AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (ARC) CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR CLIMATE SYSTEM SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the ARC Centre for Excellence for Climate System Science ("the Centre"), in the ANU Research School of Earth Sciences, may offer up to two scholarships known as the ARC Centre of Excellence for Climate System Science Scholarship ("the award").

The objective of the award is to provide a unique research experience that will allow students to develop scientific and professional skills to be successful in the field of climate system science.

Funding for this award has been provided by the ARC Centre of Excellence for Climate System Science. The Centre of Excellence for Climate System Science is a major initiative funded by the Australian Research Council. The Centre is an international research consortium of five Australian universities and a suite of outstanding national and international Partner Organizations. It builds on and improves existing understanding of the modelling of regional climates to enable enhanced adaptation to and management of climate change, particularly in the Australian region.

2. BENEFITS

The value of this award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the award will be for the period of an Honours year, or Masters program (up to two years). The award will be paid in instalments, after the census date of each semester of the program, 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 also 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 or continuing ANU student who is:

(i) a domestic or international student; and

(ii) enrolled/enrolling in either the fourth year of a Bachelor of Science Honours degree, or equivalent (e.g., Bachelor of Philosophy, Bachelor of Science (Advanced) Honours), or a coursework Masters program; and

(iii) undertaking a research project consistent with the activities of the Centre of Excellence for Climate System Science. Applications focusing solely on climate
change impacts and/or adaptation will not be considered. Projects can include
laboratory and/or field and/or modelling studies.

4. APPLICATION

Applications are called for with a closing date as set by the Centre. The application is
submitted on the prescribed form, and supporting documentation is forwarded to the
Research School of Earth Sciences by email, or post, prior to the scholarship closing date.

5. SELECTION

Selection is made on the basis of a student’s application and academic record.

The award is offered to a student by a selection committee chaired by the Director of the
Climate Change Institute (or nominee), which will also include one ANU-based Chief
Investigator in the Centre of Excellence for Climate System Science, and at least two
members of the Research School of Earth Science academic staff.

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
(where funds allow) and/or offer the award at other times in exceptional circumstances or
based on the standard of applications or students.

6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS

A recipient of the ARC Centre of Excellence for Climate System Science 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/travel 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 Dean Education (or nominee).

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 24 units per semester. A
recipient may request permission in writing, from the Deputy Dean Education (Science), 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 70% average each semester (with the average being
across all courses taken in a particular semester), and to meet any required milestones.

If a recipient is unable to achieve the required average or milestones in any semester a
formal warning is sent.

If the recipient does not meet the required average or milestones 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) 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 the recipient fails to enrol as required in section 8;

(d) if the recipient changes to part-time enrolment without permission,

(e) if the recipient changes their program without permission;

(f) if the recipient fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements of their program;

(g) if the 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, the Deputy Dean Education (or nominee) 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/grant 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 7 and/or 8 of these conditions of award may be varied by the Deputy Dean Education (or nominee) on the recommendation of the Chair of 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/](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/students/services/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. The University may also publicise the award by publishing the names of the recipients. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the ANU Colleges of Science or Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University.

16. CONTACT WITH THE COLLEGE

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

Research School of Earth Sciences
ANU College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences
Building 142, Mills Road
The Australian National University
Canberra ACT 0200
Email: Student_Admin.RSES@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


