THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

BHATI FAMILY INDIA TRAVEL GRANT

CONDITIONS OF GRANT

1. Introduction

1.1 The Bhati Family has provided funds for a travel grant to be awarded each year in perpetuity to be known as the “Bhati Family India Travel Grant”.

1.2 The grant will assist current ANU undergraduate, graduate coursework or higher degree by research students from any discipline to undertake research that requires travel to India. The aim of this grant is to help create a better understanding and knowledge of Australia in India and/or a better understanding and knowledge of India in Australia.

2. Value

2.1 The value of the grant shall be determined by the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific. The value of the grant will be stated in the letter of offer. The grant shall contribute towards paying for economy return airfares to India and actual expenses related to travel, e.g. passport, Visa, vaccinations and other preventative medicines.

2.2 Travel insurance will be covered by ANU for travel that has been approved by the relevant delegated authority. Students are strongly advised to consult the University’s Travel Insurance Policy and should consider seeking advice from the University’s Insurance Officer.

2.3 The payment shall be made to coincide with the recipient’s travel arrangements.

3. Eligibility

3.1 The recipient must be enrolled and remain enrolled on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate, graduate coursework or higher degree by research program at The Australian National University while the proposed travel is being undertaken.

3.2 The recipient may request permission from the Chair of the University Awards Committee to hold the grant whilst on approved academic program leave to undertake proposed travel.

4. Application

A call for applications shall be made each year on the prescribed form. Applicants must submit all relevant documentation by the closing date.

5. Selection Criteria

5.1 The grant shall be awarded by the Chair of the University Awards Committee on the recommendation of the Selection Committee to the applicant who:

(a) can demonstrate that travelling to India is vital to their research; and

(b) that the output of their research will contribute to a better understanding and knowledge of any aspect of Australia in India, or any aspect of India in Australia.
5.2 When making a recommendation, the Selection Committee shall take into account:
(a) the merit of the application;
(b) the extent of contribution the proposed research is expected to make to issues that are of high priority for Australia and India;
(c) the applicant’s academic record to date; and
(d) any other information which is made available to the Committee.

The selection committee may also take into consideration the applicant’s academic record to date and the academic value of the applicant’s proposed research in India.

5.3 The grant shall not be awarded if, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, there is no applicant of sufficient merit.

5.4 The applicant has established a link with an institution in India, which will help in achieving the purpose of the travel (the institution does not have to be academic).

5.5 The applicant has obtained formal approval for the travel program and its objectives from his/her supervisor.

6. Selection Committee
The Selection Committee shall be chaired by the Deputy Dean (or nominee) of the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, and shall include at least three other members, one from each ANU College represented in the cohort of applicants.

7. Concurrent holding of grants/scholarships/awards
The Bhati Family India Travel Grant may be held concurrently with other scholarships, bursaries, grants and awards.

8. Enrolment
If the recipient fails to maintain their enrolment in the program, withdraws from the program or is not on approved academic program leave whilst undertaking the proposed research in India, the grant may have to be surrendered.

9. Termination
9.1 The grant will terminate upon completion of the proposed travel in India.
9.2 The grant will terminate if the recipient does not adhere to Clause 3 (Eligibility), or does not complete the proposed research in India. The recipient may have to repay all or some of the grant back to the University. This determination will be made by the Chair of the University Awards Committee.

10. Publicity
It is anticipated that recipients of the Bhati Family India Travel Grant may be requested to participate in publicity of the grant 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 grants by publishing the names of the recipients. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the Communications and External Liaison Office of the University.