WESTPAC ASIAN EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

These conditions of award are to be used in conjunction with any scholarship guidelines, agreement or terms and conditions provided to the scholar by The Westpac Bicentennial Foundation for the purpose of this scholarship.

1. INTRODUCTION

On 2 April 2014, Westpac launched the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation, a $100 million charitable fund with a focus on identifying, educating and promoting future generations of Australian leaders who will shape our nation. Australia’s largest ever private education scholarship fund, the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation will back the young minds, visionaries and community champions who can lead Australia in the way we progress technology, social issues, business innovation and our standing in Asia.

The Westpac Asian Exchange Scholarship supports students who are interested in Asia, and want to actively contribute to Australia’s success in Asia in their chosen field. The scholarship enables undergraduate students to spend up to two semesters studying at a leading Asian University in Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong or Singapore, provided the Australian National University (ANU) has an exchange agreement in place. Scholarship recipients will have the opportunity to individualise their exchange experience and embark on culturally immersive experiences throughout Asia.

The scholarship also features a 10 month bespoke Leadership Development Program, including four or five days in an Asian city to further develop cultural intelligence, extend networks and strengthen targeted leadership capabilities for a globalised world. Support will also be provided through in-country Westpac Buddies, and the opportunity to be a lifetime member of the Westpac 100 Scholars Network.

2. BENEFITS

The duration of the Scholarship is one or two semesters of an Asian exchange.

The value of the Scholarship will be stated in your letter of offer and published on the Westpac Asian Exchange Scholarship web page on the ANU website. The Scholarship will be paid to the student by the ANU in one instalment prior to the commencement of Semester Two.

Other benefits are as described on the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation Asian Exchange web page, in the Westpac Asian Exchange Scholarship Guidelines and in any other conditions provided by the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation.

The recipient is responsible for making payment of all tuition fees by the prescribed date as set out by the University each session. Recipients of this award are responsible for the costs of books, study materials, accommodation and all other costs of study.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The Scholarship is available each year to a continuing ANU student who:

a) is an Australian citizen or Australian Permanent Resident;
b) is enrolled full-time in an undergraduate degree program at the Australian National University;
c) has completed a minimum of 48 units of their undergraduate (single or double) degree;
d) is performing at or above a credit average at the time of application;
e) has applied or has been accepted (but not yet commenced) to undertake a one or two semester exchange program at a university in Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong or Singapore, provided the ANU has an agreement in place;
f) has an interest in enhancing Australia’s relationship with Asia; and
g) does not hold or intend to hold another merit-based scholarship for the purpose of tertiary study in Asia.

4. **APPLICATION**

Applications are called for with a closing date as set by the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation, and published on the Westpac Asian Exchange Scholarship web page on the ANU website, and the Westpac Asian Exchange Scholarship web page on the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation website.

The application process is outlined in the Westpac Asian Exchange Scholarship Guidelines published on the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation website.

5. **SELECTION**

The selection process for awarding an Asian Exchange Scholarship is outlined:

- On the Westpac Asian Exchange Scholarship web page on the ANU website;
- In the Westpac Asian Exchange Scholarship Guidelines (found on the Westpac Asian Exchange web page on the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation website).

6. **CONCURRENT HOLDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS OR SCHOLARSHIPS**

A recipient of the Westpac Asian Exchange Scholarship is not permitted to hold or intend to hold another merit based scholarship for the purpose of tertiary study in Asia. Where a student has been offered an equity based scholarship, the University may, at its discretion, approve the additional scholarship.

Failure to declare and obtain permission to hold another merit based award or scholarship may result in the recipient being required to refund a payment or payments to the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation, as determined by the University and the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation.

7. **DEFERMENT**

The scholarship cannot be deferred.

8. **ONGOING ELIGIBILITY**

A recipient of this scholarship is required to remain enrolled in a full-time load of 24 units per semester.
Recipients are expected to maintain a credit average each semester (with the average being taken across all courses taken in a particular semester).

If the recipient is unable to achieve the required average in any semester, a formal warning is sent.

If the recipient does not meet the required average in a subsequent semester they risk having their award suspended or terminated.

A recipient is given the opportunity to explain their performance and how their performance can be remedied before a decision on the suspension or termination of an award is made.

9. SCHOLAR RESPONSIBILITIES

Scholars are required to:

a) at their own expense obtain (and maintain for any period(s) not covered by a university insurance policy e.g. during volunteering, internships, personal travel etc) travel insurance with a reputable insurer that will, at a minimum cover:

   i. overseas emergency medical and hospital expenses;
   ii. overseas emergency medical assistance;
   iii. personal liability;
   iv. permanent disability;
   v. accidental death;
   vi. theft of luggage and personal effects;
   vii. cancellation fees and lost deposits; and

provide evidence of the currency of that insurance as requested by the University from time to time.

b) locate flights, accommodation and arrangements in direct relation to the exchange and Leadership Development Program.

10. CESSATION OF AWARD

In accepting this scholarship, the Scholar understands and accepts the responsibility of being a good and exemplary “ambassador” of the University and the Westpac Scholars program. In the event the University considers the scholar’s conduct inappropriate the scholarship may, at the University’s discretion, be terminated and no further moneys shall be payable, and the Scholar will be required to reimburse the University for scholarship payments already made.

Failure to meet any conditions of this scholarship may, at the University’s discretion result in the student being responsible to repay the University monies received in relation to this scholarship.

11. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

Subject to the information available at the time, the University and the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation may request that the payment for the semester in which the breach of conditions or withdrawal occurs be refunded in part or in full.

12. PROVIDING FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION

The awarding of a scholarship/grant is based on the information provided to the University. An award may be withdrawn at any stage if incorrect, false, or misleading information is provided or
relevant information is withheld. This includes circumstances where the false information is unrelated to the assessment in awarding the scholarship/grant.
13. **VARIATIONS TO CONDITIONS OF AWARD**

In exceptional circumstances and on a case-by-case basis section 6 and/or 7 of these conditions of award may be varied by the University and the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation.

14. **TAXATION & CENTRELINK**

Recipients are responsible for seeking taxation and Centrelink advice regarding their own individual circumstances. Scholarships/grants may be regarded as taxable income if a recipient is enrolled on a part-time basis.

For information on how your award may affect your Centrelink benefits, see this website [http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enablers/income/](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enablers/income/)

15. **ACCOMMODATION**

It is the recipient’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://www.anu.edu.au/study/accommodation](http://www.anu.edu.au/study/accommodation)

16. **PUBLICITY**

The recipient may be requested to participate in publicity for the award from time to time. This may include publicity in the state or territory of residence or of schooling. Recipients may be contacted for an interview and photograph. The University may also publicise the award by publishing the names of the recipients. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University.

17. **CONTACT**

All enquiries regarding the award and changes, issues, or further information after acceptance should be made to:

*ANU Global Programs*

*Division of Student Administration*

*Unit 1/25 Childers Street*

*The Australian National University*

*Canberra ACTON 2601*

*Australia*

*Phone: +61 (2) 6125 7857*

*Email: [outbound.global@anu.edu.au](mailto:outbound.global@anu.edu.au)*

18. **DISCLAIMER**

The recipient of this award 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/grant does not carry any commitment by the University for future employment.

These conditions of award should be read in conjunction with the University’s Coursework Scholarships Policy & Procedures available from the ANU website.
The Scholar understands that the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation has facilitated the award of the scholarship to the student by providing funding to the University.

The Scholar agrees that under no circumstances will the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation, Westpac Banking Corporation or any of their related entities be liable or responsible for any loss or damage incurred by the Scholar in relation to the Scholarship including (without limitation) any loss or damage incurred by activities pursued in connection with utilising the scholarship.

The award of a Scholarship does not carry any commitment by Westpac Bicentennial Foundation, Westpac Banking Corporation or any of their related entities, or the ANU or its related entities for future employment.

19. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES


ANU Coursework Scholarship Procedure -
