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ALAN AND HELEN ROSS FORESTRY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

The Fenner School of Environment & Society ('the School') may offer an award known as the Alan and Helen Ross Forestry Education Scholarship ('the Award').

The objective of the Award is to support a Papua New Guinea (PNG) citizen with interests and experience in PNG forests and forestry to study a graduate coursework program in forests.

Funding for this Award has been provided by the Alan and Helen Ross Forestry Education Scholarship Trust. The Trust honours the life and work of Alan and Helen Ross, longtime residents of PNG who were deeply committed to its future. Alan was a highly respected figure in forestry in PNG, mentoring many of his PNG colleagues.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the Award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the Award is for the length of your program. The Award is paid in equal instalments at the beginning of the semester unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The Award is available to a commencing ANU student who:

- (a) is an international student visa holder with PNG citizenship;
- (b) holds an undergraduate qualification in forestry or a related discipline; or, in exceptional cases, does not hold such a qualification but possesses equivalent extensive professional experience in forestry;
- (c) receives an offer of admission to one of the following programs:
 - Master of Forests;
 - Graduate Diploma in Science; or
 - Graduate Certificate in Forests.

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 based on the candidate's suitability for the opportunity they applied for, as demonstrated in their application. Candidates will be highly regarded if they demonstrate:

- i. a strong commitment to forests and forestry in PNG, and

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- ii. a genuine intention to return to PNG for two or more years to work in the forestry sector, after completing their program.

Where there are more equally ranked applicants than there are Awards available, preference may be given to a candidate who is an employee or officer of the PNG Forest Authority or is otherwise working towards the advancement of forestry in PNG.

The Award is offered to a student by a Selection Committee chaired by the Director of the Fenner School of Environment & Society or their nominee, and with two additional ANU staff members appointed by the Director. The Committee will include at least two PNG citizens with high standing and expertise relevant to forests and forestry.

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 recipient is expected to take up their Award in the semester for which it is offered. Any request for deferral of the Award must be approved by the Director of Fenner School of Environment & Society, or their nominee. Subject to approval, the Award may be deferred for a maximum of 1 year.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A recipient of this Award is required to enrol in a full-time study load as defined in the Policy: *Glossary - student policies and procedures* per semester.

Recipients are expected to meet the academic progress rules and policies relevant to their program of study to retain the Award.

If a recipient is unable to meet the academic progress rules and policies relevant to their program of study in any semester a formal warning is sent.

If the recipient does not meet the academic progress rules and policies relevant to their program of study in a subsequent semester, they risk having their Award suspended or ceased.

A recipient is given the opportunity to explain their performance and how their performance can be remedied before a decision on the suspension or cessation 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 changes their program or course without permission to retain the Award;

- (g) if a recipient fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements; or
- (h) 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 of the Fenner School of Environment & Society or their nominee 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 Dean of the ANU College of Systems and Society on the recommendation of the Director of the Fenner School of Environment & Society, or nominee.

13. TAXATION

Recipients are responsible for seeking independent taxation advice regarding their own individual circumstances. Recipients receiving Centrelink benefits should be aware that student financial awards may affect their Centrelink payments. Student financial awards are regarded as taxable income if a recipient is enrolled on a part-time basis.

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, College of Systems and Society, or ANU Communications and Engagement (ACE).

16. PRIVACY CONSENT

The Scholar agrees that ANU may share their personal information (as defined in the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)) with the Selection Committee to evaluate applications and make selection decisions. This means that the Scholar agrees to relevant personal information being shared with Committee members external to the University as detailed in section 5 to evaluate applications and make selection decisions. The University will take reasonable measures to ensure the Selection Committee complies with the Australian Privacy Principles when handling Scholars' personal information.

17. 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.

18. CONTACT WITH THE AWARD OWNER

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

Fenner School of Environment & Society

Email: coursework.enquiries@anu.edu.au

19. DISCLAIMER

The recipient of the Award is subject to *The Australian National University Act 1991* as amended, and to the Statutes, Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures 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.

20. 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>