



**Australian  
National  
University**

**NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY AND NATIONAL SECURITY COLLEGE  
SCHOLARSHIP FOR WOMEN  
CONDITIONS OF AWARD**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

Each year, the National Security College ('the College') within the ANU College of Law, Governance and Policy at the Australian National University ('the University') may offer a number of awards known as the National Intelligence Community and National Security College Scholarship for Women ('the Award').

The objectives of the Award are to:

- foster the talent of Australian women from a diverse background and skillset who are interested in national security and pursuing a career in the national intelligence community,
- showcase the College's programs for high achievers, and
- provide an opportunity to standout women who may otherwise be unable to undertake a Master of National Security Policy degree.

Funding for this Award has been provided by one or more Commonwealth government agencies in the National Intelligence Community ('NIC'). The members of the NIC are as follows: the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission ('ACIC'), the Australian Federal Police ('AFP'), the Australian Geospatial-Intelligence Organisation ('AGO'), the Australian Signals Directorate ('ASD'), the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation ('ASIO'), the Australian Secret Intelligence Service ('ASIS'), the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC), the Defence Intelligence Organisation ('DIO'), the Department of Home Affairs and the Office of National Intelligence ('ONI').

**2. BENEFITS**

The value of the Award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the Award is for the duration of the program. The Award is applied to the recipient's tuition fees at the beginning of the semester unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

The recipient is responsible for making payment of all non-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 commencing NSC student who:

- (a) is an Australian citizen;
- (b) identifies as a woman;
- (c) has received an offer for the Master of National Security Policy degree program; and
- (d) is not employed, nor has accepted or been offered a position when the scholarship is accepted in:

- the Australian Public Service (APS),
- Australian Defence Force,
- Australian Federal Police,
- one of the NIC agencies, including those employed under other legislative provisions such as the ASIO Act or the Intelligence Services Act.

#### **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 eligible applicants will be considered for the Award. Selection is made based on responses provided in the application and academic performance (including research achievements). Other factors, such as prior work experience, which the Selection Committee considers appropriate and which align with “the NIC's and the NSC's strategic direction and priorities”, may also be taken into account.

Additional factors to foster diversity and inclusion may be considered and may include (in the following order of preference), but are not limited to:

1. Graduate from a rural/regionally based university
2. Graduate from a STEM discipline
3. Indigenous status
4. Educational access or disadvantage

The Award is offered to a student by a Selection Committee chaired by the Master of National Security Policy Academic Director (or nominee). The Selection Committee will also include one representative from ONI, up to two staff members from the College and may include one representative from the National Intelligence Community.

If there are multiple suitable candidates, applicants may be invited to attend an interview as part of the selection process, at the discretion of the Chair of the Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee reserves the right to make no award if it considers that 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 Head of the National Security College (or nominee). Subject to approval, the Award may be deferred for a maximum of 6 months

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

A recipient of this Award is required to enrol in a minimum of 12 units per six-month period and must complete all 72 units within three years of commencement. A recipient requests permission, in writing, from the Head of the National Security College to hold the Award whilst on program leave. If approved, the duration of the Award may be extended by the length of the program leave granted.

Recipients are expected to maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5.0 or above each semester (with the average being across all courses taken in a particular semester or session/s overlapping that semester).

If a recipient is unable to achieve the GPA in any semester a formal warning is sent.

If the recipient does not meet the required GPA in a subsequent semester, they risk having their Award suspended or terminated.

A recipient is given the opportunity to explain their performance and how their performance can be remedied before a decision on the suspension or termination 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 their program or course without permission to retain the Award;
- (f) if a recipient fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements; or
- (g) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Student academic integrity Policy and/or the Discipline Rule;

whichever is earliest.

## **10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS**

Subject to the information available at the time, the Head of the National Security College (or 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 the Head of the National Security College (or nominee) on the recommendation of the Master of National Security Policy Academic Director (or nominee). The University will notify ONI of any variation.

## **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 generally 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. Both the University and NIC organisations may also publicise the Award by publishing the names of the recipients. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the National Security College within the ANU College of Law, Governance and Policy or ANU Communications and Engagement (ACE) in consultation with the NIC organisations.

#### **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 for the purpose of evaluating applications and making 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:

*National Security College, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU College of Law,  
Governance and Policy*

*Email: [Crawford.degrees@anu.edu.au](mailto:Crawford.degrees@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](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](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_009607)

ANU Student academic integrity Policy -  
[https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_6477101](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_6477101)

ANU Discipline Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2021L00998>