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## GEORGE ALEXANDER FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS OF AWARD

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Each year, the Australian National University ('the University') may offer a number of awards known as the George Alexander Foundation Scholarship ('the Award').

The objectives of the award are to support:

- commencing students who must move from rural, regional or remote areas to undertake an undergraduate degree at the University; and
- 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 up to four years. The Award is paid in equal instalments at the beginning of the 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 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 commencing ANU student who:

- (a) is an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident;
- (b) receives an offer of admission to an undergraduate program at the University;
- (c) is an immediate school leaver, i.e., currently completing year 12 and will commence tertiary study in the following year; and
- (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, provided they meet the eligibility criteria and elect to be considered for scholarships. Eligible candidates will be contacted by the ANU Coursework Scholarships Office and invited to apply for the scholarship, as outlined on the ANU scholarship webpage. They will be asked to provide documentation for assessment by a Selection Committee.

### 5. SELECTION

George Alexander Foundation Scholarship (90/2025)

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TEQSA Provider: PRV12002 (Australian university)

Only applicants who meet all the eligibility criteria will be considered. Selection is made based on academic merit and the strength of the applicant's responses in their application, which may demonstrate leadership potential, community involvement, academic or professional experience, and the extent to which the scholarship would support their chosen course of study.

The Award is offered to a student by a Selection Committee chaired by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) or an approved nominee and includes an ANU academic at Associate Professor level or above, as well as 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 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, grants and bursaries procedure.

#### **7. DEFERMENT**

The Award cannot be deferred.

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

A recipient of this Award is required to enrol in a full-time study load of 24 units per study period.

A recipient requests permission, in writing, from the ANU Dean of Students to hold the Award on a part-time basis. If approved, payments of the Award will be made on a pro-rata basis. In such cases, the ANU Coursework Scholarships Office will advise the George Alexander Foundation of the decision.

Recipients are expected to maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5.0 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;
- (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 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 Policy and/or the Discipline Rule;

whichever is earliest.

## 10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

Subject to the information available at the time, the Registrar, Division of Student Administration and Academic Services, or approved 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

Selection for 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, sections 7 and 8 of these Conditions of Award may be varied by the ANU Dean of Students.

## 13. TAXATION

Recipients are responsible for seeking independent taxation advice regarding their own individual circumstances. Recipients receiving Centrelink benefits should be aware that student financial awards may affect their Centrelink payments. Student financial awards are generally regarded as taxable income if a recipient is enrolled on a part-time basis.

For more information, visit

- <https://www.ato.gov.au/Calculators-and-tools/Host/?anchor=IMST&anchor=IMST&anchor=IMST/questions#IMST/questions>
- <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/income-from-scholarships-for-students-and-apprentices?context=43921>

## 14. ACCOMMODATION

It is the recipient's responsibility to obtain residential accommodation. Information on student accommodation and application forms is available from the University Accommodation Services. Information may be found on the Web at: <https://study.anu.edu.au/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. The University may also publicise the Award by publishing the names of the recipients. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the George Alexander Foundation (GAF), ANU Coursework Scholarships Office, International and Future Students Division or ANU Communications and Engagement (ACE).

GAF Scholarship recipients are also encouraged to promote the value of the Scholarship program both within and outside the ANU, including through participation in GAF events and activities, and to engage in voluntary community service as part of their contribution to the broader impact of the Award.

## 16. PRIVACY CONSENT

The Scholar agrees that ANU may share their personal information (as defined in the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)) with the Selection Committee to evaluate applications and make selection decisions. This means that the Scholar agrees to relevant personal information being shared with Committee members external to the University as detailed in section 5 to evaluate applications and make selection decisions. The University will take reasonable measures to ensure the Selection Committee complies with the Australian Privacy Principles when handling Scholars' personal information.

The Scholar also agrees that ANU may release academic results each semester to the George Alexander Foundation for internal reporting purposes only.

#### **17. DISCLOSURE AND DONOR CONTACT**

To report on the impact of student financial 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.

Recipients are required to submit a written annual report to ANU using the Foundation's reporting template.

#### **18. CONTACT WITH THE AWARD 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](mailto:philanthropic.scholarships@anu.edu.au)*

#### **19. DISCLAIMER**

The recipient of the Award is subject to *The Australian National University Act 1991* as amended, and to the Statutes, Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures 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, grants and bursaries procedure available from the ANU website.

#### **20. 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, Grants and Bursaries 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\\_6477101](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_6477101)

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