



ARC CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR PLANT ENERGY BIOLOGY WARWICK HILLIER HONOURS SCHOLARSHIPS

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the ARC Centre for Excellence for Plant Energy Biology (“The Centre”) will offer an award known as the ARC Centre of Excellence for Plant Energy Biology Warwick Hillier Honours Scholarships (“the award”).

The objective of the award is to provide a unique research experience that will allow students to develop scientific and professional skills to be successful in the field of plant energy biology.

Associate Professor Warwick Hillier was an ANU graduate (BSc Hons 1991, MSc. 1994; PhD 1999) who was awarded the Australian Young Biophysicist in 1998. Associate Professor Hillier was also awarded the Robin Hill Award and an Australian Future Fellowship in 2009 for his work on the mechanism of water oxidation. He was considered a highly valued and talented researcher at the Research School of Biology. Associate Professor Hillier succumbed to a year-long fight with cancer in January 2014.

Funding for this award has been provided by the ARC Centre of Excellence for Plant Energy Biology

2. BENEFITS

The value of the award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the award is two consecutive academic semesters, beginning in the semester in which the Honours course is commenced. The award is paid in equal instalments at the beginning of each semester of the Honours year unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

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 this award are responsible for the costs of books, study materials, accommodation and all other costs of study.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The award is available each year to an ANU student who:

- (a) is a domestic or international student
- (b) has been successful in gaining entry into the Honours year of an undergraduate program offered by the Research School of Biology and have a willing and suitable supervisor;
- (c) is undertaking research in plant energy biology; and
- (d) has a strong academic record;

4. APPLICATION

Applications are called for with a closing date as set by the Centre. The application is submitted on the prescribed form. The completed application and supporting documentation is forwarded to the Biology Teaching and Learning Centre by email or post prior to the closing date.

5. SELECTION

Selection is made on the basis of a student's application and academic record.

The award is offered to a student by a selection committee chaired by ARC Centre of Excellence for Plant Energy Biology Director ("The Centre Director") or nominee which will also include the chief investigator of the Centre and members of the Centre Executive Committee.

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 (where funds allow) and/or offer the award at other times in exceptional circumstances or based on the standard of applications or students.

6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS

A recipient of the ARC Centre of Excellence for Plant Energy Biology Warwick Hillier Honours Scholarship is permitted to concurrently hold other scholarships, awards, grants and bursaries subject to the terms of the corresponding section in the conditions of award of the other scholarship/bursary/grant/award that they are holding.

For the concurrent award holder, the value of the scholarship may be adjusted to a maximum of \$7000 for the combination of both scholarships or as may be approved by the delegate of the ARC Centre of Excellence for Plant Energy Biology.

Failure to declare and obtain permission in writing from the node leader or delegate of the ARC Centre of Excellence for Plant Energy Biology to hold another award or scholarship may result in the scholar being required to refund a payment or payments to the College, as determined by the Dean of the College (or nominee).

7. DEFERMENT

The award cannot be deferred.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A recipient of this award is required to enrol in a full-time load of 24 units per semester. A recipient requests permission, in writing, from the Centre Director to hold the award on a part-time basis. If approved, payments of the award are made on a pro-rata basis.

Recipients are expected to fulfil all requirements as specified in the Biology Honours Program Handbook including meeting the required milestones and progress reports.

If a recipient is unable to complete the required milestones in the first semester of the scholarship their scholarship may be terminated.

An award recipient is given the opportunity to explain their performance and how their performance can be remedied before a decision on termination of an award is made.

9. CESSATION OF AWARD

The award ceases or should be surrendered:

- (a) at the conclusion of the period outlined in section 2; or
- (b) on the date on which the student withdraws or ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences;
- (c) if a recipient fails to enrol as required in section 8;
- (d) if a recipient changes to part-time enrolment without permission,
- (e) if a recipient changes their program or course without permission;
- (f) if a recipient fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements;
- (g) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Misconduct & Discipline Rules;

whichever is earliest.

10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

Subject to the information available at the time, the Centre Director 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

The awarding of a scholarship 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 awarding the scholarship.

12. VARIATION TO CONDITIONS OF AWARD

In exceptional circumstances and on a case-by-case basis section 6 and/or 7 of these conditions of award may be varied by the Dean on the recommendation of the Chair of Selection Committee.

13. TAXATION & CENTRELINK

Award recipients are responsible for seeking taxation and Centrelink advice regarding their own individual circumstances. Scholarships 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, see this website <http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enablers/income/>

14. 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/students/services/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 are made through the College Marketing and Communications office or the Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University.

16. CONTACT WITH THE COLLEGE

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

*Research School of Biology
ANU College of Medicine, Biology & Environment
Biology Teaching and Learning Centre*

Email: rsb.studentadmin@anu.edu.au

17. DISCLAIMER

The recipient of this 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 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 Coursework Scholarships Policy & Procedures available from the ANU website.

18. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES

ANU Coursework Scholarship Policy -

https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_007803

ANU Coursework Scholarship Procedure -

https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_009607

ANU Academic Misconduct Rules - <https://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01785>

ANU Discipline Rules - <https://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01792>