



**Australian  
National  
University**

**TALO COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY TALENT ACCELERATOR PROGRAM  
INNOVATOR GRANT  
CONDITIONS OF AWARD**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

Each year the John Curtin School of Medical Research, ANU College of Health and Medicine ('JCSMR') may offer up to 4 awards known as the Talo Computational Biology Talent Accelerator Program Innovator Grants ('the Award') offered as part of the Talo Computational Biology Talent Accelerator Program.

The objectives of the Award are to support PhD candidates and early-career researchers (up to five years post-PhD) for projects requiring proof-of-concept evidence of a new, promising computational technology.

Funding for this Award has been provided by Taiyang Zhang and Loong Wang through the JCSMR Talo Computational Biology Talent Accelerator Program.

**2. BENEFITS**

The value of the Award is stated in your letter of offer. The Award is paid in a one-off instalment to pursue the outcomes specified in the application within a 12-month period commencing on the day of acceptance of the Award. The Award can be used for experiments; testing programs, or purchasing equipment to pursue the outcomes specified in the application.

**3. ELIGIBILITY**

The Award/s will be made available each year (subject to availability) to a continuing ANU PhD candidate or early-career researcher (up to five years post-PhD) undertaking a research project at JCSMR or in collaboration with a JCSMR research group.

**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. The application and all supporting documentation (where applicable) must be submitted on or prior to the closing date provided on the University scholarship webpage. Late submissions will not be considered. A previous recipient of an Award can apply for an Award in subsequent years.

Applications must be no longer than 5 pages and should contain:

- (a) Project Title
- (b) Lay description of no more than 1500 words
- (c) Investigator(s) Details
- (d) Itemised Budget
- (e) Time frame for expected expenditure
- (f) Any other material considered relevant

## **5. SELECTION**

Selection is made on the basis of applicants meeting the eligibility criteria for the Award. Applications which demonstrate collaboration between JCSMR and College of Engineering and Computer Sciences (CECS) will be viewed favourably.

The Award is offered by a selection committee chaired by the Head of the Centre for Computational Biomedical Sciences, which will also include at least two other academic staff members including one representative from JCSMR and one representative from CECS.

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 financial awards.

## **7. DEFERMENT**

The Award cannot be deferred.

## **8. CESSATION OF AWARD**

The Award ceases or should be surrendered:

- (a) if the recipient 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 meet the minimum academic performance requirements; or
- (e) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Discipline Rule (2021) and Academic Integrity Rule (2021);
- (f) if the recipient ceases conducting a research project at JCSMR;

whichever is earliest.

## **9. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS**

Subject to the information available at the time, the John Curtin School of Medical Research School Manager may request that the payment for the semester in which the breach of conditions or withdrawal occurs be refunded in part or in full.

## **10. 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.

## **11. 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 John Curtin School of Medical Research or ANU Communications and Engagement (ACE).

## **12. DISCLOSURE AND DONOR CONTACT**

For the purposes of reporting on the impact of 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.

### **13. CONTACT WITH THE AWARD OWNER**

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

Head of the Centre for Computational Biomedical Sciences

College of Health & Medicine

Eduardo Eyras, Eduardo.Eyras@anu.edu.au

### **14. DISCLAIMER**

The recipient of the 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 does not carry any commitment by the University for future employment.

These Conditions of Award should be read in conjunction with the *Research Awards Rule* and Higher Degree Research Policy and Procedures available from the [ANU website](#).

### **15. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES**

HDR Legislation, policies and procedures - <https://www.anu.edu.au/students/program-administration/assessments-exams/hdr-policies-procedures>

ANU Academic Integrity Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2021L00997>

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

ANU Student Code of Conduct <https://www.anu.edu.au/students/program-administration/program-management/student-code-of-conduct>