



## **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 two 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 stipend to cover tuition fees and pastoral support to award recipients.

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 your letter of offer. The duration of the award is for up to a maximum of 96 units of courses undertaken as part of a postgraduate program within the College. The recipient will also be provided with pastoral support from the Tjabal Centre, and/or the Manager, Education Services within the College. The award is paid in instalments at the beginning of each semester for each course the recipient enrolls in, unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

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 a commencing/continuing ANU student who is:

- (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 the student lives, or with which the student is associated.
- (b) enrolled/enrolling in a postgraduate coursework degree program either full-time or part-time offered by the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific.
- (c) Can demonstrate excellent academic merit in prior tertiary study.

#### **4. APPLICATION**

Applications are called for with a closing date as set by the College and advertised on the ANU scholarships website. The application is submitted on the prescribed electronic form and supporting documentation uploaded as indicated.

Alternatively, applicants may send their application form and supporting documents by e-mail prior to the closing date to [cap.student@anu.edu.au](mailto:cap.student@anu.edu.au)

#### **5. SELECTION**

Selection is made on the basis of:

- The extent to which an applicant's personal statement demonstrates the personal and professional benefits of their program of study
- Personal circumstances (as outlined in the personal statement)
- Previous academic performance and/or relevant prior learning
- The strength of the referee letter/s

The award is offered to a student by a selection committee chaired by the College Associate Dean (Education) which will also include:

- Director, Tjabal Centre, Australian National University
- Manager, Education Services, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific
- 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 College Associate Dean (Education) must approve any requests for deferrals of the award. Subject to approval, the award may be deferred for a maximum of one semester.

#### **8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY**

A recipient of this award is required to enrol in a postgraduate degree program offered by the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific on a full-time or part-time basis.

Recipients are expected to maintain a GPA of 5/7 each semester (with the average being across all courses taken in a particular 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.

An award 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 fails to enrol by the date stated in the letter of offer;
- (e) if a recipient transfers to a program outside of the College;
- (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 & 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 on the recommendation of the Associate Dean (Education).

### **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 accommodation and application forms are available from the University Accommodation Services. 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 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, Education Services  
ANU College of Asia and the Pacific*

*Email: [cap.student@anu.edu.au](mailto: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**

ANU Coursework Scholarship Policy - [https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_007803](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_007803)

ANU Coursework Scholarship Procedure -

[https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_009607](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_009607)

ANU Academic Misconduct Rules - <https://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01785>

ANU Discipline Rules - <https://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01792>