



## John Graham Summer Research Program Award

### CONDITIONS OF AWARD

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics (RSAA) in the ANU College of Science may offer an award known as the John Graham Summer Research Program Award (“the award”).

The objective of the award is to enable undergraduate students with high academic achievements to take part in RSAA’s Summer Research Program.

Funding for this award has been provided by Dr John Graham. Dr John Graham completed his PhD at ANU in 1964. His research interests included star formation, structure and evolution of galaxies, and variable stars. He was very active in a variety of astronomical societies over the years, including the American Astronomical Society and the Astronomical Society of the Pacific. He was an Emeritus Staff Member in the Department of Terrestrial Magnetism at the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

#### 2. BENEFITS

**Value:** The value of the award will be stated in your letter of offer. The award will be paid in fortnightly instalments, unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

These benefits include:

- A weekly allowance paid for the duration of the RSAA Summer Research Program, excluding the end-of-year shutdown period.
- Return travel to Canberra, with reimbursement costs paid upon receipt of appropriate invoices and receipts.
- Full board in on-campus accommodation, or equivalent, for the duration of the RSAA Summer Research Program, including the end-of-year shutdown period.

The recipient is responsible for paying health and travel insurance costs.

#### 3. ELIGIBILITY

The award is available each year to a student who is:

- (a) a domestic or international student currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree, including the Honours year, at an Australian or New Zealand university; and
- (b) has received an offer for a place in the RSAA Summer Research Program for the year in which the award is awarded.

#### **4. APPLICATION**

There is no separate application for this award as students are automatically considered for this award based on them meeting the eligibility criteria or conditions prescribed under the Eligibility section.

#### **5. SELECTION**

Selection is made on the basis of application for the Summer Research Program which includes:

- academic record of tertiary studies; and
- Referee reports; and
- research interest in relation to the research projects offered during the program as evidenced by the academic record and referee reports.

The award is offered to a student by a selection committee chaired by the Director of the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics, or nominee, which will also include the RSAA Summer Research Program convener/s, and at least two more RSAA/AITC academic staff members as nominated each year by the Chair.

The selection committee reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit. In exceptional circumstances, the selection committee may vary the number of awards or split the award among multiple recipients.

#### **6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS**

A recipient of the John Graham Summer Research Program Award is not permitted to concurrently hold other scholarships, awards, grants and bursaries specifically supporting the participation in the ANU RSAA Summer Research Program.

Failure to declare and obtain permission to hold another award or scholarship may result in the recipient being required to refund a payment or payments to the ANU Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics, as determined by the Dean of the College (or nominee).

#### **7. DEFERMENT**

The award cannot be deferred.

#### **8. SCHOLAR OBLIGATIONS**

A recipient of this award is required to actively participate in the project work and other activities in the RSAA Summer Research Program throughout the duration of the program, and to obey all rules, policies and procedures relating to the RSAA Summer Research Program.

The recipient has to:

- give a presentation about their research at the end of the program; and
- submit a research report.

## **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 ANU/RSAA Summer Research Program;
- (d) if a recipient fails to meet the requirements in Section 8;
- (e) if a recipient switches to a Summer Research Program not run by RSAA;
- (f) if a recipient 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 Director of RSAA may request that the payment for the Summer session 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 Dean of the College of Science on the recommendation of the Chair of Selection Committee.

## **13. TAXATION & CENTRELINK**

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**

Accommodation during the ANU Summer Research Program is organised by the Australian National University according to the rules of the Summer Research Program as applicable each year unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

#### **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 Astronomy and Astrophysics* or the ANU Communications and Engagement Office (ACE) of the University.

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

For the purposes of reporting on the impact of scholarships, the name, program name and demographics (for example: age, country or town of residence) relating to a recipient of this 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 SCHOLARSHIP OWNER**

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

*Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics  
College of Science  
The Australian National University  
Mt Stromlo Observatory  
Cotter Road  
Weston Creek, ACT 2611  
AUSTRALIA  
Email: [rsaa.sa@anu.edu.au](mailto:rsaa.sa@anu.edu.au)*

#### **18. 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.

## 19. 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)

RSAA rules relating to the Summer Research Program as published on the RSAA website for the respective Summer Research Program application round:

<http://rsaa.anu.edu.au/study/undergraduate-research>

ANU Academic Misconduct Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2015L02025>

ANU Discipline Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2015L02046>