

PhB SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the ANU College of Science ('the College') may offer up to 10 awards known as the PhB Science Scholarship ('the Award').

The objective of the Award is to provide support to PhB Science students from disadvantaged backgrounds and/or to assist PhB Science students in relocation costs to support their moving to Canberra.

Funding for this Award has been provided by the ANU College of Science.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the Award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the Award is for one year. The Award is paid in two instalments at the beginning of 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. ELIGIBILITY

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

- (a) is a domestic or international student; and
- (b) receives an offer of admission to the Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) Science or the Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) – Science/Bachelor of Science (Honours) ANU-NUS joint degree program; and
- (c) has not previously enrolled in any undergraduate degree program.

4. APPLICATION

All applicants applying for admission through the ANU Admission Scholarship and Accommodation Application System will be automatically considered for the Award based on them meeting the eligibility criteria and electing to be considered for scholarships.

International students and domestic students not applying via ASA must submit a statement addressing how they meet the eligibility criteria and attach relevant documentation to support their claims. The application and all supporting documentation (where applicable) must be submitted on or prior to the closing date published on the ANU Scholarships website.

5. SELECTION

Only applicants who meet all the eligibility criteria will be considered. Selection is made on the basis of applicants meeting the eligibility criteria and their answers provided in the ASA application or the Award application as outlined below. If there are more eligible applicants than there are awards available, applicants must satisfy one or more of the following criteria (in order of priority and where applicable) to be considered:

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- (a) financial hardship;
- (b) Indigenous Australian;
- (c) long-term medical condition/disability or ongoing effects of abuse;
- (d) refugee status;
- (e) attended their final years of schooling at a low ICSEA school (school below 1000);
- (f) attended their final years of secondary education at a rural school, defined in accordance UAC EAS category S01R;
- (g) resides outside of Australia prior to the commencement of their PhB (Honours) studies

If Awards remain after consideration of applicants against the above criteria, then the Award is available to a prospective ANU student who satisfies one or more of the following criteria (in order of priority) and ranked by severity:

- (h) resides outside the Canberra region prior to the commencement of their PhB (Honours) studies;
- (i) has the most total equity adjustment factors;
- (j) resides in a remote or regional area as determined by the geographical classification defined by the <u>Australian Statistical Geography Standard – ASGS</u> <u>2016;</u>
- (k) lives the furthest distance from the Canberra region prior to the commencement of their PhB (Honours) studies.

Preference may be given to applicants relocating from difficult to access locations.

The Award is offered to a student by the University Coursework Scholarships Committee. Details of this committee are outlined in the ANU Coursework Scholarships procedure.

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 student financial awards as outlined in the ANU coursework scholarships, grants and bursaries 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 (minimum of 18 units) per semester. A recipient requests permission, in writing, from the Associate Dean Education 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 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;

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- (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 transfers to a program not listed in section 3(b);
- (g) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Integrity Policy and/or the Discipline Rule;

whichever is earliest.

10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

Subject to the information available at the time the Chair of the PhB Committee 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

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.

12. TAXATION

Recipients are responsible for seeking independent taxation advice regarding their own individual circumstances. Student financial awards are regarded as taxable income if a recipient is enrolled on a part-time basis. If you are receiving Centrelink benefits, student financial awards may impact your Centrelink payments.

For more information, visit

- <u>https://www.ato.gov.au/Calculators-and-</u> tools/Host/?anchor=IMST&anchor=IMST&anchor=IMST/questions#IMST/questions
- <u>https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/income-from-scholarships-for-students-and-apprentices?context=43921</u>

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 ANU College of Science 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:

The ANU College of Science

Email: science.enquiries@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, grants and bursaries 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

ANU Coursework Scholarships, Grants and Bursaries Procedure https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_009607

ANU Academic Integrity Policy - https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_6477101

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