1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the ANU Law School, of the ANU College of Law, in association with the Commonwealth Attorney-General’s Department, may offer an award known as the Leslie Zines Constitutional Law Scholarship (“the award”).

The objective of the award is to support the recipient to undertake a supervised internship of 10 weeks in the Commonwealth Attorney-General’s Department (“the Internship”). Subject to the operational needs of the Department, it is anticipated that 5 weeks will be spent in the Office of Constitutional Law and 5 weeks in the Office of General Counsel in the Australian Government Solicitor.

Funding for the award has been provided from the Leslie Zines Endowment, established in memory of Professor Leslie Zines AO, a former Dean of the ANU Faculty of Law and one of Australia’s leading constitutional law scholars.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the award is stated in the letter of offer. The award would normally be used to assist with accommodation and day-to-day living expenses to undertake the Internship.

The award is paid in one instalment prior to the commencement of the Internship, unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

The successful recipient is responsible for any costs involved in undertaking the Internship that the award does not cover.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The award is available each year to a continuing ANU student who:

(a) is a domestic or international student;

(b) is enrolled full time in the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) degree (whether undertaken as a single or flexible double degree) or on campus Juris Doctor (JD) degree (whether undertaken as a single or vertical double degree) in the ANU Law School;

(c) has successfully completed the course Commonwealth Constitutional Law (LAWS 2202/6202); and

(d) has an excellent academic record and is able to demonstrate in the application an interest in, and aptitude for, constitutional law.
4. APPLICATION

Applications are called for with a closing date set by the ANU Law School. The application is submitted on the prescribed electronic form and supporting documentation forwarded to the ANU Law School by email prior to the closing date.

5. SELECTION

Selection is made on the basis of overall academic performance in law courses, paying particular attention to achievement in constitutional law courses and the applicant’s interest in, and aptitude for, constitutional law.

The award will be offered to a student by the ANU College of Law Scholarship Committee.

The ANU College of Law Scholarship Committee will recommend the preferred applicant for approval by the Commonwealth Attorney-General’s Department.

The ANU College of Law Scholarship Committee reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit. The ANU College of Law Scholarship 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 funding allows).

6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS

A recipient of the award 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.

7. DEFERMENT

The award cannot be deferred.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

Commencement of the Internship and payment of the Scholarship are contingent on the Commonwealth Attorney General’s Department satisfaction of successful completion of all requirements, including security suitability requirements and processes.

9. CESSATION OF AWARD

The award ceases or should be surrendered:

a) at the conclusion of the period outlined in the letter of offer;

b) if the recipient abandons the Internship prior to the end of the Internship period;

c) if the recipient breaks the law or breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Misconduct & Discipline Rules;

d) if the Commonwealth Attorney-General’s Department determines the recipient no longer meets its security suitability requirements; or
e) if the Commonwealth Attorney-General’s Department determines the recipient has breached the Australian Public Service Code of Conduct.

whichever is earliest.

10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

Subject to the information available at the time, the Dean of the ANU College of Law, may request that the payment for the award be refunded in part or full if the conditions of award are breached or if the Internship ceases prior to the end of the Internship period. If such a request is made by the Dean, the recipient must repay the amount determined by the Dean.

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.

12. VARIATION TO CONDITIONS OF AWARD

In exceptional circumstances and on a case-by-case basis sections 6 and 7 of these conditions of award may be varied by the Dean of the ANU College of Law on the recommendation of the Commonwealth Attorney-General’s Department.

13. TAXATION & CENTRELINK

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

For more information on how the 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 accommodation for the period of the award.

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. Arrangement for such publicity will be made through the ANU College of Law or Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University.

The Commonwealth Attorney-General’s Department may also publicise the award, including publishing the names of the recipient(s).
16. CONTACT WITH THE COLLEGE

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

The ANU College of Law
Email: scholarships.law@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 does not carry any commitment by the University or the Commonwealth Attorney-General’s Department for future employment.

The work done as part of the Internship does not count toward the LLB (Hons) or JD degree. There are no guarantees as to the type or variety of work or experience that will be provided as part of the Internship. This may vary according to the requirements and demands of the Commonwealth Attorney-General’s Department.

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

The Australian National University
Leslie Zines Constitutional Law Scholarship

I ____________________________(print name) hereby accept the offer of The Leslie Zines Constitutional Law Scholarship on the conditions set out in your letter of _____________(date) and in The Leslie Zines Constitutional Law Scholarship Conditions of Award (583/2017).

I have read and understood the conditions of award and agree to be bound by them. I acknowledge that no undertakings regarding the award beyond the terms of this letter and the Conditions of Award are authorised or will be binding on the University unless they are contained in an official letter from the Student Administration and Records Office, Division of Student Administration.

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Print Name                Signature                ANU Student ID         Date