



WESTPAC SCHOLARS TRUST FUTURE LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP (HIGHER DEGREE RESEARCH)

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

To mark Westpac's 200th anniversary, the bank gave a gift to the Nation. A \$100 million dollars to fund 100 scholarships a year, forever which became Westpac Scholars Trust. And it's through Westpac Scholars Trust, that they invest in the next generation of leaders who will shape the future of Australia.

Each year, the Westpac Scholars Trust may offer a number of awards known as the Westpac Future Leaders Scholarship.

The objective of the Award is to support Australia's future leaders by providing an enriching postgraduate experience for talented individuals to study at one of Australia's leading universities.

Funding for this Award is provided by Westpac Scholars Trust.

2. BENEFITS

Value: The value and duration of the award will be stated in the Westpac Scholars Trust letter of offer and published on the Westpac Future Leaders Scholarship webpage. The award will be paid in fortnightly instalments unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer. Funds for development/international travel will be paid as a single lump sum payment once a year, following confirmation of satisfactory progress in the program.

The recipient is responsible for making payment of all tuition and/or administrative fees by the prescribed date as set by the University each session. Recipients of this award are responsible for the cost of books, study materials, accommodation and all other costs of study.

Periods of study already undertaken for the PhD or MPhil degree and periods of study undertaken for the PhD or MPhil degree during suspension of the award will be deducted from the duration of the award.

Extension: Extensions are generally not available, however, if exceptional circumstances have occurred, extension requests can be directed to Westpac Scholars Trust for consideration.

3. PROGRAM & SCHOLARSHIP LEAVE

Paid leave is not available for any type of leave.

4. ELIGIBILITY

The award is available each year to a prospective ANU student:

- (a) who is an Australian citizen or permanent resident (New Zealand citizens who are not also Australian citizens are not eligible);
- (b) who has completed an undergraduate degree within the last five years (as at the date of your application), or will complete an undergraduate degree in the year of application;

- (c) who has achieved or is on track to achieve an average result of H1 or H2A (or equivalent);
- (d) who is eligible for admission into a PhD or Master by research program at The Australian National University (including having a supervisor nominated);
- (e) whose proposed area of research must be in an area that will contribute to the future of Australia in one of the Trust's priority funding areas: Asia-Pacific Leadership, Innovation for Impact, Connected and Stronger Society and Sustainable Futures;
- (f) who is commencing study by July of the calendar year following the year of application. Students who have commenced the program for which they are seeking this scholarship for are not eligible to apply;
- (g) includes international opportunities in their proposed program of study which will develop their leadership skills and global networks. Examples of international opportunities may include study tours for the purpose of research, attending a short course or conference, a period of internship or volunteering etc.;
- (h) if successful, is able to attend the Leadership Development Program (approximately five days in duration), the Westpac Scholars' Summit (approximately three days in duration), both held in Sydney, within the first six months of the year of commencement of study. (Travel costs will be covered by the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation). A second Leadership Development Program residential date will be confirmed with the cohort following Award of the Scholarship.

Applicants must not have been previously awarded a Westpac Scholars Trust Future Leaders Scholarship.

5. APPLICATION

The application process is outlined in the Westpac Future Leaders Scholarship Guidelines published on the Westpac Scholars Trust website and ANU Scholarships website. Any requirement for supporting documentation and forwarding details will be stated on the application form and published on the Westpac Scholars Trust website and ANU Scholarships website. The application and all supporting documentation (where applicable) must be submitted on, or prior to, the closing date published on the Westpac Scholars Trust website and ANU Scholarships website.

6. SELECTION

Only applicants who meet all the eligibility criteria will be considered. Selection is made based on applicants meeting the eligibility criteria provided by the Westpac Scholars Trust. ANU assists in selecting the top 4 candidates for nomination. Additional factors may be considered such as academic merit.

The Selection committee reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit.

7. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS

A recipient of the award is not permitted to concurrently hold other scholarships, awards, grants and bursaries with the exception of Research Training Program Scholarships or where the existing scholarship is equity based.

The award or scholarship cannot provide a benefit greater than 75% of the stipend of this award.

8. DEFERMENT

The award cannot be deferred.

9. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

The recipient is required to remain enrolled in a program of study for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy or Master of Philosophy at the Australian National University in the program for which the award is offered.

A part-time award may be offered or approved if the recipient has reasons acceptable to the University that preclude full-time study for part or all of the program of study. In such cases the University must be satisfied that the reasons relate to caring commitments, a medical condition, a disability or other circumstance which limits the recipient's capacity to undertake full-time study.

With approval from the Delegated Authority in the College an award may be transferred to another research school/college.

10. CONDUCT

The recipient understands and accepts the responsibility of being a good and exemplary "ambassador" of the University and the Westpac Scholars program. In the event the University considers the recipient's conduct inappropriate, the award may, at the University's discretion, be terminated and no further moneys shall be payable, and the recipient will be required to reimburse the University for payments already made.

11. NOTIFICATION OF ISSUES

The recipient will immediately notify the University of any significant adverse event that occurs in relation to the award.

12. ONGOING SCHOLAR ENGAGEMENT

The recipient will actively engage as an Alumni member of the scholarship program, which includes a commitment, at least for the first 12 months after the scholarship, to actively share their experience, attend Alumni events and promote the scholarship within their educational institution.

The recipient may be required to complete an in-depth report of their scholarship experience which can be used to promote scholarship experience by the University, Westpac Bicentennial Foundation or any third party engaged by either entity.

13. PRIVACY

The recipient will allow for his/her personal information to be provided to the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation (or any third party engaged by the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation) and authorises the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation (or third parties engaged by the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation) to use that information for any purpose in connection with:

- (a) promoting the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation scholarship program or the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation; and
- (b) operating and developing the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation scholarship program.

14. CESSATION OF AWARD

The award ceases or should be surrendered:

- (a) at the conclusion of the period outlined in the offer letter;
- (b) on submission of the thesis for examination;
- (c) on the date on which the recipient withdraws or ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences;
- (d) if a recipient changes to part-time enrolment without receiving permission to retain the Award;
- (e) if a recipient changes their program or course without permission to retain the Award;
- (f) if the University considers the recipient's conduct inappropriate as outlined in section 9;
- (g) if a recipient is no longer meeting or has breached the conditions of award;
- (h) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Misconduct & Discipline Rules;
- (i) The recipient understands and accepts the responsibility of being a good and exemplary "ambassador" of the University and the Westpac Scholars program. In the event the University considers the recipient's conduct inappropriate, the University, at its discretion may terminate the award, no further moneys shall be payable, and the recipient will be required to reimburse the University for payments already made.

whichever is earliest.

15. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

Subject to the information available at the time, the Chair of the Selection 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.

A recipient who is taking leave from their program, or changing intensity from full-time to part-time, is expected to submit the prescribed form in a timely manner and, where possible, in advance in order to avoid receiving an overpayment of their award. In circumstances where an overpayment does occur, the overpayments will generally be recovered in line with the ANU Overpayments Procedure.

In the situation where a recipient is overpaid an amount in excess of a full fortnightly disbursement, the University may recover the overpayment by withholding future stipend payments at the same rate that the stipend was overpaid.

16. PROVIDING FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION

The offer of an award is based on the information provided to the University. An 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 in offering the award.

17. 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 Westpac Scholars Trust.

18. TAXATION & CENTRELINK

Recipients are responsible for seeking taxation and Centrelink advice regarding their own individual circumstances. Scholarships/grants/awards may be regarded as taxable income if a recipient is enrolled on a part-time basis.

For information on how your award may affect your Centrelink benefits, please refer to this website: <http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enablers/income/>

19. 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>

20. 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 Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University.

21. CONTACT WITH THE UNIVERSITY

All enquiries regarding the scholarship and changes, issues, or further information after acceptance should be made to:

Graduate Research Office
The Australian National University
AUSTRALIA
Email: hdr.admissions@anu.edu.au

22. DISCLAIMER

The recipient is subject to The Australian National University Act 1991 as amended, and to the Statutes, Rules, Regulations and Resolutions of the University.

The award of a scholarship does not carry any commitment by the University for future employment.

These conditions of award should be read in conjunction with the University's Research Award Rules and Candidature and Supervision Policies.

The recipient understands that the Westpac Scholars Trust has facilitated the award to the recipient by providing funding to the University for the program.

The recipient agrees that under no circumstances will the Westpac Scholars Trust, Westpac Banking Corporation or any of their related entities be liable or responsible for any loss or damage incurred by the recipient in relation to the award including (without limitation) any loss or damage incurred by activities pursued in connection with utilising the award.

The recipient will allow for his/her personal information to be provided to the Westpac Scholars Trust (or any third party engaged by the Westpac Scholars Trust) and authorises the Westpac Scholars Trust (or third parties engaged by the Westpac Scholars Trust) to use that information for any purpose in connection with:

- (a) promoting the Westpac Scholars Trust; and
- (b) operating and developing the Westpac Scholars Trust scholarship program.

23. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES, RULES & RESOURCES

ANU Research Awards Rule 2021 - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/F2021L00996/latest/text>

ANU Overpayments Procedure – https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_000599

ANU Academic Integrity Rule 2021 - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/F2021L00997/latest/text>

ANU Discipline Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2021L00998>