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ANU SPORT ELITE ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

The Australian National University ('the University') may offer a number of awards known as the ANU Sport Elite Athlete Scholarship ('the Award').

The objectives of the Award are to attract elite athletes to the University; strengthen and support the University's sporting community and empower athletes to pursue excellence in both their academic and athletic endeavours.

Funding for this Award has been provided by the ANU Sport and Recreation Association (ANU Sport).

2. BENEFITS

The value of the Award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the Award is for the length of the recipient's academic program, up to a maximum of six years. The Award is paid in equal instalments at the beginning of the 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 the 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 commencing ANU student who:

- (a) is a domestic or international student;
- (b) receives an offer of admission to an undergraduate or postgraduate coursework program at the University;
- (c) is recognised as an elite athlete (para or able bodied) or coach, meeting one or more of the following criteria:
 - Is identified as a categorised athlete by their National Sporting Organisation (NSO), State Sporting Association (SSO), Player Association (PA) and appears on a current categorised list;
 - Holds a scholarship within the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) or with one of the eight State and Territory Institutes and Academies of Sport;
 - Is affiliated as an elite athlete or coach with one of the organisations listed on the ANU Scholarships website; and/or
- (d) Demonstrates elite sporting achievement by meeting one or more of the following criteria:
 - Holds an individual national ranking within the top 15 for an Australian Sports Commission - recognised and funded sport;
 - Has been selected for a State team competing at the National Championships, or is actively vying for selection;

- Competes in a National Sporting Organisation-affiliated national competition at senior or reserve level;
- Holds a top 3 individual ranking at the state or territory level in an Australian Sports Commission - recognised and funded sport;
- Is a member of a State open-age squad or equivalent for the highest level/grade of the sport;
- Is a member of a National (age-capped or open-age) squad or equivalent (AIS) for the highest level/grade of the sport;
- Demonstrates a comparable level of achievement in a respective sport not covered by the above criteria.

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 the ANU Scholarships website. The application and all supporting documentation (where applicable) must be submitted on or before 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 a holistic assessment of the applicant's sporting achievements, character, and contribution to their sport and community. Priority consideration will be given to applicants who meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrate elite-level performance and potential, including historical achievements and selection for international representation (e.g. Olympic-level), where applicable.
- Provide a reference or endorsement from a recognised National Sporting Organisation (NSO), State Sporting Organisation (SSO), or Player Association (PA) confirming their status and standing within the sport.
- Submit a character reference that attests to their integrity, dedication, and suitability for the Award.

Where there are more equally ranked applicants than there are Awards available, preference may be given in order of importance to applicants who:

- Demonstrate a higher level of community involvement or leadership within their sport, such as coaching, mentoring, or volunteer contributions that reflect commitment beyond personal competition.
- Hold dual representation in multiple sports at a competitive level, indicating versatility and broader sporting impact.
- Are not currently receiving financial support for their sporting activities, ensuring the Award reaches those with greater financial need.

The Award is offered to a student by a Selection Committee chaired by the Director of the University Experience Division, which also includes a representative from the ANU Residential Experience Division and an external member with a background in sports.

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 commence their Award in the semester for which it is offered. Any request to defer the Award must be submitted and approved by the Chair of the Selection Committee. Subject to approval, the Award may be deferred for a maximum of six months.

Reasonable grounds for deferral include temporary loss of elite status with a pathway to reinstatement; exceptional grounds may include a career-impacting injury.

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 study period.

A recipient requests permission, in writing, from the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) or approved nominee to hold the Award on a part-time basis. If approved, payments of the Award will be made on a pro-rata basis.

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 fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements;
- (g) if a recipient fails to return from an approved deferral within the permitted timeframe, or where deferral was granted on grounds later deemed ineligible;
- (h) if a recipient breaches eligibility or conduct requirements set by recognised sporting or affiliated organisations relevant to the Award; or
- (i) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Student academic integrity Policy and/or the Discipline Rule;
- (j) if it is identified that the recipient has breached the financial cap for student financial awards (including scholarships, grants, and bursaries), as outlined in the University's Scholarships Policy;

whichever is earliest.

10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

Subject to the information available at the time, the University Registrar or approved 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, sections 7 and 8 of these Conditions of Award may be varied by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) or approved nominee on the recommendation of the Selection Committee.

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. The University may also publicise the Award by publishing the names of the recipients. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the ANU Coursework Scholarships Office, International and Future Students Division or ANU Marketing and Communications Division.

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

To report 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:

ANU Coursework Scholarships Office

Email: coursework.scholarships@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

Policy: Student financial awards - https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_007803

Procedure: Scholarships, grants and bursaries (coursework) - https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_009607

Policy: Student academic integrity- https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_6477101

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