THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

JUDITH WRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

Conditions of Award

1. **Introduction**
   There shall be one scholarship for award each year known as the Judith Wright Scholarship.

2. **Value and duration**
   The value and duration of the scholarship will be set out in the formal scholarship letter of offer.

3. **Timetable for Selection Process**
   It is expected that the selection process will occur annually and the timetable for the process will be determined by the Director of the Jabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre.

4. **Eligibility**
   4.1 The scholarship shall be awarded to an Indigenous female student recommended from a short-list prepared by the Director of the Jabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre, from all eligible students.

   4.2 Assessment of the scholarship will take into account the academic achievement of the students in their first year courses.

   4.3 Unless otherwise approved by the Chair of the University Awards Committee, the selected student will be enrolled in the second year of undergraduate study at the University.

   4.4 The selected student must have successfully completed the standard full-time first year of study at the University in a program leading to the award of a bachelor’s degree. That study may have been undertaken on a full-time or part-time basis.

5. **Application**
   No formal application is required as all eligible candidates will be considered for the scholarship.

6. **Selection**
   6.1 If, in any year, there is no female student who meets the selection criteria, the scholarship may be awarded to a male student.

   6.2 In any year, the selection process may include an interview of one or more of the short-listed candidates. The interviewing panel may include, but is not restricted to, the Director of the Jabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre (or nominee) as Chair, the Director of the National Centre for Indigenous Studies (or nominee), and a member of academic staff who has an interest in and an active knowledge about higher education for Indigenous students.
The Chair may invite other members of academic or general staff of the University who have an interest in Indigenous education to sit on the interviewing panel.

6.3 If, in any year, there are no students who meet the requirements as set out above, the scholarship in that year shall not be awarded.

6.4 The recommendation of the Director of the Jabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre will be considered for approval by the Chair of the University Awards Committee.

7. Concurrent holding of scholarships
The Chair of the University Awards Committee, acting if necessary on the advice of the Director of the Jabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre, will determine whether the scholar may concurrently hold any other scholarship or award, whether awarded by the University or not.

8. Enrolment
The selected student, unless otherwise approved by the Chair of the University Awards Committee, must be enrolled and remain enrolled on a full-time basis during the tenure of the scholarship. The academic program may be a single or combined program.

9. Commencement
Commencement of the scholarship shall be outlined in the formal scholarship letter of offer.

10. Deferment
The scholarship may not be deferred. If the scholarship is not taken up in the year it is offered, the student forfeits the right to the scholarship in that year.

11. Level of Performance
11.1 Assessment of academic achievement will be made each semester. The scholar is expected to satisfactorily complete all enrolled courses each semester.

11.2 If the scholar does not complete all enrolled courses satisfactorily the scholar may be permitted to retain the scholarship and enrol in the following semester on a part-time basis, subject to the information available to the Chair of the University Awards. In such a case the scholarship payment for that semester will be on a pro-rata basis.

11.3 If the scholar withdraws from or fails all the courses the scholarship may be terminated. The Chair of the University Awards Committee, taking into account information available, will determine whether part or the entire scholarship instalment for the relevant semester may be requested to be repaid.

12. Termination
12.1 The scholarship shall terminate at the conclusion of its tenure as set out in the formal scholarship letter of offer or on the date on which the scholar ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences, whichever is the earlier.
12.2 The University may terminate the scholarship before this time if the scholar does not fulfil his or her obligations or if, in the opinion of the Chair of the University Awards Committee, acting on the advice of the Director of the Jabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre, satisfactory academic progress is not being made by the scholar.

13. **Publicity**

It is anticipated that Judith Wright Scholarship holders may be requested to participate in publicity of the scholarship from time to time. This may include publicity in the state or territory of residence of schooling. Scholars may be contacted for an interview and photograph. Arrangements for such publicity will be coordinated through the Jabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre.

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