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PAUL THISTLEWAITE MEMORIAL HONOURS YEAR SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

The ANU College of Systems and Society (CSS) may offer an award known as the Paul Thistlewaite Memorial Honours Year Scholarship ('the Award').

The objective of the Award is to encourage ongoing academic achievement of high-performing Honours students, with preference given to candidates who identify as a woman to support gender equity within the field.

Funding for this Award is provided by the Thistlewaite Family and a range of donors in memory of Dr Paul Thistlewaite who has a long-held affinity with ANU, particularly within the field of Computer Science.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the Award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the Award is for one year. The Award is paid in equal instalments after census date each semester unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

The student is responsible for payment of all tuition fees by the prescribed date as set out by the University each session. All costs for books, study materials, accommodation, and other study-related expenses are the responsibility of the student.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The Award is available to a commencing or continuing ANU student who:

- (a) is a domestic or international student; and
- (b) is enrolled full-time in an Honours Year of a program of study leading to one of the following degrees:
 - Bachelor of Advanced Computing (Research & Development) (Honours)
 - Bachelor of Advanced Computing (Honours)
 - Bachelor of Computing (Honours)
 - Bachelor of Science (Computer Science Honours)
 - Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Software Engineering
 - Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) with a Science specialisation in Computer Science Honours.

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 academic merit, with priority consideration given to eligible applicants who:

- i. identifies as a woman; and
- ii. are undertaking Honours in Advanced Information Systems or Human-Centred Computing, including Big Data and Machine Learning

Where no eligible candidate who identifies as a woman is available, the Selection Committee may consider the highest-ranked eligible applicant for the Award.

The Award is offered to a student by a Selection Committee chaired by Dean of the ANU College of Systems and Society or nominee which will also include the Directors of the three schools (Computing, Engineering and Cybernetics) (or nominees).

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 student of the Award is permitted to hold concurrent student financial awards as outlined in the ANU scholarships, grants and bursaries (coursework) procedure.

7. DEFERMENT

The Award cannot be deferred.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A full-time study load, as defined in the Policy: Glossary – student policies and procedures, is required to remain eligible for this Award.

Written permission must be obtained from the Dean of the ANU College of Systems and Society to hold the Award on a part-time basis. If approved, payments will be made on a pro-rata basis.

Academic progress rules and policies relevant to the program of study must be met to retain the Award.

If academic progress requirements are not met in any semester, a formal warning will be issued.

If academic progress requirements are not met in a subsequent semester, the Award may be suspended or ceased.

Before suspension or cessation, an opportunity will be provided to outline performance concerns and proposed remediation steps.

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 student withdraws or ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences;
- (d) if a student fails to enrol as required in section 8;
- (e) if a student changes to part-time enrolment without receiving permission to retain the Award;
- (f) if a student changes the program or course without permission to retain the Award;

- (g) if a student fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements; or
- (h) if a student 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 student has breached the financial cap for student financial awards (including scholarships, grants, and bursaries), as outlined in the [University's Student financial awards policy](#);

whichever is earliest.

10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

Subject to the information available at the time, the Dean of the ANU College of Systems and Society 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 Dean of the ANU College of Systems and Society or nominee.

13. TAXATION

Students are responsible for seeking independent taxation advice regarding individual circumstances. Students receiving Centrelink benefits should be aware that student financial awards may affect Centrelink payments. Student financial awards are generally regarded as taxable income if a student 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 student'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 student 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. Students may be contacted for an interview and photograph. The University may also publicise the Award by publishing the names of the students. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the ANU College of Systems and Society or the ANU Marketing and Communications Division.

16. DISCLOSURE AND DONOR CONTACT

To report on the impact of student financial awards, the student's name, program of study, and broad demographic information (for example: age, country or town of residence) may be disclosed to donors supporting the Award. This will not include student contact details. The student may be asked to write a personal note of thanks or to meet with donors. Any

contact between a donor and a student 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 College of Systems and Society

Email: education.css@anu.edu.au

18. DISCLAIMER

The student 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 the ANU scholarships, grants and bursaries (coursework) 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>