THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, BIOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT
FENNER SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY

SNOWY RIVER SHIRE SCHOLARSHIP

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1 INTRODUCTION

There shall be a scholarship for Honours Year or Master students (meeting the eligibility requirements specified below) known as the Snowy River Shire Scholarship (“the scholarship”).

The purpose of the scholarship is to enable student researchers and practitioners to undertake quality research applying community-based social marketing to the field of noxious weed control in Snowy River Shire.

The number of scholarships available will be determined annually by the Director.

2 BENEFITS

The value of the scholarship, minimum value $5000, will be set out in the formal scholarship letter of offer. The scholarship is to be held for two consecutive academic semesters and paid in two equal installments, unless otherwise stated in the formal scholarship offer letter or recommended by the Director of the Fenner School of Environment and Society.

The scholar is responsible for making payment of all his/her tuition fees by the prescribed date as set out by the University each session/semester. Scholars are responsible for the costs of books, study materials, accommodation and all other costs of study.

3 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The scholarship shall be available for award each year to students who:

(a) either

(i) have been successful in gaining entry into the Honours year of a program of study through the Fenner School of Environment and Society, or

(ii) are enrolled in a Master degree program through the Fenner School of Environment and Society that includes a minimum 24 units of research and have commenced the eligible research project at the time of submitting their scholarship application;

and

(b) have an excellent academic record;

(c) are intending to undertake research in areas pertaining to the application of community-based social marketing to noxious weed control in Snowy River Shire;

(d) have identified a suitable academic supervisor who has agreed to supervise the project.

3.2 Scholars changing their project and/or supervisor within the Fenner School of Environment and Society may continue to receive their scholarship subject to approval by the Director if the revised research is within the definition at 1.2 above. Scholars transferring outside a relevant area of study or the Fenner School of Environment and Society will surrender the scholarship.
4 APPLICATION

Applications must include:

(a) a statement of no more than one page in length describing the intended research, its relevance to the application of community-based social marketing to noxious weed control, and the motivation for undertaking research on this topic

(b) the applicant's academic record

(c) names and contact details for the applicant’s identified supervisor/s

(d) names and contact details for two academic referees familiar with the applicant’s work.

Applications should be addressed to the Fenner School Honours Convener (fennerschool-hpc@anu.edu.au)

5 SELECTION

5.1 The scholarship shall be awarded by the Director of the Fenner School of Environment and Society in discussion with the School Executive, and on the advice of the Associate Director (Science Education) and Honours Convener.

5.2 The following criteria will be taken into account when making a decision:

(a) candidate’s academic record

(b) relevance of candidate’s research proposal to that outlined in section 3.1(c)

(c) availability of suitable supervision.

5.3 In any year the Director of the Fenner School of Environment and Society shall make the final determination as to whether an application is eligible for consideration.

5.4 In any year, a scholarship shall not be awarded when, in the opinion of the Director of the Fenner School of Environment and Society, there is no applicant of sufficient merit.

5.5 The scholarships are for individuals only and shall not be shared.

6 CONCURRENT HOLDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholars may be given permission to hold concurrently another scholarship/award where both scholarship conditions of award allow. Scholars must submit a request to hold this scholarship concurrently with another award in writing to the Director of the Fenner School of Environment and Society for consideration.

7 DEFERMENT

The scholarship may not be deferred, unless otherwise approved by the Director of the Fenner School of Environment and Society.

8 COMMENCEMENT

The scholarship commencement date shall be outlined in the formal scholarship letter of offer. The scholarship payments will not commence until either the scholar is enrolled in the Honours year of a program of study in the Fenner School of Environment and Society, or the Master student is enrolled in the Fenner School of Environment and Society dissertation/research project course that is appropriate for the Master degree.
9 ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A scholar will normally be required to enroll in a full-time load of 24 units per semester. A scholar may request permission from the Director of the Fenner School of Environment and Society to hold the scholarship on a part-time basis. In such a case scholarship payments will be made on a pro-rata basis. The scholar must submit a request in writing to the Director for consideration.

In order to receive the second payment of the scholarship the scholar must demonstrate appropriate academic achievement in the first semester of the scholarship. The determination will be made by the Director of the Fenner School of Environment and Society on the advice of the Honours Convener and/or Postgraduate Coursework Convener, as appropriate.

10 SCHOLARSHIP CESSATION

The Scholarship shall cease at the conclusion of the period outlined in section 2, or on the date on which the scholar ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences, whichever is the earlier. The scholarship shall be surrendered if the scholar fails to enroll as required by section 8, changes to part-time enrolment without permission, changes their program or course without permission, or withdraws from their program or course while holding the scholarship.

11 REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

Subject to the information available at the time, the Dean of the College of Medicine Biology and Environment may request that the scholarship installment for the semester in which the enrolment change or withdrawal occurs be refunded in part or in full.

12 ACCOMMODATION

It is the scholar’s responsibility to obtain residential accommodation for the duration of their program if required. Information on student accommodation and application forms are available from the University Accommodation Services. Information may be found on the Web at: http://www.anu.edu.au/study/accommodation

13 TAXATION

Scholars are responsible for seeking taxation advice regarding their individual circumstances.

14 PUBLICITY

The scholarship holder may be requested by the University to participate in publicity for the scholarship from time to time. This may include publicity in the state or territory of residence or of schooling. Scholars may be contacted for an interview and photograph. The University may also publicise the scholarship by publishing the name of the Scholar. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the Fenner School of Environment and Society or the Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University.

15 DISCLAIMER

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

The award of a scholarship does not imply any commitment by the University for future employment.