

## SCHOLARSHIP IN REGOLITH SCIENCE

### CONDITIONS OF AWARD

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the ANU College of Science and the ANU College of Health & Medicine (“the Colleges”) may offer an award known as the Scholarship in Regolith Science.

The objective of the award is to support regolith-related research, especially important for Australian environments.

Funding for this award has been provided through an endowment established in 2008 by the Cooperative Research Centre for Landscape Environments and Mineral Exploration - a joint-venture including the Australian National University.

#### 2. BENEFITS

The value of this award will be stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the award will be for the duration of an Honours or Masters program. The award will be paid in instalments, after the census date of each semester of the program, unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

The recipient is responsible for making payment of all his/her 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 shall be available to a prospective or continuing ANU student who is:

- (a) a domestic or international student;
- (b) enrolled or enrolling in an Honours or coursework Masters program in the Colleges in one of the following programs:
  - Bachelor of Science;
  - Bachelor of Science (Advanced) Honours;
  - Bachelor of Philosophy;
  - Master of Earth Sciences (Advanced);
- (c) undertaking a research project that is consistent with the broad field of regolith science<sup>1</sup>. Projects can include laboratory and/or field and/or modelling studies.

#### 4. APPLICATION

Applications shall be called for with a closing date as set by the Research School of Earth Sciences. The application shall be submitted on the *Scholarship in Regolith Science Application Form*, forwarded by email or post prior to closing date to the Research School of Earth Sciences (as per address on form).

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<sup>1</sup> Regolith science incorporates the study of the weathered zone, including soils, sediments, weathered rocks, water and biota. Regolith science is multi-disciplinary and can include aspects of earth sciences (geology, geochemistry and geophysics), environmental science, planetary science, geography, soil science, water resources and biology, in order to understand landscape evolution, biogeochemical cycling of elements, groundwater and surface water resources (water quantity and water quality), impacts of human activity (such as agriculture, mining and/or urbanisation).

## **5. SELECTION**

Selection will be made on the basis of academic merit, and in accordance with the eligibility criteria and application requirements. A personal interview may be required if deemed appropriate by the Selection Committee.

The award will be offered to a student by a Selection Committee chaired by the Director of the Research School of Earth Sciences (or nominee), which will also include at least three members of academic staff of the Colleges.

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.

## **6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS**

A recipient of Scholarship in Regolith Science is not permitted to concurrently hold other scholarships, awards, grants and bursaries.

Failure to declare and obtain permission to hold another award or scholarship may result in the scholar being required to refund a payment or payments to the College, as determined by the Associate Dean (Education), or nominee.

## **7. DEFERMENT**

The award cannot be deferred.

## **8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY**

A recipient of the award will be required to enrol in a full-time load of 24 units per semester, in an Honours or Masters Program offered by the ANU College of Science or the ANU College of Health & Medicine. A recipient may request permission, in writing, from the Associate Dean (Education), or nominee, to hold the award on a part-time basis. If approved, payments of the award will be made on a pro-rata basis.

## **9. CESSATION OF SCHOLARSHIP**

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 student withdraws or ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences;
- (c) if an awardee fails to enrol as required in section 8;
- (d) if an awardee changes to part-time enrolment without permission,
- (e) if an awardee changes their program or course without permission;
- (f) if an awardee breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Misconduct & Discipline Rules;

whichever is earliest.

## **10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS**

Subject to the information available at the time, the Associate Dean (Education), acting on advice from the Director of the Research School of Earth Sciences (or 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**

The awarding of a scholarship/grant 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/grant.

## **12. VARIATION TO CONDITIONS OF AWARD**

In exceptional circumstances and on a case-by-case basis section 6 and/or 7 of these conditions of award may be varied by the Research School of Earth Sciences Associate Director - Education on the recommendation of the Chair of Selection Committee or the Associate Dean (Education).

## **13. TAXATION & CENTRELINK**

Award 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/>

## **14. ACCOMMODATION**

It is the scholar'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: <http://www.anu.edu.au/students/services/accommodation>

## **15. PUBLICITY**

The award 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 Colleges' or Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University.

## **16. CONTACT WITH THE COLLEGE**

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

Research School of Earth Sciences  
ANU College of Science  
Building 142, Mills Road  
The Australian National University  
Canberra ACT 0200  
Email: [Student.Admin.RSES@anu.edu.au](mailto:Student.Admin.RSES@anu.edu.au)

## 17. 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 the University.

The award of a scholarship/grant does not carry any commitment by the University for future employment.

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

## 18. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES

ANU Coursework Scholarship Policy - [https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_007803](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_007803)

ANU Coursework Scholarship Procedure - [https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_009607](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_009607)

ANU Academic Misconduct Rules - <https://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01785>

ANU Discipline Rules - <https://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01792>