



Australian
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BILL NICHOLES “WILLIGOBUNG” SCHOLARSHIP FOR MEDICINE

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

The School of Medicine and Psychology (‘the School’) within the ANU College of Science and Medicine (‘the College’) may offer a number of awards known as the Bill Nicholes “Willigobung” Scholarship for Medicine (‘the Award’).

The objective of the Award is to provide financial assistance to students to undertake the four-year graduate entry Doctor of Medicine and Surgery (8950XMCHD) program at the Australian National University (ANU).

Funding for this Award is provided by the late Bill Nicholes, who bequeathed more than \$4.2 million to support students studying graduate medicine at ANU. To honour Bill’s regional upbringing, one of the scholarships available each year will be for a student from a rural background.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the Award is stated in the letter of offer. The duration of the Award is up to four years. 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 making 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 the Doctor of Medicine and Surgery (8950XMCHD) program at the ANU School of Medicine and Psychology, ANU College of Science and Medicine;
- (c) can demonstrate disadvantage on the grounds of educational, financial, physical or emotional hardship; and
- (d) can attend the Bill Nicholes “Willigobung” Scholarship for Medicine interview.

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 a holistic assessment of the applicants against the following criteria:

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- Academic achievement
- Personal achievements beyond academic performance
- Suitability based on the information provided in their application
- Ability to demonstrate personal qualities, abilities and talents desirable in a clinician
- Performance at the Bill Nicholes “Willigobung” Scholarship for Medicine interview

Preference may be given to students from a rural background. Selection will be based on the applicant meeting the rural background criteria. Applicants must have resided in a Modified Monash Model (MMM) 2023 category MM 2 to MM 7 area for at least 5 consecutive years or 10 cumulative years. This aligns with the rural background criteria as defined by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing for admission to the Doctor of Medicine and Surgery (8950XMCHD) program.

The Award is offered to a student by a Selection Committee chaired by the Director, School of Medicine and Psychology or their approved nominee, which will also include two other members of the senior faculty executive or nominee/s.

The Selection Committee reserves the right to make no award where it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit. If the Selection Committee deems that there is no suitable or eligible applicant from a rural background, both scholarships may be awarded to applicants from non-rural backgrounds. 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 scholarships, grants and bursaries (coursework) procedure.

7. DEFERMENT

The recipient is expected to take up their Award in the semester for which it is offered. Any request for deferral of the Award must be approved by the Director, School of Medicine and Psychology or their approved nominee. Subject to approval, the Award may be deferred for a maximum of 12 months.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

Enrolment in 24 units per study period is required to remain eligible for this Award.

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:

- if a recipient no longer meets the eligibility requirements;
- at the conclusion of the period outlined in section 2;
- on the date on which the recipient withdraws or ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences;
- 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 changes their program or course without permission to retain the Award;
- (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 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 Student financial awards 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 or their 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 Director, School of Medicine and Psychology within the ANU College of Science and Medicine or their approved nominee.

13. TAXATION & CENTRELINK

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 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:

School of Medicine and Psychology

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

Procedure: ANU Higher Degree by Research - Scholarships - https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_7926390

Policy: Student Academic Integrity - https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_6477101

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