



Australian National University

International Merit award

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

For students starting their program at ANU in 2026 for Semester 1, Summer Session; Autumn Session, the Australian National University ('the University') may offer a number of awards known as the **International Merit Award** ('the Award').

The objective of the Award is to attract a diverse range of academically capable overseas students to enrol in undergraduate and postgraduate coursework programs offered by the University.

Funding for this Award has been provided by the Australian National University.

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 up to a maximum of four years**, with the fee waiver applied towards tuition fees at the start of each semester.

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 student commencing at the ANU in Session 1, 2026 (this being: Semester 1, summer session, or autumn session of 2026) who:

- (a) is an international student;
- (b) holds citizenship in a country that is not eligible for the ANU International Vice-Chancellor's award as detailed on the ANU Scholarships Website;
- (c) meets the following minimum entry requirements:
 - i. for an undergraduate student: an academic Selection Rank of 85 (or equivalent) or above, except for a student who is admitted on the basis of citizenship from a Country in the Pacific Region where Selection Rank is equal to the minimum program entry requirement; or
 - ii. for a postgraduate student:
 - has received a minimum GPA of 5.5 (or equivalent), and for Australian student visa purposes is considered onshore at the time of the award assessment; or
 - is from a Country in the Pacific Region and meets the minimum program entry requirement, and for Australian student visa purposes is considered onshore at the time of the award assessment
- (d) is not the recipient of an [external sponsorship](#) that covers all or part of the cost of the student's tuition fees with the University.

4. APPLICATION

There is no application as students are automatically considered based on their 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. Qualifications submitted for admission to the University will be converted to the common scale, which will determine whether an applicant is eligible for the Award. Eligible applicants with multiple qualifications will be ranked according to the qualification used as the basis of admission.

Selection for the Awards is determined by the University Coursework Scholarships Committee (UCSC).

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 Award cannot be deferred.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A recipient of this award is required to enrol in a full-time study load for each session as defined in the Policy: *Glossary - student policies and procedures*.

A recipient requests permission, in writing, from the Dean of Students to hold the Award on a part-time basis. If approved, payments of the Award will be made on a pro-rata basis.

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 breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Student academic integrity Policy and/or the Discipline Rule;
- (g) if the applicant holds two concurrent ANU academic or sports scholarships including this award, or
- (h) 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 Chair of the University Coursework Scholarships Committee 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)

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 the ANU Marketing and Communications Division.

16. 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

17. 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.

18. 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>