GARRURRU POSTGRADUATE INDIGENOUS 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 Postgraduate Indigenous Scholarship (“the award”).

The objective of the award is to address the underrepresentation of Indigenous Australians enrolled in programs and courses offered by the College and the University more broadly through the provision of a flexible cash stipend and pastoral support to award recipients. The award allows its recipients to use their stipend in whichever way they decide that will best support their study purposes. The award is also designed to allow recipients to choose the number of postgraduate courses offered by the College that they wish to study to suit their individual academic pathway.

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

2. BENEFITS

The value of the award is stated in the recipient’s letter of offer. The duration of the award is for up to a maximum of 96 units of College postgraduate courses undertaken. The recipient is provided with pastoral support from the College’s student centre manager to assist with their studies.

The award is paid in instalments at the beginning of each semester for every postgraduate course offered by the College the recipient enrols in, unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

The award’s stipend is issued when the recipient enrols in postgraduate courses offered by the College. The award’s stipend does not apply to postgraduate courses offered by other colleges of the ANU undertaken by the recipient, regardless of whether the enrolled postgraduate coursework degree program is offered by the College or another ANU college. Therefore, not all recipients will receive the maximum benefits available under this award.

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 each year to prospective or continuing ANU students who are:

(a) 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 he or she lives, or with which he or she is associated;

(b) enrolled or enrolling in a postgraduate coursework degree program either full-time or part-time offered by any college of the University; and

(c) enrolled or enrolling in a postgraduate course or courses offered by the College.

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 the personal and professional benefits of their program of study, their prior academic record and/or relevant prior learning 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 such as the personal and professional benefits of their program of study, their prior academic record and/or relevant prior learning as well as their personal and financial circumstances. The Selection Committee may also request that all applicants supply referee reports and/or evidence of prior learning, if deemed necessary by the Selection Committee in making its decision.

The award is 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**

The award is provided on the condition that the recipient is enrolled in a postgraduate coursework degree program offered by any college of the University undertaking a postgraduate course offered by the College. Recipients are permitted to study at a part-time or full-time rate.

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 this minimum level in any semester they will be contacted by the Manager of the College’s Student Centre.

If the recipient does not meet the required academic level in a subsequent semester they will risk having their award suspended or terminated.

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 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 as specified in section 8;

(c) if a recipient fails to enrol as required in section 8;

(d) if a recipient fails to enrol by the date stated in the letter of offer;

(e) if a recipient fails to achieve satisfactory academic performance as required in section 8;

(g) if a recipient 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 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/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 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.

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

16. 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

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


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