The Australian National University

ANGUS NICHOLSON HONOURS SCHOLARSHIP IN SCIENCE

Conditions of Award

1. INTRODUCTION

There shall be a scholarship for award each year known as the Angus Nicholson Honours scholarship in Science. The scholarship has been generously established by Mr Jon Nicholson, in memory of his late father, Dr Angus Nicholson.

The scholarship is to assist a student enrolled in the Honours Year of an undergraduate degree offered by the ANU College of Science or the ANU College of Health & Medicine who can demonstrate a passion for his or her chosen field of science.

2. VALUE

2.1 The scholarship shall be valued at $5000 or an amount as agreed from time to time between the University and Mr Jon Nicholson. The scholarship shall be paid in equal instalments at the beginning of each semester for two consecutive academic semesters.

2.2 The scholar is responsible for making payment of all his/her tuition fees by the prescribed date as set out by the University each session. Scholars are responsible for the costs of books, study materials, accommodation and all other costs of study.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The Scholarship shall be awarded to an applicant who:

(i) has an outstanding academic record in science and a demonstrated passion for his or her chosen field of science; and

(ii) is eligible for enrolment at the University in the Honours Year of an undergraduate degree program offered by the ANU College of Science or the ANU College of Health & Medicine. Applicants may be currently enrolled or have been enrolled at this University in a program of study leading to the award of an undergraduate degree offered by the ANU or an equivalent degree program at another tertiary educational institution.

4. APPLICATION

An application, on the approved application form, for the award of the scholarship should be lodged with the ANU Fees & Scholarships Office, before 30 November in the year preceding the commencement of study. The applicant must lodge any supporting material which demonstrates his or her passion for science, as well as organising for the receipt by the University of two references from people who are well placed to support the case and who can comment on this passion.

5. SELECTION

5.1 A selection committee of at least three, chaired by the Dean of Science, shall select the scholar.

5.2 When making a recommendation the selection committee will take into account:

(i) the field of study in which the applicant has expressed interest;

(ii) the availability of appropriate supervision for a scholar in that field of study;

(iii) the applicant’s academic record in science;

(iv) supporting material supplied by the applicant which demonstrates the passion for science;
and

(v) the reports of two referees familiar with the applicant’s academic work and passion for science.

5.3 If there are two students of equal merit, preference may be given to a student who plans to undertake study in physics, recognising Dr Angus Nicholson’s own academic interests.

5.4 Mr Jon Nicholson will be notified of the outcome of the scholarship selection.

5.5 The University reserves the right to make no award or to award the scholarship at other times, in exceptional circumstances.

6. **CONCURRENT HOLDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholars must submit a written request to the Chair of the University Awards Committee to hold other scholarships/awards concurrently with the Angus Nicholson Honours Scholarship in Science.

7. **DEFERMENT**

The taking up of the scholarship may not be deferred for more than one semester.

8. **COMMENCEMENT**

The scholarship is normally to be taken up in the first semester of an academic year but, on request and with the approval of the selection committee as well as approval to commence the academic program in second semester, the scholarship may be taken up in the second semester.

9. **DURATION**

The Scholarship is to be held for a maximum of two academic semesters.

10. **ENROLMENT**

A scholar must enrol in and remain enrolled full-time in an undergraduate degree program offered by the College of Science or the ANU College of Health & Medicine.

11. **LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE**

If a scholar’s academic performance in the first semester of the scholarship is unsatisfactory in the opinion of the University Awards Committee, acting on the advice of the Dean of Science, payment of the scholarship for the second semester may be withheld.

12. **SUSPENSION, TERMINATION & REPAYMENT OF FUNDS**

12.1 If a scholar fails to enrol for the Fourth Honours Year of the program or withdraws from the program, the scholarship must be surrendered.

12.2 Suspension of the scholarship, after the scholar has enrolled, may be approved by the University Awards Committee subject to concurrent approval for leave of absence of the Honours program being obtained from the Dean of Science.

12.3 A Scholar is required to supply banking details, or their preferred method of payment (in writing) by the end of the second week of their program commencement. Should a scholar fail to do this then their scholarship may be terminated.
12.4 If the scholarship is suspended or terminated the Selection Committee shall determine whether any refund of scholarship monies is payable and may determine that the scholarship instalment for the semester in which the suspension of termination occurred be refunded by the scholar to the University in part or in full.

13. **TAXATION**

Scholars are responsible for seeking taxation advice regarding their own individual circumstances. Please note that scholarships may be regarded as taxable income if a scholar is enrolled on a part-time basis.

14. **PUBLICITY**

It is anticipated that the Angus Nicholson Honours Scholarship in Science 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.

15. **DISCLAIMER**

The scholar is subject to *The Australian National University Act 1991* as amended, to the Statutes and Rules of the University as made from time to time, and to resolutions of the Council and its Committees.

The award of a scholarship does not carry any commitment by the University for future employment.