



TALO TALENT ACCELERATOR PHD SUPPLEMENTARY SCHOLARSHIP

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the John Curtin School of Medical Research (JCSMR), ANU College of Health and Medicine may offer up to six awards known as the *Talo Talent Accelerator PhD Supplementary Scholarship* ("the Award").

The objective/s of the Award are to encourage interest in computational biology, accelerate knowledge and skill development and cultivate an entrepreneurial research and learning environment for PhD students.

Funding for this Award has been provided by Taiyang Zhang and Loong Wang, as part of the Talo Computational Biology Talent Accelerator.

2. BENEFITS

Value: The value of the Award will be stated in the letter of offer. The Award will be paid in fortnightly instalments unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

The recipient is responsible for making payment of all tuition and/or administrative fees by the prescribed date as set by the University each session. Recipients of this Award are responsible for the cost of books, study materials, accommodation and all other costs of study.

Duration: The duration of a full-time Award will be for three years in the first instance, less;

- (a) Periods of enrolment already undertaken for the PhD degree; and
- (b) Periods of enrolment undertaken for the PhD degree during suspension of the Award;

or such shorter period as is stated in the letter of offer.

Periods of paid program leave taken in accordance with Section 38 of the *ANU Research Awards Rule*, as well as maternity and parental leave, are additional to the normal duration of the Award.

Research Support: The recipient will receive an allowance for purchasing computer equipment and to facilitate travel to international conferences, and/or support visits to international collaborators, for the greater benefit of their PhD studies.

Extension: If eligible, a recipient may apply for an extension of the Award by completing the [Manage my Degree - HDR](#) form. The maximum period of extension is twelve months (two 6-month extensions, as determined by the base stipend held by the recipient) and an extension may be sought only where the HDR program has been delayed by circumstances beyond the recipient's control, and are not of a personal nature.

PROGRAM & SCHOLARSHIP LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS

Unpaid Program and Scholarship Leave: The University may approve unpaid program and scholarship leave of absence on personal grounds, which does not exceed a total period of 12 months during the period of the Award, after which the recipient may resume the Award. If the unpaid program and scholarship leave of absence exceeds 12 months, the recipient may not be eligible for resumption of the Award.

An application for unpaid program and scholarship leave of absence for more than 12 months will only be considered if there are exceptional circumstances beyond the control of the recipient and must be approved by the Delegated Authority in the College.

Unpaid program and scholarship leave is aggregated and awarded only in one-week blocks for a full-time recipient, and two-week blocks for a part-time recipient.

Recipients may apply for unpaid program and scholarship leave by completing the relevant section of the [Manage my Degree - HDR](#) form in ISIS.

Payments for this Award will *not* continue during this type of leave.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The Award will be available each year to a prospective student/s who is:

- (a) A domestic and/or international student; and
- (b) Have obtained first-class Honours, or equivalent in the field of computer science or a related discipline; and
- (c) Enrolling full-time in a program of study for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the ANU in the subject area of computational biology, with the John Curtin School of Medical Research; and
- (d) Candidates must demonstrate keen interest in developing new computer science tools and applications that directly address real-world biomedical problems. PhD projects will focus on specific biological questions, with defined potential industry partners and computational areas; and
- (e) Awarded an approved ANU HDR base stipend scholarship, at minimum RTP base rate.

4. APPLICATION

There is no application as students are automatically considered based on meeting the eligibility criteria or conditions prescribed under the Eligibility section.

5. SELECTION

Selection will be made on the basis of:

- Applicants research potential and academic merit (based on CV, academic record and referee reports); and
- Support from prospective supervisors / key academic stakeholders; and
- Comparison with other applications received in the same scholarship round.

Applications are encouraged from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people with disability, people with culturally diverse background and those who identify as LGBTIQ+.

The Award will be offered to a student by a selection Committee chaired by the Associate Director HDR for JCSMR, which will also include JCSMR academic staff members representing the Divisions.

The Selection Committee reserves the right to make no Award if it considers there are no applicants 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 not permitted to concurrently hold the Talo Talent Accelerator PhD Scholarship Award, however, they can 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.

7. DEFERMENT

The Award must be taken up no later than the date specified in the letter of offer, unless in special circumstances another date has been approved by the Delegated Authority.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

The recipient is required to remain enrolled full-time in a program of study for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the ANU in the program for which the Award is offered.

A part-time Award may be offered or approved if the recipient has reasons acceptable to the ANU which preclude full-time study for part or all of the program of study. In such cases the ANU must be satisfied that the reasons relate to caring commitments, a medical condition, a disability or other circumstance which limits the recipient's capacity to undertake full-time study.

The recipient must continue to hold an approved ANU HDR base stipend scholarship.

An Award cannot be transferred to another institution or ANU College.

9. SUSPENSION OF AWARD

A recipient may apply for suspension of their Award. The approval of a suspension will be at the discretion of the recipient's College. A suspension may be appropriate if a recipient is studying at another institution and receives an award for that study. In these circumstances the duration of the Award will be reduced by the periods of study undertaken towards the degree during suspension of the Award (unless the study was undertaken overseas as part of a Commonwealth Government financially supported international postgraduate research scholarship or award).

The University may suspend the Award where a recipient has:

- a) outstanding fees;
- b) an outstanding debt with the University; or
- c) outstanding HDR program milestone/s

The Award will be suspended when at least five working days have passed since the University advised the recipient in writing that the milestones, debt and/or fees are outstanding, until the milestones have been met or the outstanding fees and/or debt have been paid. Under these circumstances, the recipient will forfeit payment of the Award for the period of time that their Award is suspended.

10. CESSATION OF AWARD

The Award ceases:

- (a) at the conclusion of the period outlined in section 2; or
- (b) on submission of the thesis for examination; or
- (c) on the date on which the recipient withdraws or ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences; or
- (d) if a recipient is no longer meeting or has breached the Conditions of Award; or
- (e) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Misconduct & Discipline Rules.

11. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

A recipient who is taking leave from their program, or changing their enrolment intensity from full-time to part-time, is expected to submit the prescribed [Manage My Degree - HDR](#) form in a timely manner and, where possible, in advance, in order to avoid receiving an overpayment of their Award. In circumstances where an overpayment does occur, the overpayments will be recovered in line with the ANU Overpayments Procedure.

Where a recipient is overpaid an amount in excess of a full fortnightly disbursement, the ANU may recover the overpayment by withholding future Award payments at the same rate that the Award was overpaid, until the balance is rectified.

In cases of overpayment or outstanding financial debts to the University, service restrictions are applied to students. Service restrictions include temporarily withholding recipients' access to:

- (a) enrol or re-enrol in a program or course;
- (b) obtain a transcript of academic record;
- (c) acquire results of any assessment in a course or program;
- (d) receive a degree, diploma, certificate or other award of the ANU.

12. PROVIDING FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION

The offer of an Award is based on the information provided by the student to the ANU. 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 offering the Award.

13. 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 HDR on the recommendation of the Chair of Selection Committee.

14. TAXATION & CENTRELINK

Recipients are responsible for seeking taxation and Centrelink advice regarding their own individual circumstances. Scholarships/grants/awards 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, please refer to this website: <https://www.servicessaustralia.gov.au/individuals/topics/income/30376>

15. 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: <https://www.anu.edu.au/study/accommodation>

16. 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. ANU 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 & Medicine or the ANU Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office.

17. CONTACT WITH THE ANU COLLEGE

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

John Curtin School of Medical Research (JCSMR)
ANU College of Health & Medicine
Email: jcsmr.hdr.sa@anu.edu.au

18. DISCLAIMER

The recipient of this Award is subject to *The Australian National University Act 1991* as amended, and to the Statutes, Rules, Policies and Procedures of ANU.

This 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 Research Awards Rule and Candidature and Supervision Policies.

19. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES, RULES & RESOURCES

ANU Research Awards Rule - <https://www.anu.edu.au/about/governance/legislation>

ANU Overpayments Procedure – https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_000599

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

ANU Discipline Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2018L00319>

Thesis Allowance Requirements - <http://www.anu.edu.au/students/program-administration/assessments-exams/theses-reimbursement>

Research Scholarship Information (including reimbursement and claim forms) - <https://www.anu.edu.au/students/program-administration/fees-payments/research-scholarship-information>

Policy: Higher degree by research – candidature - https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_012808

Policy: Higher degree by research – supervision - https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_012812



**TALO TALENT ACCELERATOR PHD SUPPLEMENTARY SCHOLARSHIP
ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER**

I _____ (print name) hereby accept the offer of a Talo Talent Accelerator PhD Supplementary Scholarship on the conditions set out in your letter of _____ (date) and in the *Talo Talent Accelerator PhD Supplementary Scholarship Conditions of Award (7/2021)*.

I have read and understood the Conditions of Award and agree to be bound by them. I acknowledge and agree that this letter and the Conditions of Award represent the entire agreement concerning this award, between me and the Australian National University.

Print Name	Signature	ANU Student ID	Date
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