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## NATIONAL INDIGENOUS MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS OF AWARD

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the Australian National University ('the University') may offer a number of awards known as the National Indigenous Merit Scholarship ('the Award').

The objective of the Award is to acknowledge the academic excellence of Indigenous students in secondary school studies and provide assistance with costs related to tertiary studies.

Funding for this Award has been provided by the University.

### 2. BENEFITS

The value of the Award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the Award is up to five years. The Award is paid in equal instalments at the beginning of semester, 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. ELIGIBILITY

The Award is available each year to a commencing ANU student who:

- (a) is a domestic student; and
- (b) identifies and is accepted as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; and
- (c) receives an offer of admission to an undergraduate degree program at the University; and
- (d) has completed their Year 12 or equivalent qualification within the last two years and achieved an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) or ANU Selection rank between 90.00 and 94.95 (no adjustment factors); and
- (e) has not enrolled in an undergraduate degree program previous to commencing at the University.

### 4. APPLICATION

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

### 5. SELECTION

Selection is made on the basis of applicants meeting the eligibility criteria.

### 6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS

A recipient of the Award is permitted to hold concurrent student financial awards as outlined in the ANU Coursework Scholarships procedure.

## **7. DEFERMENT**

The Award cannot be deferred.

## **8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY**

A recipient of this Award is required to enrol in a full-time load of 18-24 units per semester. A recipient requests permission, in writing, from the Director, Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre to hold the Award on a part-time basis. If approved, payments of the Award will be made on a pro-rata basis.

Recipients are expected to maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0 or above each semester (with the average being across all courses taken in a particular semester or session/s overlapping that semester).

If a recipient is unable to achieve the GPA in any semester a formal warning is sent.

If the recipient does not meet the required GPA in a subsequent semester they risk having their Award suspended or terminated.

A recipient is given the opportunity to explain their performance and how their performance can be remedied before a decision on the suspension or termination of an Award is made.

## **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 University other than for approved absences;
- (d) if a recipient fails to enrol as required in section 8;
- (e) if a recipient changes to part-time enrolment without receiving permission to retain the Award;
- (f) if a recipient fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements; or
- (g) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Integrity Rule;

whichever is earliest.

## **10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS**

Subject to the information available at the time, the Director, Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre 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 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.

## **12. TAXATION & CENTRELINK**

Recipients are responsible for seeking taxation and Centrelink advice 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 your Centrelink benefits, see this website <http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enablers/income/>

### **13. 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>

### **14. 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 Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre or ANU Communications and Engagement (ACE).

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

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

*Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre*

Email: [tjabal.centre@anu.edu.au](mailto:tjabal.centre@anu.edu.au)

### **16. 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 University's Student financial awards Policy and Coursework Scholarships Procedure available from the ANU website.

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

ANU Student financial awards Policy -

[https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_007803](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_007803)

ANU Coursework Scholarships Procedure -

[https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_009607](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_009607)

ANU Academic Integrity Policy - [https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_6477101](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_6477101)

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