1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the Research School of Physics and Engineering (“RSPE”), in the ANU College of Science, may offer scholarships known as the Dunbar Physics Honours Scholarship (“the Scholarship”).

The objective of the Scholarship is to promote Physics education at RSPE, and to aid students whilst they are undertaking their Physics Honours program at the School.

Funding for this Scholarship has been provided by a bequest from the late Professor Noel David Dunbar, who was the Professor of Physics from 1958 to 1968, and Deputy Vice-Chancellor of ANU from 1968 to 1977.

2. VALUE

The value of the Scholarship is stated in your offer of letter. The duration of the Scholarship is one year. The Scholarship is paid in two instalments at the beginning of each semester post enrolment.

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 scholarship are responsible for the costs of books, study materials, any additional expenses related to accommodation, and all other costs of study.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The Scholarship is available each year to an ANU student who:

a. is an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or Australian Permanent Resident;

b. has a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Philosophy Degree with an academic record of Distinction average, or above;

c. applied for the Bachelor of Science Honours program, Bachelor of Science (Advanced) (Honours) or Bachelor of Philosophy Honours program in Physics at the RSPE; and

d. undertakes a project located and supervised at the RSPE.

4. APPLICATION

Applications are called for with a closing date as set by RSPE and will be advertised on the ANU scholarships website. The application is submitted on the prescribed electronic form and supporting documentation forwarded to rspe.hdr.sa@anu.edu.au.
5. SELECTION

Selection is made on the basis of academic merit.

The Scholarship is offered to a student by a selection committee chaired by RSPE Director, which will also include RSPE Honours Convenor and RSPE Deputy Director Education.

The RSPE reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit. The RSPE 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 funds allow.

6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS

A recipient of the Dunbar Physics Honours Scholarship is not permitted to concurrently hold other scholarships, awards, grants and bursaries.

Failure to declare and obtain permission to hold another award or scholarship may result in the recipient being required to refund a payment or payments to the College, as determined by the Deputy Dean Education, College of Science (or nominee).

7. DEFERMENT

The recipient must take up their award in the semester for which it is offered. Any requests for deferrals of the award must be approved by the RSPE Honours Convenor.

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 RSPE Honours Convenor to hold the award on a part-time basis. If approved, payments of the award will be made on a pro-rata basis.

If a recipient has not achieved the required progress in any semester the recipient will risk having their scholarship terminated.

A recipient 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 recipient withdraws or ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences;
c. if a recipient fails to enrol as required in section 8;
d. if a recipient changes to part-time enrolment without permission,
e. if a recipient changes their program or course without permission;
f. if a recipient fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements;
g. if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Misconduct and Discipline Rules;

whichever is earliest.
10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS
Subject to the information available at the time, RSPE Honours Convenor 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
Awards offered by Colleges may be varied by the Dean on the recommendation of the Chair of the Selection Committee.

University wide scholarships may be varied by the DVC on the recommendation of the Registrar.

13. TAXATION & CENTRELINK
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 Information may be found on the Web at: http://www.anu.edu.au/study/accommodation.

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

16. CONTACT WITH THE COLLEGE
All enquiries regarding the Scholarship and changes, deferment and further information after acceptance should be made to:

Research School of Physics and Engineering
ANU College of Science
T: +61 2 6125 1315 or +61 2 6125 5195
E: rspe.hdr.sa@anu.edu.au
Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the School, prior to lodging an application, to discuss the proposed research topic and related matters.

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 of a scholarship/grant does not carry any commitment by the University 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.

18. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES