



## **NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION OF THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY (ACT) SCHOLARSHIP IN BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT IN NATIONAL PARKS AND NATURE RESERVES**

### **CONDITIONS OF AWARD**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Each year the Fenner School of Environment and Society ("FSES"), in the ANU College of Science ("the College"), may offer an award known as the National Parks Association of the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Scholarship in Biodiversity Management in National Parks and Nature Reserves ("the award").

The objective of the award is to enable young researchers and practitioners to undertake quality research, in areas pertaining to the conservation of flora and fauna in National Parks and Nature Reserves, in the ACT and surrounding areas.

Funding for this award has been provided by the National Parks Association of the ACT.

#### **2. BENEFITS**

The value of the award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the award is two consecutive semesters. The award is paid in two equal instalments after census date of 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 this award are responsible for the costs of books, study materials, accommodation and all other costs of study.

#### **3. ELIGIBILITY**

The award is available to a prospective or continuing ANU student who:

- (a) is a domestic student;
- (b) has a strong academic record;
- (c) is enrolled in, or has been admitted to and is enrolling in, the Honours year of a program of study offered by FSES; or is undertaking a Master's Dissertation in a program of study offered by FSES.
- (d) has secured willing and suitable supervision;
- (e) has not previously applied for this scholarship;
- (f) intends to undertake research in areas pertaining to the conservation of flora and fauna in National Parks and Nature Reserves in the ACT and surrounding areas. This would include studies of invasive species or park/reserve management.

#### **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**

Selection is made on the basis of an applicant's academic record, the quality of their research proposal and relevance to the objective of the award. Other factors such as reports from the student's academic referees may also be taken into account.

The award is offered to a student by a selection committee chaired by the Director, FSES which will also include the FSES Honours Convenor, and the Associate Director (Postgraduate Coursework).

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 National Parks Association of the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Scholarship in Biodiversity Management in National Parks and Nature Reserves is permitted to hold concurrent scholarships as outlined in the ANU Coursework Scholarships procedure

#### **7. DEFERMENT**

The recipient is expected to take up their award in the semester for which it is offered. Any requests for deferrals of the award must be approved by the Director, FSES. Subject to approval, the award may be deferred for a maximum of one semester.

#### **8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY**

A recipient of this award is required to enrol in a full-time load of 24 units per semester. A recipient requests permission, in writing, from the Director, FSES, 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) at the conclusion of the period outlined in section 2; or
- (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 8;
- (d) if a recipient changes to part-time enrolment without receiving permission to retain their scholarship;
- (e) if a recipient changes their program or course without permission;

- (f) if a recipient changes their project and/or supervisor and the revised research no longer satisfies the definition in section 3(f);
- (g) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Misconduct & Discipline Rules;

whichever is earliest.

#### **10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS**

Subject to the information available at the time, the Director, FSES may request that 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**

The awarding of a scholarship is based on the information provided to the University. An 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 in awarding the scholarship.

#### **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 College Dean on the recommendation of the Director, FSES.

#### **13. TAXATION & CENTRELINK**

Recipients are responsible for seeking taxation and Centrelink advice regarding their own individual circumstances. Scholarships/grants may be regarded as taxable income if a recipient is enrolled on a part-time basis.

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

#### **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: <http://www.anu.edu.au/study/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 ANU College of Science or Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University.

## **16. CONTACT WITH THE SCHOLARSHIP OWNER**

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

*The Fenner School of Environment & Society  
ANU College of Science*

Email: [fes.coursework.enquiries@anu.edu.au](mailto:fes.coursework.enquiries@anu.edu.au)

## **17. DISCLAIMER**

The recipient of this 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 of a scholarship/grant does not carry any commitment by the University for future employment.

These conditions of award should be read in conjunction with the University's Coursework Scholarships Policy & Procedures available from the ANU website.

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

ANU Coursework Scholarship Policy -

[https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_007803](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_007803)

ANU Coursework Scholarship Procedure -

[https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_009607](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_009607)

ANU Academic Misconduct Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2015L02025>

ANU Discipline Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2015L02046>