INTRODUCTION
1.1 There shall be a number of scholarships for award each year known as the Nugget Coombs Indigenous Australian Scholarships.
1.2 The scholarships are intended to assist undergraduate and graduate Indigenous students of the University to undertake fieldwork and research, preferably in Northern Australia.

VALUE & TENURE
2.1 The maximum value of each scholarship shall be determined each year by the Selection Committee and will be set out in the scholarship offer letter.
2.2 The fieldwork projects will be of short duration between two and four weeks or as negotiated with the Selection Committee.
2.3 If, in any year, advice has been received that the fund will not support the scholarships for that year, applications will not be requested in that year.

ELIGIBILITY, APPLICATION & SELECTION
3.1 Applicants must be Indigenous Australians.
3.2 The successful applicants must be enrolled as either undergraduate or graduate students of the Australian National University.
3.3 The scholarships shall be awarded by the Selection Committee on the basis of:
   - the academic value of the applicant’s project;
   - the academic record of the applicant;
   - the money available in the fund in any year;
   - the availability of appropriate supervision;
   - the names of two academic referees.
3.4 An application for the scholarship must include detailed information about the proposed project, the requested amount of financial support, the names of two academic referees who may be contacted regarding your application, and other information as set out from time to time by the Selection Committee.
3.5 It is the intention of the University that, as far as possible, at least two scholarships be offered each year and that one scholarship shall be for an undergraduate student and one for a graduate student.
3.6 A scholarship will not be awarded if in the opinion of the Selection Committee, there is no applicant of sufficient merit.

ELECTION COMMITTEE
The scholarships shall be awarded on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the Tjabal Centre, or nominee as Chair; the Director of the National Centre for Indigenous Studies (NCIS) or nominee and an academic staff member with knowledge of and an interest in indigenous education, nominated by the Selection Committee Chair.
5 CONCURRENT HOLDING OF OTHER AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The successful applicant may concurrently hold other scholarships, but must give details about the nature and value of the other scholarships in the application.

6 DEFERRAL & TERMINATION

6.1 A Nugget Coombs Indigenous Australian Scholarship may not be deferred. If it is not taken up within the calendar year in which it is offered, the scholarship will lapse.

6.2 The scholarship shall terminate at the conclusion of its tenure as set out in the scholarship offer letter or on the date on which the scholar ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences, whichever is the earlier.

6.2 If a successful applicant withdraws from the enrolled program before completion of the scholarship:
   (a) the scholarship must be surrendered; and
   (b) the Selection Committee may request that part or all of the scholarship money be repaid.

7 OTHER

7.1 It is expected that applications will be called annually. The timetable for advertisement will be determined by the Head of the Tjabal Centre.

7.2 The scholarship shall be payable in a way determined by the Selection Committee which will be outlined in the scholarship offer letter.

7.3 It is expected that a Nugget Coombs Indigenous Australian Scholarship holder will, on the completion of the project, provide the Head of the Tjabal Centre with a short report on the project and give a brief account of how the scholarship money has been used.