1. INTRODUCTION

The Australian National University (“the University”) may offer up to two awards known as the Defence Science & Technology Group Undergraduate Scholarships for Female Students in Science & Engineering (“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 is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the award is two years. The award is paid in equal instalments at the beginning of each semester unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

The scholars are supported financially through the DSTG Undergraduate Scholarship Program and are provided mentoring by DSTG scientists for the duration of their studies. Scholarship recipients are 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 is available to a current female student who:

a) is enrolled in an eligible program at ANU and has completed at least 96 units of study or equivalent; and

b) is an Australian citizens; and

c) is enrolled in an eligible Bachelor degree; and

d) has achieved a GPA of 5 (7 point scale) or above in the first 96 units of their Bachelor Degree program; and

e) applies for and maintains a baseline security clearance.

The eligible Bachelor degree programs are:
Bachelor of Advanced Computing, Bachelor of Advanced Computing (Research & Development), Bachelor of Engineering (Honours), Bachelor of Engineering (Research &
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Development) (Honours), Bachelor of Information Technology, Bachelor of Science (Advanced) (Honours), Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) or relevant Double Degrees.

4. APPLICATION

Applications are called for with a closing date as set by the University. The application is 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 prior academic results as shown by the student’s undergraduate academic transcript. Other factors such as interest in a career in Defence, community leadership, involvement with extra-curricular activities and a demonstrated ability to collaborate with others may be taken into account through the selection process. 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 requests 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 will be made on a pro-rata basis.

Recipients are expected to maintain a GPA of 5 in the program of study each semester.

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

If the recipient does not meet the required average in a subsequent semester they risk having their award suspended or terminated.
Award recipients 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 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 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 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/

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 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
ANU Coursework Scholarship Policy -

ANU Coursework Scholarship Procedure -
