ANU Rural and Regional Equity Scholarship

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the University may offer an award known as the ANU Rural and Regional Equity Scholarship (“the award”).

The objectives of the award are:

- to increase access and provide opportunities for students from regional and remote areas of Australia to attend ANU;
- to support first year students with accommodation and living costs.

Funding for this award has been provided by a group of ANU undergraduate students from rural and regional Australia. The scholarship was launched in 2017 when Tuckwell Scholarship recipient, Brody Hannan brought together a team of regional students to provide others with opportunities similar to those that they had received.

It is the desire of this passionate group of students that the scholarship will enable recipients to engage in all facets of university life, with a genuine desire to give back to the ANU and wider community.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the award is two academic semesters. The award is paid in equal 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 this 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 prospective ANU student who:

(a) is a domestic student;
(b) is enrolling in the first year of any undergraduate program at ANU;
(c) has met the minimum ATAR requirements for admission into the selected undergraduate program;
(d) is currently living in a rural, regional or remote area and completed the majority of their secondary studies in a rural, regional or remote area. Scholarship applicants can check the rural, regional and remote classification of their address at DoctorConnect.
(e) can demonstrate financial need.
4. **APPLICATION**

Applications are called for with a closing date as set by the Division of Student Life and advertised on the ANU scholarships website. The application is submitted on the prescribed electronic form and supporting documentation forwarded to the Division of Student Life by email prior to the closing date.

5. **SELECTION**

Selection is made on the basis of the level of disadvantage and need demonstrated in the application.

The award is offered to a student by the Equity Scholarships Selection Committee comprising of the Pro Vice-Chancellor (University Experience) and including a representative from Access, Inclusion & Wellbeing.

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 ANU Rural and Regional Equity Scholarship is permitted to concurrently hold other scholarships, awards, grants and bursaries subject to the terms of the corresponding section in the conditions of award of the other scholarship/bursary/grant/award that they are holding.

Failure to declare and obtain permission to hold another award or scholarship may result in the recipient being required to refund a payment or payments to the College, as determined by the Deputy Director, Access, Inclusion & Wellbeing.

7. **DEFERMENT**

The award cannot be deferred.

8. **ONGOING ELIGIBILITY**

A recipient of this award is required to enrol in a full-time load per semester. A recipient requests permission, in writing, from the Deputy Director, Access, Inclusion & Wellbeing 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) at the conclusion of the period outlined in section 2; or

(b) on the date on which the recipient withdraws or ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences;

(c) if a recipient fails to enrol as required in section 8;

(d) if a recipient changes to part-time enrolment without permission,
(e) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Misconduct & Discipline Rules;

whichever is earliest.

10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

Subject to the information available at the time, Deputy Director, Access, Inclusion & Wellbeing 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 awarding of a scholarship is based on the information provided to the University. An 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 in awarding the scholarship/grant.

12. VARIATION TO CONDITIONS OF AWARD

In exceptional circumstances and on a case-by-case basis section 6 and/or 7 of these conditions of award may be varied by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the Chair of the Selection Committee.

13. TAXATION & CENTRELINK

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

For information on how your award may affect your Centrelink benefits, see this website http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enablers/income/.

14. 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.

15. 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 or video. The University may also publicise the award by publishing the names of the recipients. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the Alumni Relations and Philanthropy office or Strategic Communications and Public Affairs office of the University.

16. CONTACT WITH THE UNIVERSITY

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

Division of Student Administration
Email: coursework.scholarships@anu.edu.au
17. DISCLAIMER

The recipient of this 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 of a scholarship/grant does not carry any commitment by the University for future employment.

These conditions of award should be read in conjunction with the University’s Coursework Scholarships Policy & Procedures available from the ANU website.

18. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES


