1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the Asia Pacific College of Diplomacy (APCD) may award one scholarship known as the Ruth Dobson Scholarship (“the Scholarship”).

The Scholarship is highly competitive and available for one international student (“the scholar”) who is applying for admission to the Master of Diplomacy program offered by the APCD.

This scholarship will be awarded to a student from Latin America, Europe, Asia, North America and the Middle East and is not open to students who are eligible for an Australia Award Scholarship or in receipt of other scholarships.

2. VALUE

The Scholarship provides a tuition fee sponsorship for 24 units of compulsory or core diplomacy courses in the Master of Diplomacy program offered by the APCD. For example, APCD may sponsor students for their first semester but the students will be responsible for their second semester and any other fees after that.

Please note that the Scholarship does not cover any application and deposit fee, the Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) premium, fare to and from Australia, the payment of reading and study materials, living expenses, accommodation or any other costs associated with studying.

3. SCHOLARSHIP DURATION

The partial scholarship will normally apply only in the first semester of the Master of Diplomacy program.

4. ELIGIBILITY

The Scholarship is available to an applicant who:

(a) Is an international student as defined under the terms of the Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000.

(b) Has received an offer of admission by the APCD to commence the Master of Diplomacy program in the teaching period for which they are applying for this award.

(c) Will commence the Master’s degree within the APCD for the first time and remain a full-time student.

(d) Is a citizen of a country in Latin America, Europe, Asia, North America or the Middle East; and

(e) is not eligible for an Australia Award Scholarship or in receipt of another scholarship/s.
5. APPLICATION

When applying for the Masters by coursework program offered by the APCD, eligible applicants for the Scholarship should submit the following:

- A cover letter indicating their interest in being considered for the scholarship and making the case for being granted one
- A copy of your academic transcript/s
- A current Curriculum Vitae
- Two academic written references (or arrange to have these sent on your behalf to arrive by the closing date)

The above documents should be submitted to the Director of Studies as outlined in Section 15 of this document. These, together with the application for the program (made online), will be considered as the full application for the scholarship.

The closing dates for applications are 30 October each year for commencement in the following semester.

6. SELECTION

A Selection Committee will be appointed and will make a recommendation for the award of this scholarship based primarily on academic merit. The Selection Committee will consider all nominations and select a scholar in order of academic merit based on achievements in their past studies.

Selection will be made by a Committee appointed by the Director of the APCD. The Committee must include the Director of the APCD and the APCD Director of Studies.

The Ruth Dobson Scholarship Committee expects to notify applicants of the outcome by November.

The Scholarship shall not be awarded if, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, there is no candidate of sufficient merit. The APCD reserves the right to make no awards in a given year, to vary the number of awards or to make an award at other times in exceptional circumstances as determined by the APCD Director of Studies. The APCD reserves the right to revise the award at any time.

7. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS

Scholars must submit a written request to the Director of the APCD to hold any other scholarships or awards concurrently with the Ruth Dobson Scholarship.

Failure to declare holding another award or scholarship may result in the scholar being required to refund the Scholarship to the College, as determined by the Director of the APCD.

8. COMMENCEMENT & DEFERRAL

Successful applicants are normally expected to take up their award offer in the semester for which it was offered. The Scholarship will commence from the first day of the first teaching period the scholar is enrolled in during the academic year for which it is offered.

Any requests for deferrals of the Scholarship must be approved by the APCD Director of Studies.
9. ATTENDANCE
The scholar will be required to enrol full-time in the Master of Diplomacy program offered by the APCD for the semester during which the offer was made. The Scholar must remain enrolled in this program for the full duration of their Scholarship.

The scholar is expected to be in attendance at the University at the commencement of the first teaching period and to remain enrolled full-time. If a scholar is absent from the University for an extended period of time through illness or for any other reason, notification must be given immediately to the Director of Studies.

10. LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE
Scholars are required to perform at a satisfactory academic level in order to retain their scholarship.

11. TERMINATION AND REPAYMENT
The Scholarship will be terminated:
(a) if the scholar fails to enrol in the Master of Diplomacy program offered by the APCD by the date stated in the scholar's letter of offer;
(b) if the scholarship holder transfers to any other ANU coursework program;
(c) at the conclusion of 24 units of compulsory or core diplomacy courses completed as part of the Master of Diplomacy;
(d) if the scholar becomes a permanent resident of Australia. In this situation the scholarship will cease at the end of the semester in which they receive permanent resident status;
(e) If the scholar is involved in any form of misconduct as defined under ANU Policy; or
(f) on the date on which the scholar ceases to attend the ANU other than for approved absences, whichever is the earlier.

The University may terminate the Scholarship before this time if the scholar does not fulfil their obligations or meet the required level of performance. This determination will be made by the Director of the APCD (or nominee).

If at any time the Scholarship is suspended or terminated, the Scholarship Committee will take into account the information available and determine whether any repayment of scholarship monies is payable.

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

13. ACCOMMODATION
It is the scholar’s responsibility to obtain residential accommodation. Information on student accommodation and an application form is available from the University Accommodation Services. Information may be found on the Web at: http://www.anu.edu.au/study/accommodation
14. 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 country of residence.

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

The University may publicise the Scholarship by publishing the names of the scholars. This will be organised through the APCD.

15. CONTACT WITH THE COLLEGE

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16. 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

17. DISCLAIMER

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