

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

**COLLEGE OF HEALTH & MEDICINE**

**& ANU COLLEGE OF SCIENCE**

FENNER SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY

**NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION OF THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY (ACT)  
HONOURS SCHOLARSHIP IN BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT IN NATIONAL PARKS AND  
NATURE RESERVES**

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

**1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 There shall be a scholarship for Honours Year students known as the National Parks Association of the ACT Honours Scholarship in Biodiversity Management in National Parks and nature reserves (“the scholarship”).
- 1.2 The purpose of the scholarship is to enable young researchers and practitioners to undertake quality research in areas pertaining to the conservation of flora and fauna in National Parks and Nature Reserves in the ACT and surrounding areas.

**2 VALUE**

- 2.1 The value of the scholarship will be set out in the formal scholarship letter of offer. The scholarship shall be paid in two equal instalments unless otherwise stated in the formal scholarship offer letter.
- 2.2 The scholar is responsible for making payment of all his/her tuition fees by the prescribed date as set out by the University each session/semester. Scholars are responsible for the costs of books, study materials, accommodation and all other costs of study.

**3 ELIGIBILITY**

- 3.1 The scholarship shall be available for award each year to students who:
  - (a) have been successful in gaining entry into the Honours year of a program of study through the Fenner School of Environment and Society
  - (b) have an excellent academic record
  - (c) are intending to undertake research in areas pertaining to the conservation of flora and fauna in National Parks and Nature Reserves in the ACT and surrounding areas
  - (d) have willing and suitable supervision
  - (e) hold Australian or New Zealand Citizenship or Australian Permanent Residency.
- 3.2 Scholars changing their project and/or supervisor within the Fenner School of Environment and Society may continue to receive their scholarship subject to approval by the Director if the revised research is within the definition at 1.2 above. Scholars transferring outside a relevant area of study or the Fenner School of Environment and Society will surrender the scholarship.

## **4 APPLICATION**

4.1 Applications must include:

- (a) a statement of no more than one page in length describing the intended research, its relevance to Biodiversity Management in National Parks and Nature Reserves in the ACT and surrounding areas and the motivation for undertaking research on this topic.
- (b) the applicant's academic record
- (c) name and contact details of the applicant's identified supervisor/s;
- (d) contact details for two academic referees familiar with the applicant's work.

4.2 Applications should be addressed to the Fenner School Honours Convenor ([fennerschool-hpc@anu.edu.au](mailto:fennerschool-hpc@anu.edu.au))

## **5 SELECTION**

5.1 The scholarship shall be awarded by the Director of the Fenner School of Environment and Society in discussion with the School Executive, and on the advice of the Associate Director (Education) and Honours convenor.

5.2 The following criteria will be taken into account when making a decision:

- (a) candidate's academic record
- (b) relevance of candidate's research proposal to the scholarship criteria
- (c) availability of suitable supervision.

5.3 In any year the Director of the Fenner School of Environment and Society shall make the final determination on whether an application is eligible for consideration.

5.4 In any year, a scholarship shall not be awarded when, in the opinion of the Director of the Fenner School of Environment and Society, there is no applicant of sufficient merit.

5.5 The scholarships are for individuals only and shall not be shared.

## **6 CONCURRENT HOLDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholars may be given permission to hold concurrently another scholarship/award of equal or lesser value than the National Parks Association of the ACT Honours Scholarship in Biodiversity Management in National Parks and Nature Reserves. Scholars must submit a request to hold a concurrent award in writing to the Director of the Fenner School of Environment and Society for consideration.

## **7 DEFERMENT**

The scholarship may not be deferred, unless otherwise approved by the Director of the Fenner School of Environment and Society.

## **8 COMMENCEMENT**

The scholarship commencement date shall be outlined in the formal scholarship letter of offer.

## **9 LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE**

In order to receive the second payment of the scholarship the scholar must demonstrate appropriate academic achievement in the first semester of the scholarship. The determination will be made by the Director of the Fenner School of Environment and Society on the advice of the Honours Convenor.

## **10 DURATION**

The scholarship is to be held for two consecutive academic semesters, unless otherwise recommended by the Director of the Fenner School of Environment and Society.

## **11 ENROLMENT**

- 11.1 The scholarship payments will not commence until the scholar is enrolled into the Honours year of a program of study through the Fenner School of Environment and Society.
- 11.2 A scholar may be given permission by the Director of the Fenner School of Environment and Society to hold the scholarship on a part-time basis. In such a case scholarship payments will be made on a pro-rata basis. The scholar must submit a request in writing to the Director for consideration.
- 11.3 If the scholar fails to enroll for the Honours year of a program of study through the Fenner School of Environment and Society, changes to part-time enrolment without permission or withdraws from the course while holding the scholarship:
- (a) the scholarship shall be surrendered
  - (b) subject to the information available at the time, the Dean of the College of Medicine Biology and the Environment may request that the scholarship installment for the semester in which the withdrawal occurs be refunded in part or in full.

## **12 ACCOMMODATION**

It is the scholar's responsibility to obtain residential accommodation for the duration of their Honours program if required. Information on student accommodation and application forms are available from the University Accommodation Services. Information may be found on the Web at: [www.accommodation.anu.edu.au](http://www.accommodation.anu.edu.au)

## **13 TAXATION**

Scholars are responsible for seeking taxation advice regarding their individual circumstances.

## **14 PUBLICITY**

The Scholarship holder may be requested by the University and/or National Parks Association of the ACT to participate in publicity for the Scholarship from time to time. This may include publicity in the state or territory of residence or of schooling. Scholars may be contacted for an interview and photograph. The University and/or National Parks Association of the ACT may also publicise the scholarship by publishing the name of the Scholar. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the Communications and External Liaison Office of the University and/or National Parks Association of the ACT.

## **15 EMPLOYMENT**

The award of a scholarship does not imply commitment by the University for future employment.