1. **INTRODUCTION**

There shall be a scholarship for award each year which shall be known as the Robert O’Neill Scholarship. The scholarship aims to support a student/s undertaking a 3 month internship with the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)-Asia office in Singapore.

While undertaking the internship, Robert O’Neill Scholarship recipients will work on completing a piece of Asian strategic/security-related research proposed in their initial application for the scholarship. This 7000-8000 word piece of research will be submitted to Strategic and Defence Studies Centre (SDSC) for grading on return at ANU and will be produced with a view to publication in a reputable academic journal/monograph series.

2. **VALUE**

Each scholarship will consist of a $5,000 stipend intended to assist with accommodation and living expenses in Singapore, tuition fees for the 24 unit Strategic Studies Internship, plus Canberra-Singapore [or equivalent] return economy class flights. The living stipend will be reviewed regularly to account for inflation and currency fluctuations. The scholarship value shall be outlined in the Scholarship Offer letter.

Up to two Robert O’Neill scholarships may be awarded in any year. Only one Robert O’Neill scholarship recipient will be able to undertake their internship with the IISS-Asia office at any given time.

3. **ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible to apply applicants must be enrolled in a Masters program with SDSC and have completed at least 24 units of coursework in that program. In order to take up the internship they must have completed 48 units of coursework and be enrolled in the Master of Strategic Studies Advanced program. To enrol in the Master of Strategic Studies Advanced[SS] program students must obtain a 70 per cent weighted average in the 48 units of coursework, including at least a grade of 75 per cent in each of the two core courses or their equivalents in order to continue onto the internship component of the MASS.

4. **APPLICATION**

Applications shall be called for each year with a closing date as set by the Head of the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre. The application shall be submitted in the form of a letter to the Head, Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, setting out the candidates’ academic achievements, potential to contribute to the field of Asian strategy/security, and a proposed research program. Preference will be given to candidates with demonstrated interest and expertise in Asian strategy and/or security.

Applicants should include in their application their preference for when they intend to take up the internship if they are successful. They should also provide the name and contact details of two academic references. The Head of the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre shall then determine, in any year, whether academic references shall be contacted.
5. **SELECTION**

Selection will be made by mutual agreement between the Head of the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre and the Executive Director of the IISS-Asia office on the basis of a shortlist provided by the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre. That shortlist will be determined by a Committee appointed by the Head of the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, of which the Head must be a member.

The successful candidate will be selected on the basis of academic performance and promise, the student’s potential contribution to the field of Asian strategy/security studies, and the proposed research topic. Preference will be given to candidates with demonstrated interest and expertise in Asian strategic and security issues.

The scholarship shall not be awarded in any year if, in the opinion of the Committee and/or the Head of the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre and the Executive Director of the IISS-Asia office, there is no applicant of sufficient merit.

6. **RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RECIPIENT**

Robert O’Neill scholarship recipients must:

(a) meet the requirements and successfully obtain a ‘Training Employment Pass’ from the Singapore Ministry of Manpower prior to commencing their internship

(b) find their own accommodation in Singapore

(c) successfully complete the requirements of the Strategic Studies Internship including a 7,000-8,000 word research report developed in advance of commencing the internship and completed during the period thereof

(d) complete all associated assessment of the Strategic Studies Internship including a 2,000 word formal research proposal, a 3,000 word mid-term report, and an oral presentation summarising the key findings of the research report

(e) assist with a range of IISS/IISS Asia office research and activities

7. **PAYMENT**

The scholarship shall be payable in one lump sum payment, to be made prior to departure to Singapore. Payment will be made in electronic form to a nominated transaction account with an Australian bank. Tuition fees will be covered prior to the course census date in a fee transfer agreement between SDSC and the ANU Fees Office. Return Canberra-Singapore [or equivalent] economy class flights will be booked for Robert O’Neill recipients by the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre.

8. **DURATION**

Each scholarship will cover a three-month internship at the IISS-Asia office in Singapore and must be taken up within twelve months of its award. If the recipient is unable to take up the internship for which the scholarship was awarded by the specified time, the Head of the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre has the discretion to approve that:

(a) under exceptional circumstances the funds be held over until the original recipient is able to take up the internship; or

(b) the funds be recouped, and awarded to another applicant from the original application group; or

(c) another round of applications be advertised.
9. COMMENCEMENT
The scholarship commencement will be outlined in the Scholarship Offer letter.

10. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS
This scholarship may be held concurrently with other scholarships, grants or bursaries.

11. TERMINATION
If the recipient withdraws from the Internship during the travel period, or the internship is cancelled by the IISS, the Head of the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre will determine whether any or all of the Scholarship should be repaid by the recipient.

12. TAXATION
Scholars are responsible for seeking taxation advice regarding their own individual circumstances. We suggest you consult your financial adviser or contact the Australian Taxation Office on 13 28 66. The ATO now provides a scholarship taxation calculator to assist you with the assessment.

13. PUBLICITY
It is anticipated that scholars may be requested to participate in publicity of the Scholarship from time to time.

On occasions, the scholar may be contacted by the College / School to participate in activities including, but not limited to, an interview, a photograph, and a formal Scholarship presentation ceremony. The College / School 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 Program Administrator, Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific at the Australian National University.

14. CONTACT AT COLLEGE
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15. 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.

16. DISCLAIMER
The award does not carry any commitment by the University for future employment.