

GEORGE ALEXANDER FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the Australian National University (“ANU”) may offer up to five (5) awards known as the George Alexander Foundation Scholarships (“the award”).

The objectives of the award are to support:

- commencing students who must move from rural, regional or remote areas in order to undertake an undergraduate degree at ANU;
- students who demonstrate strong academic merit, community involvement and leadership potential.

Funding for this award has been provided by the George Alexander Foundation (GAF). The Foundation was established by Mr George Alexander AM in 1972 to provide grants for public charitable purposes in Australia.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the award is three years. The award is paid in two instalments annually, and will be paid at the beginning of semester according to the payment schedule which is outlined 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 each year to a prospective ANU student who:

- (a) Is an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident;
- (b) has attained a minimum ATAR of 80 (or equivalent), excluding bonus points;
- (c) is an immediate school leaver ie. currently completing year 12 and will commence tertiary study in the following year;
- (d) is currently living in a rural, regional or remote area. Scholarship applicants can check the rural, regional and remote classification of their address at [DoctorConnect](#);

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. Eligible candidates will be contacted to provide further information to be assessed by a selection committee.

5. SELECTION

Selection is made on the basis of academic merit and written application. The award is offered to a student by a Selection Committee comprising of the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education) or their representative; an academic (at Associate Professor level or above) and a representative from the donor organisation.

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 funding allows).

6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS

A recipient of the George Alexander Foundation 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 of 48 units per year. In exceptional circumstances, a scholar may be given permission by the Chair, Awards Sub Committee in collaboration with the George Alexander Foundation to hold the Scholarship on a part-time basis for a one semester only. In such a case the scholarship payment will be made on a pro-rata basis. The scholar must submit a written request and make a case citing the exceptional circumstances to hold the scholarship on a temporary part-time basis.

Recipients are expected to maintain *an average GPA of 5.0* each semester (with the average being across all courses taken in a particular 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. SCHOLAR RESPONSIBILITIES

GAF Scholarship recipients may be required to:

- promote the value of the Scholarship program both within and outside the ANU;
- participate in a network of GAF Scholars, with a focus on academic opportunities and community service as appropriate;

- participate in voluntary community service.

GAF Scholarship recipients will be required to:

- Allow ANU to release academic results each semester to the Foundation (for the Foundation's internal use only, not for publication);
- submit a written report to ANU by the December of each year of the Award using the Foundation's reporting template.

10. CESSATION OF AWARD

The award ceases or should be surrendered:

- (a) at the conclusion of the period outlined in section 2; or
- (b) on the date on which the recipient withdraws or ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences;
- (c) if a recipient fails to enrol as required in section 8;
- (d) if a recipient changes to part-time enrolment without receiving permission to retain their scholarship;
- (e) if a recipient fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements;
- (f) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Misconduct & Discipline Rules;

whichever is earliest.

In the event that a Scholarship is terminated, it will only be reactivated if it is determined that the termination occurred in error.

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. 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

On-campus accommodation is guaranteed to recipients of the GAF in their first year only, however first preferences can't be guaranteed. For further information go to <http://study.anu.edu.au/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 University's Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University or GAF.

15. CONTACT WITH ANU

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

Philanthropic Scholarships Office
Division of Student Administration

Email: philanthropic.scholarships@anu.edu.au

16. 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 ANU.

The award of a scholarship does not carry any commitment by ANU or GAF for future employment.

These conditions of award should be read in conjunction with ANU's Coursework Scholarships Policy & Procedures available from the ANU website.

17. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES

ANU Coursework Scholarship Policy -

https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_007803

ANU Coursework Scholarship Procedure -

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>