GARRURRU INDIGENOUS UNDERGRADUATE ACCOMMODATION SCHOLARSHIP

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific (“the College”) may offer up to three awards known as the Garrurru Undergraduate Indigenous Scholarship (“the award”).

The objective of the award is to address the underrepresentation of Indigenous Australians enrolled in undergraduate degree programs offered by the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific. The College aims to achieve this though the provision of support that removes some of the pressures that may be faced by students, particularly for those transitioning to university life.

Funding for this award has been provided by the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific and offered to Indigenous Australian undergraduate students in the spirit of the College’s ongoing commitment to practical reconciliation.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the award will be stated in a recipient’s Letter of Offer. The award offers its recipients a place of on-campus accommodation and pastoral support over a period of 12 months either in Ursula Hall’s:

- Main Wing for up to 43 weeks (catered) or;
- Laurus Wing for up to 52 weeks (semi-catered)

depending on the recipient’s individual circumstances and needs.

The award includes payment of the Weekly Tariff (rent) for the recipient’s room by the College directly to Ursula Hall. The recipient’s Registration Fee and Resident Committee Fee will also be waived by Ursula Hall.

The recipient is responsible for making payment of the Refundable Deposit (bond) required by Ursula Hall. The recipient is also responsible for payment of all his/her 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 and all other costs of study.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The award will be available each year to a prospective or continuing ANU student who is:

(a) An Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. The student must provide proof of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent; identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander; and be accepted as such by the community or communities in which the student lives, or with which the student is associated; and

(b) enrolled or enrolling in an undergraduate degree program in the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific.
For the purposes of this award, an undergraduate degree program includes:

- single degree programs;
- flexible double degree programs; and
- vertical double degree programs

offered by the College or by the College in conjunction with another college of the University.

4. APPLICATION

Applications are called for with a closing date as set by the College. The application form requires students to submit the following:

(a) Confirmation of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent through a signed statement (including common seal) from the Land Council, Aboriginal Corporation or Aboriginal Heritage Association of the country of the applicant’s ancestors;

(b) the contact details of an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander member of the above community/ies who can be contacted on the applicant’s behalf about their application and who would be willing to provide a letter of support if requested by the Selection Committee;

(c) a Personal Statement of up to 500 words outlining how their program of study will benefit them, as well as their personal and financial circumstances;

(d) evidence of prior academic record and/or prior learning (if requested by the Selection Committee); and

(e) referee reports (if requested by the Selection Committee).

The application is submitted on the prescribed electronic form with supporting documentation uploaded as indicated. Alternatively, applicants may download and complete the application form and send it, together with their supporting documentation, to:

Manager, Student Centre
ANU College of Asia and the Pacific
The Australian National University
9 Fellows Road
Acton ACT 2601
AUSTRALIA

5. SELECTION

Selection is on the basis of the factors outlined in the applicant’s Personal Statement including the applicant’s personal and financial circumstances as well as the benefits of the student’s program of study. The Selection Committee may also request that all applicants supply referee reports and/or academic records if deemed necessary by the Selection Committee in making its decision.

Preference will be given to applicants in the following order:
1. Students commencing their first year of study with the College;
2. Students who have transferred into an undergraduate coursework program offered by the College;
3. Continuing undergraduate students enrolled in the College who are not former recipients of the award;
4. Former recipients of the award that remain enrolled in an undergraduate coursework program offered by the College.

The award will be offered to a student by a Selection Committee chaired by the College Associate Dean (Education) that will also include:

- Director, Tjabal Centre, Australian National University (or nominee);
- Manager, College Student Centre; and
- Chair, College Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Committee.

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 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 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.

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 College Associate Dean (Education).

7. DEFERMENT

The award cannot be deferred.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A recipient of the award will be required to enrol in a full-time load of 18 - 24 units per semester. A recipient may request permission, in writing, from the College’s Student Centre Manager to hold the award whilst studying part-time.

Recipients are expected to achieve, at a minimum, ‘pass’ grades across all courses undertaken in order to retain their award.

If a recipient is unable to achieve the required academic level in any semester they will be contacted by the College’s Student Centre Manager.

Award recipients will be 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:

(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; or
(h) if an awardee’s Room Agreement is terminated by Ursula Hall for misbehaviour or misconduct;

whichever is earliest.

10. **REPAYMENT OF FUNDS**

Subject to the information available at the time, the College Associate Dean (Education) 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.

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 College Dean upon the recommendation of the College Associate Dean (Education).

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.


14. **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 ANU College of Asia and the Pacific or Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University.

15. CONTACT WITH THE COLLEGE
All enquiries regarding the award and changes, issues, or further information after acceptance should be made to:

Manager, Student Centre
ANU College of Asia and the Pacific
The Australian National University
9 Fellows Road
Acton ACT 2601
AUSTRALIA

Email: cap.student@anu.edu.au

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 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