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DR MATTHEW VALETICH HONOURS SCHOLARSHIP IN GEOSCIENCE CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year, the Research School of Earth Sciences ('the School') within the ANU College of Science and Medicine ('the College') may offer an award known as the Dr Matthew Valetich Honours Scholarship in Geoscience ('the Award').

The objective of the Award is to provide financial assistance to a student undertaking their honours year in geoscience.

Funding for this Award has been provided by Anglo American Exploration (Australia) Pty Limited in honour of Dr Matthew Valetich, a PhD graduate of the Research School of Earth Sciences.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the Award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the Award is twelve months. The Award is paid in equal instalments after the census date each 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 or continuing ANU student who:

- (a) is a domestic or international student;
- (b) receives an offer of admission to a Bachelor of Science (Honours), Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours), or Bachelor of Science (Advanced) (Honours) program within the ANU College of Science and Medicine,
- (c) is enrolled in an Honours research project based in the Research School of Earth Sciences (RSES). Supervision by staff from other ANU research schools within the ANU College of Science and Medicine is permitted and encouraged; and
- (d) can demonstrate financial hardship that may impact their ability to commence, continue, or complete their studies.

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 before the closing date published on the ANU Scholarships website.

5. SELECTION

Only applicants who meet all the eligibility criteria will be considered. Selection is made based on:

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- i. Financial hardship
- ii. Academic career

Where there are more equally ranked applicants than there are Awards available, preference may be given to an applicant whose Honours project has a petrological, experimental, or computational focus related to the solid Earth.

The Award is offered to a student by a Selection Committee chaired by the Associate Director of Education, Research School of Earth Sciences, within the ANU College of Science and Medicine, which will also include two academic staff members from the Research School of Earth Sciences, within the ANU College of Science and Medicine.

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 for each session as defined in the Policy: *Glossary - student policies and procedures*.

A recipient requests permission, in writing, from the Dean, ANU College of Science and Medicine 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 meet the academic progress rules and policies relevant to their program of study to retain the Award.

If a recipient is unable to meet the academic progress rules and policies relevant to their program of study in any semester, a formal warning is sent.

If the recipient does not meet the academic progress rules and policies relevant to their program of study in a subsequent semester, they risk having their Award suspended or ceased.

A recipient is given the opportunity to explain their performance and how their performance can be remedied before a decision on the suspension or cessation 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 changes their program or course without permission to retain the Award;

- (g) if a recipient fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements; or
- (h) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Student academic integrity Policy and/or the Discipline Rule;
- (i) if it is identified that the recipient has breached the financial cap for student financial awards (including scholarships, grants, and bursaries), as outlined in the University's Scholarships Policy;

whichever is earliest.

10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

Subject to the information available at the time, the Dean, ANU College of Science and Medicine 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 Dean, ANU College of Science and Medicine, on the recommendation of the Chair of the Selection Committee or approved nominee.

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 are 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 Research School of Earth Sciences within the ANU College of Science and Medicine or ANU Marketing and Communications Division.

16. 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.

17. CONTACT WITH THE AWARD OWNER

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

Research School of Earth Sciences, ANU College of Science and Medicine

Email: teaching.rses@anu.edu.au

18. 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.

19. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES

Policy: Student financial awards - https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_007803

Procedure: Scholarships, grants and bursaries (coursework) - https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_009607

Policy: Student academic integrity- https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_6477101

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