1. INTRODUCTION

There shall be a scholarship for award each year known as the Ken Wanganeen Scholarship. The focus of the Scholarship is to encourage young Indigenous Australians to develop their leadership skills and aspire to leadership positions in their community.

2. VALUE

The value of the Scholarship will be set out in the formal scholarship letter of offer. The Scholarship shall be paid in one instalment unless otherwise stated in the formal scholarship offer letter.

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

3. ELIGIBILITY

The Scholarship shall be available for award each year to a student who is:

a. an Indigenous Australian; and

b. enrolled in or will be enrolled in a graduate coursework program at the University; or

c. enrolled in or will be enrolled in the Australian National Internships Program.

4. APPLICATION

Applications must be submitted to the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre, by the due date advertised each year.

The application should include:

a. A letter providing evidence that the applicant is, or has the potential to be, a leader in the community; and

b. academic records including all transcripts from all previous tertiary studies; and

c. references from two separate referees which support the application and the applicant’s claims. At least one reference must be academic.

5. SELECTION

The Indigenous Scholarship Committee will make a recommendation for this Scholarship based on:

a. the student meeting all eligibility requirements set out above

b. the letter of application which includes evidence that the applicant is, or has the potential to be, a leader in the community;

b. the academic history of the applicant

d. the references from two referees;

Preference may be given to students applying for or enrolling in the Australian National Internship Program (ANIP)
The Scholarship shall not be awarded if, in the opinion of the Selection committee, there is no candidate that meets the eligibility requirements. The Committee reserves the right to award no Scholarships in a given year, to vary the number of Scholarships or to award a Scholarship/s at other times in exceptional circumstances as determined by the Chair, Indigenous Scholarship Committee (or nominee).

6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS
The scholar must seek permission from the Chair, Indigenous Scholarship Committee (or nominee) to hold any other scholarship or award which is of greater value than the Ken Wanganeen Scholarship. The Chair may seek the advice of the Director of the Tjabal Centre to make this determination.

7. DEFERMENT
The Scholarship may only be deferred in exceptional circumstances. In such a case, the scholar must submit a written request demonstrating exceptional circumstances which will be considered by the Chair, Indigenous Scholarship Committee (or nominee). The Chair may seek the advice of the Director of the Tjabal Centre to make this determination.

8. COMMENCEMENT
The Scholarship commencement date shall be outlined in the formal scholarship letter of offer.

9. TENURE
The Scholarship shall be held for one academic semester, unless otherwise outlined in the formal scholarship offer letter.

10. ENROLMENT
The successful applicant is expected to enrol and remain enrolled on a full-time basis in a postgraduate program of study at the Australian National University.

In exceptional circumstances a student may be given permission by the Chair, Indigenous Scholarship Committee (or nominee) to hold the grant on a part-time basis. In such a case the grant will be made on a pro-rata basis. The student must submit a written request citing the exceptional circumstances which require them to be enrolled on a part-time basis. The maximum duration of the grant remains at one semester irrespective of any change in unit load.

11. TERMINATION
The Scholarship will terminate at the conclusion of the recipient’s enrolment in the semester for which it has been awarded or on the date on which the recipient ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences, whichever is the earlier.

The University may terminate the Award before this time if the recipient does not fulfill their obligations or meet the required level of performance. This determination will be made by the Chair, Indigenous Scholarship Committee (or nominee). If the recipient student changes to part-time enrolment without permission, then the Award may be terminated.

12. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS
The Scholarship instalment for the semester in which the withdrawal occurred or the scholarship was terminated may be requested to be refunded. This determination will be made by the Chair, Indigenous Scholarship Committee (or nominee).

13. TAXATION
Scholars are responsible for seeking taxation advice regarding their own individual circumstances. Scholarships may be taxable if the scholar is enrolled in a part-time load.
14. PUBLICITY

It is anticipated that Ken Wanganeen Scholarship holders may be requested to participate in publicity of the Scholarship from time to time. This may include publicity in the state or territory of residence. Scholars may be contacted for an interview and photograph. The University may also publicise the Scholarship by publishing the names of the scholars. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the Strategic Communications and Public Affairs office of the University.

15. DISCLAIMER

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

The Scholarship has been generously established, in memory of the distinguished Indigenous Australian, Ken Wanganeen. Mr Wanganeen completed his first degree with honours at Flinders University and during his career became Assistant Secretary in the Department of Aboriginal Affairs. He was committed to developing constructive ways of bringing the people of Australia together.