



## **EARTH SCIENCES OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP**

### **CONDITIONS OF AWARD**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Each year the Research School of Earth Sciences may offer one or more awards known as the *Earth Sciences Opportunity Scholarship* ("the award").

The objective of the award is to provide financial assistance to students enrolled in an Earth Sciences degree program to allow them to commence, continue and/or complete their studies.

Funding for this award has been provided by various donors.

#### **2. BENEFITS**

The value of the award is stated in the letter of offer. The duration of the award will be up to one year in the first instance, but may be extended on review. The award will be paid in equal instalments at the beginning of each semester. The value of the instalments and the duration of the payment plan will be detailed in the letter of offer and will be tailored to the needs of the recipient.

The recipient is responsible for making payment of all tuition fees by the prescribed date as set out by the University. 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 prospective or current ANU students who:

- (a) are domestic or international students;
- (b) are enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate coursework program offered by the Research School of Earth Sciences; and
- (c) demonstrate difficulties which require financial assistance to commence, continue and/or complete their studies. Difficulties may include, but are not limited to, financial stress, remote location, family issues, mental health issues, disability or extended illness.

Students are permitted to apply for and hold the award on more than one occasion.

#### **4. APPLICATION**

Applications for commencing students are called for with a closing date as set by the Research School of Earth Sciences and advertised on the ANU scholarships website. Continuing students may apply at any time. The application should be forwarded to the Research School of Earth Sciences by email (see section 16) prior to the closing date (for commencing students).

## **5. SELECTION**

Selection is made on the basis of application and the selection committee's assessment of the applicant's potential relative to opportunity as well as the need for assistance.

The award is offered by a selection committee chaired by the RSES Associate Director, Education. The committee will also include the RSES Deputy Associate Director, Education and a representative from RSES Education administration.

The selection committee reserves the right to make no award if it considers 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).

## **6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS**

A recipient of the Earth Sciences Opportunity Scholarship is permitted to hold concurrent scholarships as outlined in the ANU Coursework Scholarships procedure.

## **7. DEFERMENT**

The recipient must normally take up their award in the semester for which it is offered. Requests for deferral of the award must be sent to and approved by the selection committee. Subject to approval, the award may be deferred for a maximum of one year.

## **8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY**

A recipient of this award is required to enrol in a full-time load (18 - 24 units) each semester.

Permission to hold the award on a part-time basis must be requested in writing from the Associate Director, Education. If approved, payments of the award will be made pro-rata.

## **9. CESSATION OF AWARD**

The award ceases or should be surrendered when:

- (a) the period outlined in section 2 is completed; or
- (b) the recipient withdraws from or ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences; or
- (c) a recipient fails to enrol as required in sections 3 and 8; or
- (d) a recipient changes to part-time enrolment without receiving permission to retain their scholarship; or
- (e) a recipient transfers to a program not offered by the Research School of Earth Sciences; or
- (f) a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Misconduct & Discipline Rules.

## **10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS**

Subject to the information available at the time, the Director, Research School of Earth Sciences 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/grant 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/grant.

## **12. TAXATION & CENTRELINK**

Recipients are responsible for seeking taxation and Centrelink advice regarding their own individual circumstances. Scholarships/grants 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/>

## **13. 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>

## **14. 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 ANU College of Science or Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University.

## **15. DISCLOSURE AND DONOR CONTACT**

For the purposes of reporting on the impact of scholarships, the name, program and demographics (for example: age, country or town of residence) relating to a recipient of this award 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.

## **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 Earth Sciences  
ANU College of Science  
Email: [student.admin.RSES@anu.edu.au](mailto:student.admin.RSES@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/grant 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](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_007803)

ANU Coursework Scholarship Procedure - [https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_009607](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_009607)

ANU Academic Misconduct Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2015L02025>

ANU Discipline Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2015L02046>