ANU International PhD Scholarship: Cultures of the Cryosphere

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

The Research School of Social Sciences ('the School') in the ANU College of Arts & Social Sciences ('the College') may offer one award known as the ANU International PhD Scholarship: Cultures of the Cryosphere ('the Award').

Funding for the stipend component of this Award has been provided by the ERC Synergy Grant Nr 101118625 (2024–2030) for the *Cultures of the Cryosphere: Infrastructures, Politics and Futures of Artificial Cooling* Project.

The objective of the Award is to support an outstanding candidate to enable them to pursue a PhD program in Sociology based in the Research School of Social Sciences. The candidate's research will focus on tracing cold chain logistics associated with reproductive bioresources. The candidate will be under the supervision of Professor Bronwyn Parry.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the Award is stated in the letter of offer. The Award will be paid in fortnightly instalments, unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

The Award may contain any or all of the following benefits:

A. **Scholarship:** A recipient may be awarded a stipend scholarship equivalent to the value of the ANU standard Australian Government Research Training Program (AGRTP) stipend scholarship. The Award is indexed each year on 1 January and is tax free in Australia;

B. **Fieldwork Support:** In addition to the School HDR fieldwork funding support, additional funding for fieldwork will be provided by the Cultures of the Cryosphere Project, up to $10,000. Fieldwork Support is subject to funding availability and the requirements of the project's fieldwork objectives. A recipient may apply for a reimbursement for fieldwork support by submitting the following documents to the research project manager, Cultures of the Cryosphere Project (Rebecca.williamson@anu.edu.au).

   i. fieldwork plan approved by the Primary Supervisor;
   ii. travel summary; and
   iii. original tax invoice/receipts.

C. **Additional Conference Support:** Funding for conference and project workshop travel will also be provided by the Cultures of the Cryosphere Project, up to $5,000. Additional Conference Support is subject to funding availability and the requirements of the project's fieldwork objectives. A recipient may apply for a reimbursement for conference support by submitting the following documents to the research project manager, Cultures of the Cryosphere Project (Rebecca.williamson@anu.edu.au).

   i. Presentation/poster approved by the Primary Supervisor;
   ii. travel and accommodation summary; and
   iii. original tax invoice/receipts.

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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. DURATION

(a) The duration of the full-time Award will be 3.5 years; less
   i. periods of enrolment already undertaken for the degree; and/or
   ii. such shorter period as is stated in the letter of offer.

(b) Extension
A recipient may apply for an extension of the stipend scholarship by completing the *Manage my Degree - HDR* form.

Extensions of scholarship are considered on the following grounds:
   i. research has been delayed by circumstances beyond the recipient's control[1], up to three months;
   ii. completion of an industry internship of a least 60 days FTE duration (see internship requirements here), up to six months;
   iii. Indigenous candidates, up to six months.

Subject to approval. The application must be submitted at least three months before the expiry of the scholarship. The maximum period of extension is six months, to a total maximum of four years.

4. PROGRAM LEAVE

Periods of program leave must be taken in accordance with the *Research Awards Rule*.

(a) Unpaid Program Leave

A recipient may apply for unpaid program leave on personal grounds. If the leave does not exceed a total period of 12 months during the duration of the Award, the recipient may resume the Award at the completion of the leave.

Program leave exceeding a total of 12 months will only be considered where there are exceptional circumstances beyond the control of the recipient and must be approved by the Delegated Authority in the College.

Unpaid program leave is aggregated and awarded only in one-week blocks for a full-time recipient and two-week blocks for a part-time recipient.

A recipient must apply for unpaid program and scholarship leave by completing the relevant section of the Manage my Degree - HDR form in ANUHub.

(b) Paid Recreation Leave

A recipient is entitled to a maximum of 20 working days paid recreation leave for each year of the Award. Leave entitlements may be accrued over the life of the Award but are forfeited when the Award ceases.

A recipient must apply in writing to their Chair of Panel.

Paid recreation leave does not extend the duration of the Award.

(c) Paid Medical Leave

A recipient is entitled to a maximum of 10 working days paid medical leave for each year of the Award. Leave entitlements may be accrued over the life of the Award but are forfeited when the Award ceases.

A recipient must apply in writing to their Chair of Panel.

[1] Other circumstances may include internships of less than 60 days FTE. Research visits and internships completed at a Higher Education Provider (or international equivalent) are excluded.

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Paid medical leave does not extend the duration of the Award.

(d) Additional Paid Leave

A recipient is entitled to additional paid medical or carer's leave to a maximum of 60 working days on provision of a medical certificate. Medical certificates must:

i. be signed by a registered medical practitioner;
ii. state the likely duration of the required leave; and
iii. certify that the recipient requires the leave for medical/caring reasons.

Additional paid medical leave is aggregated and awarded only in one-week blocks for a full-time recipients and two-week blocks for a part-time recipients.

A recipient may apply for additional paid medical leave by completing the relevant section of the *Manage my Degree - HDR* form in ANUHub.

Additional paid leave extends the duration of the Award.

(e) Paid Parental Leave

Recipients who have completed 12 months of their Award and are the primary caregiver of a new child (by birth or legal adoption) are entitled to a maximum of 60 working days paid parental leave.

HDR candidates whose partner gives birth, who have completed 12 months of their stipend, are entitled to 60 working days leave if the candidate is the primary carer of the child in the first year of the child's life. HDR candidates who access partner leave will only be eligible for 55 working days parental leave.

These provisions also apply if the HDR candidate is the legal parent and primary care-giver of an adopted child:

i. less than five years of age;
ii. not a step child of the student; and
iii. has not previously lived continuously with the student for six months or more.

Paid parental leave is aggregated and awarded only in one-week blocks for a full-time recipients and two-week blocks for a part-time recipient.

Recipients may apply for paid parental leave by completing the relevant section of the *Manage my Degree - HDR* form in ANUHub.

Paid parental leave extends the period of duration of the Award.

(f) Paid Partner Parental Leave

Recipients who have completed 12 months of their Award and who are the partner of a person who is the primary caregiver of a new child[2] (by birth or legal adoption) may be entitled to five days paid partner parental leave. The University may require the recipient to provide evidence of the date of birth or adoption.

Paid partner parental leave is aggregated and awarded only in one-week blocks for a full-time recipients and two-week blocks for a part-time recipient.

Recipients may apply for paid partner parental leave by completing the relevant section of the *Manage my Degree - HDR* form in ANUHub.

Paid partner parental leave extends the duration of the Award.

5. ELIGIBILITY

[2] A new child is a child who is less than five years of age, not a step-child of the student and has not previously lived continuously with the student for six months or more

The Award is available each year to a prospective or continuing domestic or international ANU student who:

(a) is enrolled or enrolling full-time in a program of study for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy based in the Research School of Social Science; and

(b) has demonstrated H1 or equivalent.

6. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applications shall be called for with a closing date as set by the Research School of Social Sciences. The closing date, and application instructions will be advertised on the University scholarship webpage.

7. SELECTION

Selection is made on the basis of:

(a) academic merit and research potential, based on academic record, referee reports and other evidence; and

(b) effective use of funds; and

(c) demonstrated intention to meet the Objective/s; and

(d) discipline research interests.

The selection committee will be chaired by the Dean of the College of Arts & Social Sciences and will include at least two senior academic staff from across the University.

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).

8. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS

A recipient is permitted to hold other scholarships, awards, grants and bursaries concurrently with this Award, provided the terms of the other scholarship permits this also.

9. DEFERMENT

The Award must be taken up no later than the date specified in the letter of offer, unless otherwise approved by the Dean of the College of Arts & Social Sciences (or appropriate delegate).

10. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A recipient of this Award is required to remain enrolled full-time in an eligible program of study for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the Australian National University.

11. SUSPENSION OF AWARD

A recipient may apply to the College for suspension of their Award. A suspension may be appropriate if a recipient is studying at another institution and receives an award for that study. In these circumstances the duration of the Award will be reduced by the periods of study undertaken towards the degree during suspension of the Award (unless the study was undertaken overseas as part of a Commonwealth Government financially supported international postgraduate research scholarship or award).

The University may suspend the Award where a recipient has:

(a) outstanding fees; or

(b) an outstanding debt with the University; or

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(c) outstanding HDR program milestone/s; or

(d) been found to be in breach of a statute, rule or policy or procedure of the University.

The Award will be suspended when at least five working days have passed since the University advised the recipient in writing that the milestones, debt and/or fees are outstanding, until the milestones have been met or the outstanding fees and/or debt have been paid. Under these circumstances, the recipient will forfeit payment of the Award for the period of time that their Award is suspended.

12. 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 3;

(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 5;

(e) if a recipient changes their program or course without permission to retain the Award;

(f) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the *Discipline Rule* (2021) and *Academic Integrity Rule* (2021);

whichever is earliest.

13. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

A recipient who is taking leave from their program, or changing their enrolment intensity from full-time to part-time, must submit the prescribed Manage My Degree - HDR 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, these will be recovered in accordance with the ANU Procedure - Overpayments.

14. PROVIDING FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION

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.

15. 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 Pro Vice-Chancellor (Graduate Research) on the recommendation of the chair of the selection committee.

16. TAXATION & CENTRELINK

Recipients are responsible for seeking taxation and Centrelink advice (if applicable) regarding their own individual circumstances. Awards may be regarded as taxable income if a recipient is enrolled on a part-time basis.

For information on how the Award may affect Centrelink benefits, see this website http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enablers/income/

17. ACCOMMODATION

It is the recipient's responsibility to obtain residential accommodation. Information on student accommodation and application forms are available from the University

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Accommodation Services. Information may be found on the Web at: http://www.anu.edu.au/study/accommodation

18. PUBLICITY

The recipient may be invited to participate in publicity for the Award from time to time, including an interview and photograph.

19. CONTACT WITH THE AWARD OWNER

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

Dean of the College of Arts and Social Sciences
Bronwyn.parry@anu.edu.au

20. DISCLAIMER

The recipient of the Award is subject to *The Australian National University Act 1991* as amended, and to the Statutes, Rules, Regulations and Resolutions 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 *Research Awards Rule 2021* and Higher Degree Research Policy and Procedures available from the ANU website.

21. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES

HDR Legislation, policies and procedures - https://www.anu.edu.au/students/program-administration/assessments-exams/hdr-policies-procedures

HDR Scholarships Policy - https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_7926387

HDR Scholarships Procedure - https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_7926390

ANU Academic Integrity Rule - https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2021L00997

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

ANU Student Code of Conduct https://www.anu.edu.au/students/program-administration/program-management/student-code-of-conduct

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