1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the National Security College (“the College”) may award a partial tuition scholarship known as the National Security College Entry Scholarship for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Students (“the Scholarship”).

The Scholarship is available to an eligible student (“the scholar”) from an Indigenous community who receives an offer of admission to a Master of National Security Policy or Master of National Security Policy (Advanced), and is seeking admission for the first time. The award is competitive, and is based on academic merit.

The Scholarship will normally be offered in first semester; however, if not taken up, the College may offer a Scholarship in the second semester of that year.

2. VALUE

The Scholarship covers the full domestic tuition fee for up to 50 per cent of College courses required to complete the program.

The Scholarship does not cover any necessary admissions and deposit fees, the payment of reading and study materials, living expenses, accommodation or any other costs associated with studying.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The Scholarship shall be available to an applicant who:

- Is of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent
- Has completed a Bachelor’s degree
- Has been offered admission to the Master of National Security Policy or Master of National Security Policy (Advanced)
- Is not the recipient of a College sponsored place.
4. **APPLICATION**

There will be a call for applications at least once each year by the National Security College. Applicants must provide:

- A statutory declaration or Confirmation of Aboriginality and/or Torres Strait Islander Descent Form
- A statement of aims of no more than 500 words to support their application
- A current Curriculum Vitae of no more than 3 pages
- Two (2) academic written references.

5. **SELECTION**

A Selection Committee will be appointed, including at least one Indigenous academic staff member of the University, and will make a recommendation for the award of this Scholarship based on academic merit. The committee will consider excellence in academic achievement as the key criterion in making its decision. Consideration may also be given to any other factors, such as prior work experience, which the Selection Committee considers to be appropriate and in line with the College’s strategic direction and priorities. For students in employment, the Committee may seek confirmation of employer support for the study.

The Scholarship shall not be awarded if, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, there is no candidate of sufficient merit. The College reserves the right to make no awards in a given year, to vary the number of awards or to make an award/s at other times in exceptional circumstances as determined by the Head of the College (or nominee). The College reserves the right to revise the awards from time to time.

6. **CONCURRENT HOLDING OF OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS**

A scholar must obtain permission from the Head of the College (or nominee) to hold any other type of award or scholarship concurrently with a National Security College Entry Scholarship.

Failure to declare and obtain permission to hold another award or scholarship may result in the scholar being required to refund the Scholarship to the College, as determined by the Head of the College (or nominee).

7. **CANDIDATURE**

The scholar will be required to be enrolled either full time or part time in the Master of National Security Policy or Master of National Security Policy (Advanced) in the year of the award. The Scholar must remain enrolled in this program for the full duration of their Scholarship.
8 **COMMENCEMENT & DEFERRAL**

The Scholar is expected to take up the Scholarship in the semester for which it is offered. The Scholarship will normally be offered in first semester; however, if not taken up, the College may offer a Scholarship in the second semester of that year.

The scholarship may not be deferred for more than one semester.

9. **SCHOLARSHIP DURATION**

The scholarship is available for the duration of the program subject to satisfactory academic progress and continued enrolment in the Master of National Security Policy or Master of National Security Policy (Advanced).

10. **ATTENDANCE**

The scholar is expected to be in attendance at the University at the commencement of the teaching period of admission, and to remain enrolled during the University teaching periods or semesters. If a scholar is absent from the University for an extended period of time through illness or for any other reason, approval must have been sought and obtained from the College for ‘program leave’ from the Program. It is also essential that the Head of the College (or nominee) be notified and, where relevant, approval for suspension of the Scholarship sought.

11. **LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE**

The scholar is expected to achieve at least 70% in each compulsory course undertaken as part of the degree program, and acceptable results in other courses in the tenure of the award in order for the Scholarship to be continued in the following semester of study. If this academic progress standard is not met, the College will terminate the Scholarship.

In the event the minimum standard of performance is not met, the scholar may appeal to the Head of the College (or nominee) to discuss continuation of the Scholarship.

12. **TERMINATION AND WITHDRAWAL FROM PROGRAM**

The Scholarship will terminate once the scholar has received support for 50 per cent of the courses required for the program to be completed or on the date on which the scholar ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences, whichever is the earlier.

The University may terminate the Scholarship before this time if the scholar does not fulfil his/her obligations or meet the required level of performance. This determination will be made by the Head of the College (or nominee).
13. **TAXATION**

   It is the scholar’s responsibility to determine the taxation implications of the award, if any, which apply to his/her individual circumstances.

14. **ACCOMMODATION**

   It is the scholar’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://accom.anu.edu.au

15. **PUBLICITY**

   It is anticipated that scholars 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 or of schooling, or overseas.

   On occasions, the scholar may be contacted by the College to participate in activities including, but not limited to, an interview, a photograph, and a formal Scholarship presentation ceremony. The College may also request written responses from the scholar which can include, but is not limited to, a summary of basic profile information and descriptions of University experiences.

   The University may publicise the Scholarship by publishing the names of the scholars. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the National Security College.

16. **CONTACT WITH THE COLLEGE**

   All enquiries regarding the scholarship and changes, deferment and further information after acceptance should be made to:

   Academic Program Coordinator
   National Security College
   1 Lennox Crossing
   Australian National University
   Acton ACT 2601
   Phone: +61 2 6125 6131
   Email: national.security.college@anu.edu.au

17. **UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS**

   The scholar is subject to The Australian National University Act 1991 as amended, and to the Statutes, Rules, Regulations and Resolutions of the University.

18. **DISCLAIMER**

   The award does not carry any commitment by the University for future employment.
DO NOT DETACH

The Head
National Security College
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Acton ACT 2601 Australia

I hereby accept the offer of the National Security College Entry Scholarship for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Students for Master of National Security Policy / Master of National Security Policy (Advanced) on the conditions set out in the Conditions of Award. I acknowledge that no undertakings regarding the scholarship beyond the terms of the letter and these conditions are authorised or will be binding on the University unless they are contained in an official letter from the Head, National Security College and Registrar, Division of Registrar & Student Services.

SIGNED: ............................................................... DATE:...........................................

FULL NAME: .................................................................................................... (Please print)

Please return one complete signed copy of the conditions of award by ------------ to:

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