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NATIONAL INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP FOR MEDICINE CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year, the School of Medicine and Psychology ('the School') within the ANU College of Science and Medicine ('the College') may offer an award known as the National Indigenous Scholarship for Medicine ('the Award').

The objective of the Award is to assist Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students to undertake the Doctor of Medicine and Surgery (8950XMCHD) program at the Australian National University ('ANU').

Funding for this Award has been provided by the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the Award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the Award is up to four years. The Award is paid in equal instalments at the beginning 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 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 or continuing ANU student who:

- (a) is an Australian citizen;
- (b) is Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander;
- (c) identifies as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person;
- (d) is accepted as such by the community in which they live, or formerly lived; and
- (e) is enrolled in the Doctor of Medicine and Surgery (8950XMCHD) at the ANU.

4. APPLICATION

There is no application as students are automatically considered based on them meeting the eligibility criteria or conditions prescribed under the Eligibility section.

5. SELECTION

Only applicants who meet all the eligibility criteria will be considered. Selection is made based on academic merit, aligned with the University's strategic objectives to ensure a diverse student cohort.

The Award is offered to a student by a Selection Committee chaired by the Chair of Indigenous Framework, Doctor of Medicine and Surgery program which will also include other members of the administration who are responsible for delivering the Doctor of Medicine and Surgery (8950XMCHD) program, as nominated by the Chair.

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 in which it is offered. Any requests for deferrals of the Award must be approved by the Director, School of Medicine and Psychology within the ANU College of Science and Medicine or nominee. Subject to approval, the Award may be deferred for a maximum of 12 months.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A recipient of this Award is required to enrol in a full-time load of 24 units per study period.

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;
- (f) if a recipient changes their program or course;
- (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 Student academic integrity Policy and/or the Discipline Rule;
- (i) 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 Director, School of Medicine and Psychology within the ANU College of Science and Medicine, in consultation with the Chair of Indigenous Framework, Doctor of Medicine and Surgery program, 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 Director, School of Medicine and Psychology within the ANU College of Science and Medicine on the recommendation of the Chair of Indigenous Framework, Doctor of Medicine and Surgery program.

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: <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 School of Medicine and Psychology within the ANU College of Science and Medicine 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:

School of Medicine and Psychology, ANU College of Science and Medicine

Email: admissions.smp@anu.edu.au

18. 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.

19. 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>