5. SELECTION

Selection is made on the basis of:

- (a) scientific merit of the proposed program,
- (b) benefit of the program to the candidate,
- (c) benefit to RSAA, and
- (d) effective use of funds from the Award.

The selection committee will be chaired by the RSAA Scholarship Committee.

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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 candidates (where funds allow).

6. 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 The Award may be withdrawn at any stage if incorrect, false or misleading information is provided, or relevant information is withheld.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.

7. 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 chair of the selection committee.

8. 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 RSAA or ANU Communications and Engagement (ACE).

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

9. 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.

10. CONTACT WITH THE AWARD OWNER

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

Research School of Astronomy & Astrophysics
rsaa.sa@anu.edu.au

11. 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](#).

12. 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

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

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://www.anu.edu.au/students/program-administration/program-management/student-code-of-conduct>

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