



## **RHONDA AND SEAN RYAN SCHOLARSHIP**

### **CONDITIONS OF AWARD**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Every three to five years the ANU College of Health and Medicine (“the College”) may offer an award known as the Rhonda and Sean Ryan Scholarship (“the award”).

The objective of the award is to support Bachelor of Health Science students who are experiencing financial need and may not otherwise be able to attend the University.

Funding for this award has been provided by Rhonda and Sean Ryan, who are both alumni of the ANU. Rhonda graduated with a Bachelor of Economics (Economics and Economic History) and a Bachelor of Arts (Asian Studies) in 1990 and Sean completed his PhD in Astronomy and Astrophysics in the same year. They created the award with the aim of providing financial support and educational opportunity to students who might otherwise be unable to attend the ANU.

#### **2. BENEFITS**

The value of the award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the award is up to five years. The award is paid in equal instalments at the beginning of semester 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 to a prospective ANU student who:

- a) is a domestic student;
- b) has not previously enrolled in any undergraduate degree program;
- c) receives an offer of admission to the Bachelor of Health Science;
- d) is eligible for and receives financial hardship adjustment factors under the National Access Scheme.

#### **4. APPLICATION**

All applicants applying for admission through the ANU Admission Scholarship and Accommodation Application System will be automatically considered for the award based on them meeting the eligibility criteria and electing to be considered for scholarships.

Where there are no eligible direct applicants or where the pool of eligible direct applicants has been exhausted, the award may be offered to an eligible applicant applying for admission via the University Admissions Centre (UAC).

## **5. SELECTION**

Selection is made on the basis of applicants meeting the eligibility criteria. Other factors may be taken into account where they align with the University's strategic objectives to ensure a diverse student cohort such as applicants who have received adjustment factors for a combination of disadvantages.

Where there are multiple applicants who meet the eligibility criteria, preference will be given **(in order of priority)** to applicants who:

- receive adjustment factors for financial hardship;
- identifies as female;
- receive adjustment factors for school environment (rural school, distance education/ Access program);
- receive adjustment factors for multiple disadvantages.

The award is offered to a student by the University Coursework Scholarships Committee. Membership of this committee is outlined in the ANU Coursework Scholarships procedure.

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 Rhonda and Sean Ryan Scholarship is permitted to hold concurrent scholarships as outlined in the ANU Coursework Scholarships procedure.

## **7. DEFERMENT**

The award cannot be deferred.

## **8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY**

A recipient of this award is required to enrol in a full-time load (minimum of 18 units) per semester in the Bachelor of Health Science. A recipient requests permission, in writing, from the Deputy Dean Education to hold the award on a part-time basis. If approved, payments of the award will be made on a pro-rata basis.

Recipients are expected to maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0 on a 7 point scale or above each semester (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 GPA in any semester a formal warning is sent.

If the recipient does not meet the required GPA 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; or
- (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 to part-time enrolment without receiving permission to retain their scholarship;
- (f) if a recipient changes their program or course 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 University under the Academic Misconduct & Discipline Rules;

whichever is earliest.

## **10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS**

Subject to the information available at the time, the College Deputy Dean Education 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 Health and Medicine 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 name 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 SCHOLARSHIP OWNER**

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

*ANU College of Health and Medicine*

Email: [science.enquiries@anu.edu.au](mailto:science.enquiries@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>