



NEVILLE BONNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the Australian National University (the University) may offer an award known as the Neville Bonner Memorial Scholarship (the award).

The objective of the award is to encourage Indigenous Australians with an interest in political science (or related subjects) to further their undergraduate education through an Honours year of study at an Australian university.

Funding for this award has been provided by the Australian Government. Established in 2000, the award was created in honour of Mr Neville Bonner AO, the first Indigenous member of the Federal Parliament.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the award is for 1 year. The award is paid in 2 equal instalments at the beginning of each semester unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

The award will make payment of all tuition/student contribution fees relevant to the Honours year of study by the prescribed date as set out by the home institution 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 a student who:

- (a) is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent;
- (b) identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person;
- (c) is recognised as such by their community;
- (d) is currently enrolled (or has been enrolled) in a course of study leading to the award of a Bachelor Degree with majors relevant to the enrolment in an Honours year in politics or political science (or related subjects) at a recognised Australian university;
- (e) receives an offer of admission into an eligible Honours program.

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 application. Preference will be given to applicants with an expressed interest in service to the Indigenous community.

The award is offered to a student by the Neville Bonner Memorial Scholarship Selection Committee. Members of the selection committee are appointed by the Vice Chancellor of the University and will include a senior academic staff member from the School of Politics and International Relations, the Director of the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre (or nominee) and at least one more senior academic staff member from 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).

6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS

A recipient of the award is permitted to hold concurrent scholarships subject to the terms and conditions of the recipient's other awards and the relevant policies of their home institution.

7. DEFERMENT

The recipient is expected to take up their award in the semester for which it is offered. Any requests for deferrals of the award must be approved by Chair of the selection committee. Subject to approval, the award may be deferred for a maximum 1 year.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A recipient of this award is required to enrol in a full-time course load each semester. A recipient requests permission, in writing, from the Chair of the selection committee to hold the award on a part-time basis. If approved, payments of the award will be made on a pro-rata basis.

Students must provide proof of enrolment and their tuition fee or student contribution invoice before their stipend and tuition fee payments will be processed.

Recipients are expected to maintain a credit grade average and no failures.

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 home institution other than for approved absences;
- (d) 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 their scholarship;
 - (f) if a recipient changes their program or course, not related to Eligibility Criteria referred to in 3(d), without permission;
 - (g) if a recipient fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements;
 - (h) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the home institution under their respective Academic Misconduct & Discipline Rules;
- whichever is earliest.

10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

Subject to the information available at the time, the Chair of the selection committee 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 7 of these conditions of award may be varied by the Registrar on the recommendation of the Chair of the selection committee.

13. TAXATION & CENTRELINK

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. 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 Coursework Scholarships Office or Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University.

15. CONTACT WITH THE SCHOLARSHIP OWNER

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

ANU Coursework Scholarships Office

Email: philanthropic.scholarships@anu.edu.au

16. DISCLAIMER

The recipient of this award is subject to the policies, procedures and rules of their home institution.