



**Australian  
National  
University**

**NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY AND NATIONAL SECURITY COLLEGE  
SCHOLARSHIP FOR WOMEN  
CONDITIONS OF AWARD**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

In 2022, the National Security College ('NSC') at the Australian National University ('the University') will offer a number of scholarships as part of an award known as the National Intelligence Community and National Security College Scholarship for Women ('the Award').

The objectives of the Award are to foster the talent of Australian women with a diverse background and skillset who are interested in national security and pursuing a career in the national intelligence community, to showcase the College's programs for high achievers, and to provide an opportunity to standout women who may otherwise be unable to undertake a Master of National Security Policy degree.

Funding for this Award has been provided by the National Intelligence Community ('NIC') organisations: the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission ('ACIC'), Australian Geospatial-Intelligence Organisation ('AGO'), Defence Intelligence Organisation ('DIO'), Australian Signals Directorate ('ASD'), Australian Security Intelligence Organisation ('ASIO'), Australian Secret Intelligence Service ('ASIS') and the Office of National Intelligence ('ONI').

**2. BENEFITS**

The value of the Award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the Award is for the duration of the degree. The Award is applied to the recipient's tuition fees at the beginning of each semester unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

The recipient is responsible for making payment of all non-tuition fees including the student services and amenities 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. ELIGIBILITY**

The Award is available each year to a prospective ANU student who:

- (a) is an Australian citizen; and
- (b) has completed a Bachelor degree or international equivalent with a minimum GPA of 5.0/7.0 or above; and
- (c) identifies as female; and
- (d) has received an offer for the Master of National Security Policy degree program; and
- (e) at the time of application, is not a member of the Australian Public Service (APS); has not accepted a place in an APS graduate program; and is not employed under

any other legislative provision related to employment in the national Intelligence Community (for example the ASIO Act or the Intelligence Services Act); and

- (f) at the time of application, is not a member of the Australian Defence Force, Australian Federal Police or State/Territory police force.

#### **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 prior to the closing date published on the ANU scholarships website.

#### **5. SELECTION**

Selection is made on the basis of responses provided in the application and academic excellence (including research achievements), aligned with the University's strategic objectives to ensure a diverse student cohort. Other factors such as prior work experience, which the Selection Committee considers appropriate and which align with the NIC's and the College's strategic direction and priorities, may also be taken into account.

Additional factors to foster diversity and inclusion may be taken into account and may include (in the following order of preference), but are not limited to:

- Graduate from a rural/regionally based university
- Graduate from a STEM discipline
- Indigenous status
- Educational access or disadvantage

The Award is offered to a student by a selection committee chaired by the Master of National Security Policy degree convenor (or nominee) which will also include at least one staff member from the National Security College, one representative from ONI and at least one representative from the National Intelligence Community organisations.

In the event that there are multiple suitable candidates, applicants may be invited to attend an interview as part of the selection process, at the discretion of the Chair of the Selection 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 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 Coursework Scholarships 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 Head of the College (or nominee). Subject to approval, the Award may be deferred for a maximum of one semester (or 6 months).

#### **8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY**

A recipient of this Award is required to enrol in a minimum of 12 units per six-month period, and must complete all 72 units within three years of commencement unless program leave is approved. A recipient requests permission, in writing, from the Head of the College (or nominee) to hold the Award whilst on program leave. If approved, the duration of the Award may be extended by the length of program leave granted.

Recipients are expected to maintain a weighted average mark (WAM) of 70% or above each semester or six-month period (with the average being across all courses taken in a particular semester or session/s overlapping that semester).

If a recipient is unable to achieve the WAM in any semester a formal warning is sent by the Senior Student Engagement Coordinator.

If the recipient does not meet the required WAM in a subsequent semester they risk having their Award suspended or terminated.

A recipient is given the opportunity to explain their performance and how their performance can be remedied before a decision on the suspension or termination of an Award is made.

## **9. 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 2;
- (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 8;
- (e) if a recipient changes their program or course without permission to retain the Award;
- (f) if a recipient fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements; or
- (g) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Integrity Rule;

whichever is earliest.

## **10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS**

Subject to the information available at the time, the Head of the College (or 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**

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 section 7 of these Conditions of Award may be varied by the Head of the College on the recommendation of the degree convenor of the Master of National Security Policy (or nominee). The University will notify ONI of any variation.

## **13. TAXATION & CENTRELINK**

Recipients are responsible for seeking taxation and Centrelink advice 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 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/study/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. Both the University and NIC organisations may also publicise the Award by publishing the names of recipients. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific or ANU Communications and Engagement (ACE) in consultation with the NIC organisations.

#### **16. DISCLOSURE AND DONOR CONTACT**

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

#### **17. CONTACT WITH THE AWARD OWNER**

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

*Senior Student Engagement Coordinator  
National Security College  
Crawford School of Public Policy  
ANU College of Asia and the Pacific*

Email: [crawford.degrees@anu.edu.au](mailto:crawford.degrees@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 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 University's Student financial awards Policy and Coursework Scholarships Procedure available from the ANU website.

#### **19. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES**

ANU Student financial awards Policy -

[https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_007803](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_007803)

ANU Coursework Scholarships Procedure -

[https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_009607](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_009607)

ANU Academic Integrity Policy - [https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_6477150](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_6477150)

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