GOWRIE SCHOLARSHIP

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Each year the Trustees may offer awards (normally two in number) known as the Gowrie Scholarships. They derive from a fund that was set up in 1943 to maintain scholarships in perpetual memory of those Australian men and women who gave their lives for their country in the Second World War.

1.2. One of the awarded scholarships will be known as the Gowrie – Patrick Hore-Ruthven Memorial Scholarship, and will be awarded to the top-ranked applicant most representative of the Conditions of Award.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1. The scholarships are open to Australian citizens who are graduates of Australian universities or a recognised institution in Australia, who have completed a Bachelor degree with Honours (AQF Level 8) or equivalent (AQF Level 9 Extended) at a recognised institution in Australia\(^1\).

2.2. In accordance with the Trust Deed, preference will be given to past or present members of the Australian Armed Forces (whether permanent or Reserve) and their lineal descendants (see ‘Definitions’ section).

2.3. Special consideration will also be given to lineal descendants of a member of the Australian Armed Forces who died as a result of any occurrence which happened while serving in the Second World War, subsequent wars or on non-warlike operations (such as peacekeeping or humanitarian operations).

3. BENEFITS & TENURE

3.1. The value of each scholarship will be up to $5,000 per annum.

3.2. The duration of the scholarship will be one year in the first instance. The scholarship will be tenable for up to two years at universities or other recognised research institutions, either in Australia or overseas. Successful applicants are required to re-apply if they are seeking funding for a second year, and include a progress report from their research project supervisor.

3.3. A pro-rata payment may be given for candidates seeking a second year of funding if they have had a significant suspension of studies during their first year of Gowrie scholarship funding.

3.4. The scholarships will commence at the start of the academic year of the university, or other institution, at which (or under the direction of which) the research is to be pursued. Where necessary, the scholarship offer may be made retrospective to that date.

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\(^1\) AQF refers to the Australian Qualifications Framework
4. SELECTION

4.1. The Trust Deed requires that the Trustees, in awarding the scholarships, take into consideration (in addition to educational attainments) the applicant’s character and personality (as expressed in a statement of co-curricular engagement) and their financial means.

4.2. If other requirements are satisfactory, then financial hardship circumstances will be given special consideration. A candidate who considers that their financial position justifies such consideration should present relevant particulars. Such information will be treated as confidential. Relevant particulars may include:

- Assets such as expendable capital, income, assistance expected from other sources such as family and other scholarships and
- Liabilities including tuition fees, accommodation costs, living expenses and other relevant expenses.

4.3. Awards will be decided by the Trustees and all candidates will be advised of the outcome. Candidates may be given limited feedback at the panel’s discretion. No further correspondence will be entered into once an outcome has been announced.

4.4. The panel may also elect a reserve candidate, who will be informed they are the reserve.

5. APPLICATIONS

5.1. Applications must be submitted on the prescribed electronic form by the closing date listed on the ANU Gowrie website.

5.2. Supporting documentation must be sent by email to the contact area by the closing date listed on the ANU Gowrie website.

5.3. Full information must be given for every particular required on the application form. If space is insufficient, a separate statement should be attached.

5.4. Applications from final year students who have not graduated at the time of application will receive consideration provided that they are otherwise eligible.

5.5. Applications, including all supporting documentation, must be submitted as a single PDF document.

5.6. Evidence provided by applicants must be to the satisfaction of the Trustees.

6. DEFINITIONS

6.1. “Australian Armed Forces” includes, but is not limited to, members of the Naval, Military or Air Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia, members of the Royal Australian Nursing Service, the Australian Army Nursing Service, the Royal Australian Air Force Nursing Service, the Women’s Royal Australian Naval Service, the Australian Women’s Army Service, the Australian Army Service, the Australian Army Medical Women’s Service and the Women’s Auxiliary Air Force.

6.2. “Lineal descendants” includes step, adopted and ex-nuptial children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren etc.
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ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER

I _______________________________ (print name) hereby accept the offer of a Gowrie Scholarship on the conditions set out in your letter of _____________ (date) and in the Gowrie Scholarship Conditions of Award (392/2016).

I have read and understood the conditions of the scholarship and agree to be bound by them. I acknowledge that no undertakings regarding the award beyond the terms of this letter and the Conditions of Award are authorised or will be binding on the University unless they are contained in an official letter from The Australian National University.

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Print Name                                      Signature                                     Date