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## **SCHOOL OF CYBERNETICS SCHOLARSHIP FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS CONDITIONS OF AWARD**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Each year, the School of Cybernetics ('the School') within the ANU College of Systems and Society ('the College') may offer an award known as the School of Cybernetics Scholarship for Indigenous Students ('the Award').

The objective of the Award is to support the advancement of the recipient's leadership capabilities in the areas of technology, business, and community engagement and to eliminate barriers to participation, including cultural continuity, access to formal education, or recognition of equivalent industry experience; and to develop mentoring relationships with prominent professionals in the private and public sectors.

Funding for this Award has been provided by the School and, where applicable, its financial partners as listed on the school website: <https://cybernetics.anu.edu.au/about/#partners>.

### **2. BENEFITS**

The value of the Award is stated in your letter of offer. The Award is valid for the duration of the program. The Award is paid in fortnightly instalments for the duration of the program 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 a domestic student;
- (b) identifies as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander; and
- (c) receives an offer of admission to one of the following programs offered by the ANU College of Systems and Society:
  - Master of Applied Cybernetics (MACYB), or
  - Master of Applied Cybernetics (Advanced) (VACYB).

### **4. APPLICATION**

All applicants applying through the program-specific application for the Master's programs listed in 3 (c) will be automatically considered for the Award, based on them meeting the eligibility criteria and electing to be considered for scholarships.

### **5. SELECTION**

Only applicants who meet all the eligibility criteria will be considered. Selection is made based on the ranking established during the application process for the programs listed in section 3(c), which takes into account the applicant's portfolio, written application, curriculum vitae, and interview performance.

Where there are more equally ranked applicants than there are Awards available, preference may be given to applicants who have demonstrated outstanding academic merit.

The Award is offered to a student by a Selection Committee chaired by the Master of Applied Cybernetics Program Convenor, School of Cybernetics, within the ANU College of Systems and Society, who also nominates two ANU staff members from the School of Cybernetics within the ANU College of Systems and Society.

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 recipient is expected to take up their Award in the semester for which it is offered. Any request for deferral of the Award must be approved by the Chair of the Selection Committee. Subject to approval, the Award may be deferred for a maximum of one year.

## **8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY**

A recipient of this Award is required to enrol in a full-time study load as defined in the Policy: Glossary - student policies and procedures.

A recipient requests permission, in writing, from the Director of the School of Cybernetics, ANU College of Systems and Society or approved nominee 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 Director, School of Cybernetics within the ANU College of Systems and Society, or approved nominee, may request that the payment(s) 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, section 7 of these Conditions of Award may be varied by the Dean of the ANU College of Systems and Society or approved nominee on the recommendation of the Chair of the Selection Committee.

#### **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 School of Cybernetics within ANU College of Systems and Society or the ANU Marketing and Communications Division.

#### **16. DISCLOSURE AND DONOR CONTACT**

For the purposes of reporting 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:

*Operational Excellence Lead, School of Cybernetics within ANU College of Systems and Society*

Email: [sm.cybernetics@anu.edu.au](mailto:sm.cybernetics@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](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_007803)

Procedure: Scholarships, grants and bursaries (coursework) - [https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_009607](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_009607)

Policy: Student academic integrity- [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>