1. INTRODUCTION
1.1 There shall be one scholarship for award each year which shall be known as the ANU Graduate Access Scholarship.
1.2 The scholarship shall be available for award to a domestic student with disability who is enrolled in a graduate program of study at The Australian National University.

2. VALUE
2.1 The scholarships shall be $2,000 per semester for a full-time student for a maximum of eight semesters. If awarded to a continuing student, the scholarship will be paid on a pro-rata basis.
2.2 The scholarships shall normally be paid within six weeks after the census date at the beginning of each semester.

3. ELIGIBILITY
Applicants must:
(a) supply supporting evidence of a permanent disability; and
(b) demonstrate financial hardship.

4. APPLICATION
Applicants must apply by completing the application form. Unless otherwise specified, applications must be received by the Manager of the Disability Services Centre by the closing date as set out in the application form.

5. SELECTION
5.1 The scholarships shall be awarded by the Chair of the University Awards Committee on the recommendation of the Selection Committee.
5.2 The Selection Committee shall be chaired by the Manager of the Disability Services Centre (or nominee). The Chair shall elect the other members of the Committee each year.
5.3 The Selection Committee may, in making the selection, take into account any or all of the following:
(a) the nature and extent of the disability;
(b) the financial circumstances of the applicant;
(c) previous tertiary academic results;
(d) the likely impact of the disability on the applicant’s proposed academic program of study;
(e) the potential of the scholarship to enhance the applicant’s ability to successfully complete the academic program of study.
5.4 In the instance where two applications are of equal merit, the University reserves the right to award partial scholarships.

5.5 The University may award one or more of the scholarships mid-year if recommended by the Selection Committee.

5.6 The University reserves the right to not award the scholarship in any year and to accept applications after the closing date in extenuating circumstances.

6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholars may hold other scholarships, bursaries or awards concurrently with the ANU Graduate Access Scholarship.

7. COMMENCEMENT

The scholarship commencement date shall be outlined in the formal scholarship letter of offer.

8. CONTINUATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship shall be continued each semester subject to the following conditions being met:

(a) that satisfactory academic results are achieved, unless there are extenuating circumstances;

(b) that the student is re-enrolling for the following semester; and

(c) that the scholar continues to meet the eligibility requirements.

9. TENURE

It is expected that the scholarship shall be held for consecutive semesters but a scholar may be granted permission to suspend the scholarship for one semester, whilst on approved Program Leave.

10. ENROLMENT

10.1 If the scholar is a part-time student the scholarship will be paid on a pro-rata basis for up to a maximum of sixteen semesters.

10.2 If a scholar withdraws from the program of study the scholarship shall be surrendered and the scholarship stipend for the semester in which the withdrawal occurs shall be refunded on a pro-rata basis as at the date of withdrawal unless otherwise approved by the Chair of the University Awards Committee on the recommendation of the Manager of the Disability Services Centre.

11. TERMINATION

11.1 The scholarship shall terminate after the scholar has consumed the full entitlement of their scholarship or on the date on which the scholar ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences, whichever is the earlier. The University may terminate the scholarship before this time if the scholar does not fulfil his or her obligations or if, in the opinion of the Chair of the University Awards Committee, acting on the advice of the Manager of the Disability Services Centre, satisfactory academic progress is not being made by the scholar.
11.2 A scholar who has surrendered the scholarship on medical grounds may apply again.

12. PUBLICITY

It is anticipated that ANU Graduate Access Scholarship holders may be requested to participate in publicity of the scholarship from time to time. This may include publicity in the state or territory of residence or of schooling. Scholars may be contacted for an interview and photograph. The University may also publicise the scholarships by publishing the names of the scholars. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the Communications and External Liaison Office of the University.