DEFENCE SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY GROUP HONOURS SCHOLARSHIP FOR FEMALE STUDENTS

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

The Australian National University (“the University”) may offer up to two awards known as the Defence Science & Technology Group Honours Scholarship for Female Students (“the award”).

The objective/s of the award are to encourage high-performing female students to continue studying in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields to improve the representation of Women scientists and engineers.

Funding for this award has been provided by Defence Science & Technology Group (DSTG).

2. BENEFITS

The value of the award will be stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the award will be two semesters. The award will be paid in equal instalments at the beginning of each semester unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

Scholarship recipients may be offered the opportunity and encouraged to participate in DSTG’s Summer Vacation Placement program.

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 will be available to a prospective female student who:

(a) is an Australian citizen

(b) is commencing an honours year in one of the following disciplines:

- Physical Sciences
- Information, Computing and Communication
- Mathematics
- Human, Social and Health Sciences
- Cyber Sciences
- Systems Sciences
- Engineering and Technology

(c) is completing an honours project which contributes to the mission of defence science; and

(d) applies for and maintains a baseline security clearance;
4. **APPLICATION**

Applications are called for with a closing date as set by the University. The application are submitted on the prescribed electronic form and supporting documentation forwarded to the Student Administration & Records by email prior to the closing date.

5. **SELECTION**

Selection is on the basis of academic merit. Other factors such as a demonstrated ability to collaborate with others may also be taken into account. Preference may be given to a student from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background.

The award is offered to a student by a selection committee chaired by a senior representative of DSTG which may also include one other representative from DSTG and the Associate Dean or nominee from at least one of the relevant ANU Colleges.

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 Defence Science & Technology Group Scholarship is not permitted to concurrently hold other scholarships, awards, grants and bursaries.

Failure to declare holding another award or scholarship may result in the scholar being required to refund a payment or payments, as determined by the Chair of the Selection Committee in consultation with DSTG.

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 Chair of the Selection Committee to hold the award on a part-time basis. If approved, payments of the award are made on a pro-rata basis.

Recipients are expected to complete all milestones and progress reports in order to receive the second payment.

If a recipient is not making the required progress as stated above they will risk having their award terminated.

Award recipients are given the opportunity to explain their performance and how their performance can be remedied before a decision on 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 student withdraws or ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences;

(c) if an awardee fails to enrol as required in section 8;

(d) if an awardee drops to less than 24 units or changes to part-time enrolment without permission,

(e) if an awardee changes their program without permission;

(f) if an awardee fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements;

(g) if an awardee 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 Chair of the Selection Committee 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 6 and/or 7 of these conditions of award may be varied by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) on the recommendation of the Chair of Selection Committee.

13. **TAXATION & CENTRELINK**

Award 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](http://www.anu.edu.au/students/services/accommodation)
15. PUBLICITY

The award 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 Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University.

16. 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 or DSTG 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.

17. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES


