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GRAEME SAMUEL DEMENTIA RESEARCH AWARD CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health ('the School') in the ANU College of Health and Medicine, ('the College') may offer an award known as the Graeme Samuel Dementia Research Award ('the Award').

Funding for this Award has been provided by the Australian National University and donors, including a matching contribution from major donor the Dementia Australia Research Foundation (DARF). The ANU and DARF are supporting this award in honour of Professor Graeme Samuel AC, former ANU Council member who holds a key interest and expertise in dementia research. He is Chair of Dementia Australia, Chair of the Dementia Australia Research Foundation, and Chair of the Australian Dementia Network Ltd (ADNet).

The objective of the Award is to support an outstanding domestic¹ or international² candidate to enable them to pursue a Higher Degree Research (HDR) program in the field of Dementia Prevention Research, based in the Centre for Research on Ageing, Health & Wellbeing, ANU College of Health and Medicine.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the Award is stated in the letter of offer. The Award will be paid in two instalments, after the Census date each semester 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. DURATION

The duration of the full-time Award will be:

- a) For Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)/Doctor of Psychology (Clinical) (DPsych(Clin)) – up to 3 years;
- b) for Master of Philosophy – up to 1 year, less
 - i. periods of enrolment already undertaken for the PhD degree; and/or
 - ii. such shorter period as is stated in the letter of offer.

4. ELIGIBILITY

The Award is available each year to a prospective or continuing domestic/international ANU student who is enrolled or enrolling full-time in a program of study for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy or Master of Philosophy in dementia prevention research, based in the

¹ A student who is an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen, the holder of an Australian Permanent Resident visa or the holder of an Australian humanitarian visa

² A student who is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen or the holder of Australian permanent resident status, and is required to hold a visa to study in Australia and liable for international student fees (ISF) payable to the University either by the student or a sponsor

Centre for Research on Ageing, Health & Wellbeing (CRAHW), the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, ANU College of Health and Medicine.

5. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applications shall be called for with a closing date as set by CRAHW. The closing date, and application instructions will be advertised on the University scholarship webpage and the DARF webpage.

6. SELECTION

Selection is made on the basis of demonstrated excellence in Dementia Research. Applicants must also demonstrate:

- a) How their research will contribute to dementia prevention;
- b) How their research will contribute to decreasing the burden of disease;
- c) Why they are well suited to undertake research in this area.

Other factors such as educational access or disadvantage, financial need, gender, geographic region, indigenous status, and rural / regional status may also be taken into account.

Preference may be given to candidates studying for a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

Applications will be assessed and decided in consultation with the DARF Scientific Panel.

The ANU Selection Committee will be chaired by the Director of CRAHW and will include at least two senior academic staff from the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health. The ANU Selection Committee will assess and shortlist applications to be put forward to the DARF selection panel (Scientific Panel).

The DARF Scientific Panel will include leading Australian researchers in the field of dementia. Members, selected on the basis of relevance to the shortlisted research areas, will review the shortlisted applications and provide their recommendation to ANU and DARF for their approval.

The ANU Selection Committee and DARF Scientific Panel reserves the right to make no award if they consider 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).

7. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS

A recipient is permitted to hold other scholarships, awards, grants and bursaries concurrently with this Award, provided the terms of the other scholarship permits this also.

8. DEFERMENT

The Award must be taken up no later than the date specified in the letter of offer, unless otherwise approved.

9. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A recipient of this Award is required remain enrolled full-time in an eligible program of study for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy or Master of Philosophy at the Australian National University.

A part-time Award may be offered or approved if the recipient has reasons acceptable to the University which preclude full-time study for part or all of the program of study. In

such cases the University must be satisfied that the reasons relate to caring commitments, a medical condition, a disability or other circumstance which limits the recipient's capacity to undertake full-time study.

10. SUSPENSION OF AWARD

A recipient may apply to the College for suspension of their Award. A suspension may be appropriate if a recipient is studying at another institution and receives an award for that study. In these circumstances the duration of the Award will be reduced by the periods of study undertaken towards the degree during suspension of the Award (unless the study was undertaken overseas as part of a Commonwealth Government financially supported international postgraduate research scholarship or award).

The University may suspend the Award where a recipient has:

- a) outstanding fees; or
- b) an outstanding debt with the University; or
- c) outstanding HDR program milestone/s; or
- d) been found to be in breach of a statute, rule or policy or procedure of the University.

The Award will be suspended when at least 5 working days have passed since the University advised the recipient in writing that the milestones, debt and/or fees are outstanding, until the milestones have been met or the outstanding fees and/or debt have been paid. Under these circumstances, the recipient will forfeit payment of the Award for the period of time that their Award is suspended.

11. 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 3
- 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 9;
if a recipient changes their program or course without permission to retain the Award;
if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Misconduct & Discipline Rules (2021) or Academic Integrity Rule (2022);
whichever is earliest.

12. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

A recipient who is taking leave from their program, or changing their enrolment intensity from full-time to part-time, must submit the prescribed [Manage My Degree - HDR](#) form in a timely manner and, where possible in advance, in order to avoid receiving an overpayment of their Award. In circumstances where an overpayment does occur, these will be recovered in accordance with the ANU Procedure - Overpayments.

13. PROVIDING FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION

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.

14. 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 on the recommendation of the chair of the selection committee.

15. TAXATION & CENTRELINK

Recipients are responsible for seeking taxation and Centrelink advice (if applicable) regarding their own individual circumstances. Awards may be regarded as taxable income if a recipient is enrolled on a part-time basis.

For information on how the Award may affect Centrelink benefits, see this website <http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enablers/income/>

16. 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: <http://www.anu.edu.au/study/accommodation>

17. 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 and DARF may also publicise the Award by publishing the names of the recipients. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the Research School of Population Health or ANU Communications and Engagement (ACE).

Recipients will also be required to acknowledge funding from the Award should the outcomes lead to publication.

18. DISCLOSURE AND DONOR CONTACT

For the purposes of reporting on the impact of 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 will be asked to write an annual progress letter for donors (including DARF) detailing the work undertaken 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.

19. CONTACT WITH THE AWARD OWNER

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

*Prof Nic Cherbuin – nicolas.cherbuin@anu.edu.au
Centre for Research on Ageing, Health & Wellbeing (CRAHW),
National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health (NCEPH),
ANU College of Health and Medicine.*

20. 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](#).

21. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES

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

ANU Academic Misconduct Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2015L02025>
and/or ANU Academic Integrity Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2021L00997>

ANU Discipline Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2020L01686> and/or
<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2021L00998>