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ANU VICE-CHANCELLOR SCHOLARS PROGRAM

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

The Australian National University (ANU) ('the University') may offer a number of awards known as the ANU Vice-Chancellor Scholars Program ('the Award').

The objective of the award is to improve access, participation, retention and successful completion for students from under-represented backgrounds by reducing financial barriers to studying at ANU. The award aims to support students experiencing educational disadvantage and to promote a diverse and inclusive student cohort.

Funding for this award is provided by the University and through the generous gifts of donors.

2. BENEFITS

The type and value of support offered to a recipient will be specified in the letter of offer. The value and support provided under the Award may vary depending on eligibility for other financial awards and other relevant circumstances.

Unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer, the Award may provide one or more of the following forms of support:

- (a) a scholarship benefit;
- (b) accommodation support;
- (c) relocation and commencement assistance; and/or
- (d) other support approved by the University that is consistent with the objectives of the Award.

The type, duration and value of support offered may differ between recipients.

The Award provides supports for up to four years for undergraduate recipients eligible for scholarship benefits and/or accommodation support. Where an undergraduate recipient is enrolled in a degree with a duration more than 4 years an extension to the award beyond the standard four-year duration may be approved, subject to available funding and University approval. Relocation and commencement support will be paid as a one-off instalment as specified in the offer letter.

Recurring scholarship payments will be paid at the beginning of each semester.

Accommodation Support is paid directly to the ANU hall or residence in equal instalments at the beginning of each semester.

Undergraduate relocation and commencement assistance may be paid after enrolment or paid directly to approved travel and relocation expenses.

One-off bursary payments for postgraduate students will be paid following the census date of the relevant study period.

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 ANU student who:

- (a) is a domestic student;
- (b) receives an offer of admission to an undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree program at the University; and
- (c) based on evidence provided in their application for admission to the University has been assessed as meeting one or more equity criteria determined by the University for the purposes of this Award.

4. APPLICATION

All applicants applying for admission will be automatically considered for the Award based on meeting the eligibility criteria.

There is no separate application for this Award. Eligible students will be considered based on meeting the eligibility criteria and conditions prescribed under Section 3.

All relevant application deadlines will be published on the ANU webpage.

5. SELECTION

Only applicants who meet all the eligibility criteria will be considered. Selection is made based on demonstrated educational disadvantage, informed by the University's [Educational Access Scheme \(EAS\) assessment framework](#) and is aligned with the University's objective of supporting access, participation and success for students from under-represented backgrounds.

The University may consider equity factors and the overall impact of disadvantage when assessing applicants.

The University may determine the level and type of support offered to a recipient based on the outcome of the selection process and available funding.

The Award is offered to a student by the University Coursework Scholarships Committee, as established under the ANU Coursework Scholarships procedure.

The Selection Committee reserves the right to make no award where it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit. The Selection Committee may also vary the number of awards offered and/or offer the award at alternative times in exceptional circumstances or based on the quality of the applicant pool, 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 Scholarships, grants and bursaries (coursework) procedure. Concurrent scholarships may be considered a factor when determining a student's overall level of support.

7. DEFERMENT

The Award cannot be deferred.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

Postgraduate recipients are required to enrol in a minimum of 6 units in the study period for which the bursary is awarded is required to remain eligible for this Award.

Undergraduate recipients are required to maintain a full-time study load, as defined in the Policy: Glossary – student policies and procedures.

Written permission must be obtained from the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Education), DVC(E) or their approved nominee to hold the Award on a part-time basis. If approved, payments will be made on a pro-rata basis.

Undergraduate recipients enrolled in a Diploma program are required to maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0 or above, or a pass where applicable, each semester, calculated across all courses undertaken in that semester (including sessions overlapping that semester).

Undergraduate recipients enrolled in a Bachelor degree program are required to maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0 or above each semester, calculated across all courses undertaken in that semester (including sessions overlapping that semester).

If the required GPA is not met in any semester, a formal warning will be issued.

If the recipient does not meet the required GPA in a subsequent semester, the Award may be suspended or terminated.

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 recipient 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 an undergraduate recipient changes to part-time enrolment without receiving permission to retain the Award;
- (f) if an undergraduate recipient fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements;
- (g) If an undergraduate recipient receiving accommodation support elects to cease living in approved on-campus accommodation; or
- (h) if a recipient no longer meets any additional conditions specified in the letter of offer relating to accommodation support or relocation assistance;
- (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 Student financial awards policy](#);

whichever is earliest.

Recipients whose award is ceased under clauses (g) or (h) may remain eligible to receive other Award benefits; however, accommodation support will cease.

10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

Subject to the information available at the time, the Chair of the University Coursework Scholarships Committee or their approved nominee may request that the payment for the study period 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 Deputy Vice Chancellor (Education), DVC(E) on the recommendation of the Chair of the University Coursework Scholarships Committee or their approved 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>

Recipients eligible for accommodation support will receive further information on the approved accommodation types, along with instruction on how to apply or update their preferred accommodation options in order to remain eligible for accommodation support.

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 appropriate University communications channels, in consultation with relevant ANU communications and marketing teams.

16. DISCLOSURE AND DONOR CONTACT

To report on the impact of student financial awards, the recipient'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 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 Scholarship Office

Email: coursework.scholarships@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 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>

ANU Residential Handbook - [Residential Handbook | The Australian National University](#)

ANU Occupancy Agreement - [Fees & occupancy agreements | The Australian National University](#)