



**Australian  
National  
University**

## **GOWRIE BURSARY CONDITIONS OF AWARD**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Each year, the Australian National University ('the University') may offer a number of awards known as the Gowrie Bursary ('the Award'). The Award given to the top-ranked candidate will be known as the Gowrie – Patrick Hore-Ruthven Memorial Bursary.

The objective of the Award is to support postgraduate students to complete a research-based degree program at universities or recognised research institutions in Australia or overseas.

Funding for this Award is derived from the Gowrie Scholarship Trust Fund, which was established on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1943, the administration of which was subsequently passed by the Gowrie Trust to the University. The fund maintains bursaries in perpetual memory of those Australian men and women who gave their lives for their country in the Second World War. The Gowrie Bursaries are named after Brigadier General The Right Honourable Alexander Gore Arkwright Hore-Ruthven, The Earl of Gowrie VC, GCMG, CB, DSO & Bar, PC and his son, Major Patrick Hore-Ruthven, who died on 24<sup>th</sup> December 1942 of wounds received in Tripolitania.

### **2. BENEFITS**

The value of the Award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the Award is for up to one year. The Award is paid in one instalment on confirmation of enrolment 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 home institution 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 Australian citizens who:

- (a) are past or present members of the Australian Defence Force (whether permanent or Reserve) or are lineal descendants of such members (see Section 18. Definitions);
- (b) can demonstrate financial hardship;
- (c) have completed a Bachelor Degree with Honours (AQF<sup>1</sup> Level 8) or equivalent (AQF Level 9 Extended) and have graduated from a university or recognised tertiary institution in Australia or overseas; and
- (d) have applied for, been accepted into, or are a continuing student in a Higher Degree Research program at any Australian or international university.

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<sup>1</sup> AQF refers to the Australian Qualifications Framework

#### **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 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 the level of financial hardship demonstrated.

Where there are more equally ranked applicants than there are Awards available, preference may be given based on:

- i. Academic merit.
- ii. Demonstrated strength of character and/or contribution through extracurricular activities or overcoming personal challenges, and the impact of their or their forebear's service in the Australian Defence Force on their lives. In recognition of the Award's origins, special consideration will be given to lineal descendants of members of the Australian Defence Force who died as a result of service during the Second World War or subsequent wars or non-warlike operations such as peacekeeping or humanitarian operations.

The Award is offered to a student by the Gowrie Bursary Selection Committee.

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 subject to the terms and conditions of the recipient's other awards and the relevant policies of their home institution.

#### **7. DEFERMENT**

The recipient is expected to take up their Award in the academic year for which it is offered. Any request for deferral of the Award must be approved by the Chair of the Selection Committee. Subject to approval, the Award may be deferred for a maximum of one year.

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

A recipient of this Award is required to maintain enrolment in a Higher Degree Research program at their home institution for the duration of the Award stated in the offer letter.

#### **9. CESSATION OF AWARD**

The Award ceases or should be surrendered:

- (a) if a student no longer meets the eligibility requirements;
- (b) on the date on which the recipient withdraws or ceases to be active in their program at their home institution other than for approved absences;
- (c) if a recipient fails to enrol as required in section 8;
- (d) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the home institution;

whichever is earliest.

## 10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

Subject to the information available at the time, the Chair of the Selection Committee 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 Gowrie Bursary selection committee. 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 Chair of the Gowrie Bursary Selection Committee upon consultation with other members 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 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.

## 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 or the ANU Marketing and Communications Division.

## 16. 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.

## 17. 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: [philanthropic.scholarships@anu.edu.au](mailto:philanthropic.scholarships@anu.edu.au)*

## 18. DISCLAIMER

The recipient of the Award must adhere to the policies, procedures, and rules of their home institution.

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.

## 19. DEFINITIONS

**Australian Defence Force** includes, but is not limited to, members of the Naval, Military or Air Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia, members of the Royal Australian Nursing Service, the Australian Army Nursing Service, the Royal Australian Air Force Nursing Service, the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service, the Australian Women's Army Service, the Australian Army Service, the Australian Army Medical Women's Service, the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force and the Women's Royal Australian Air Force.

**Lineal descendants** include step, adopted and ex-nuptial children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren etc.

## 20. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES

Policy: Student financial awards - [https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_007803](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_007803)

Procedure: Scholarships, grants and bursaries (coursework) - [https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_009607](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_009607)

Procedure: ANU Higher Degree by Research - Scholarships - [https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_7926390](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_7926390)

Policy: Student Academic Integrity - [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>