

**THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY**  
**RESEARCH SCHOOL OF EARTH SCIENCES**  
**MERVYN AND KATALIN PATERSON FELLOWSHIP**  
**CONDITIONS OF AWARD**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

The Research School of Earth Sciences offers a fellowship to be known as the Mervyn and Katalin Paterson Fellowship (“the fellowship”). The Fellowship aims to assist students to travel overseas to attend a major international conference or summer school and visit an overseas institution in order to gain valuable research or laboratory experience. Emphasis is on enrichment and diversification of the student’s experience and must be directly relevant to the PhD topic. Funding will be drawn from an endowment from Emeritus Professor Mervyn S. Paterson supported by the University’s Endowment for Excellence.

**2. VALUE**

The value of the fellowship will be outlined in the formal letter of offer.

**3. ELIGIBILITY**

In order to be considered for the fellowship, an applicant must:

- (a) be enrolled full-time in a graduate research program in the Research School of Earth Sciences; and
- (b) have been enrolled in their research program for a minimum of six months

**4. APPLICATION**

Applicants are required to submit a well-defined proposal indicating how the student will benefit from the experience. If the proposal is for time at another institution, the applicant will need to provide evidence of the host institution’s acceptance. Details of any support from the host institution or other sources must also be provided.

Applications should be supported by the student’s supervisor.

**5. SELECTION**

A Selection Committee will be appointed and will make a recommendation for the award of this Fellowship from applications received.

The *Mervyn and Katalin Paterson Fellowship Committee* will comprise of the Associate Director (HDR), RSES (or nominee), plus the Associate Directors (or nominee) with responsibility for the research areas.

The Committee shall select for the Scholarship a person who, in the opinion of the Committee, is at the stage in their Program where their research would be greatly enhanced by their attending a major international conference and visiting an overseas institution.

The Fellowship shall not be awarded if, in the opinion of the Selection committee, there is no candidate of sufficient merit. The School reserves the right to make no awards in a given year, to vary the number of awards or to make an award/s at other times in exceptional circumstances as determined by the Dean of the College (or nominee). The School reserves the right to revise the awards from time to time.

## **6. COMMENCEMENT & DEFERRAL**

Students may not take up the Fellowship until after successful completion of their mid-term review. The Fellowship may not be deferred.

## **7. REPORTING**

On return to ANU, the student will be required to submit a brief report to the Associate Director (HDR) on the activities supported by the Fellowship.

## **8. TERMINATION AND WITHDRAWAL FROM PROGRAM**

If the Fellow withdraws from the University or transfers to any other ANU program offered outside of the Research School of Earth Sciences, then the Fellowship may be terminated and the College Dean (or nominee) may determine that the value of the award should be refunded by the scholar.

The University may also terminate the fellowship if the student does not fulfil their obligations. This determination will be made by the College Dean (or nominee).

## **9. TAXATION**

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

## **10. PUBLICITY**

It is anticipated that scholars may be requested to participate in publicity of the fellowship from time to time. This may include publicity in the state or territory of residence or of schooling.

On occasions, the fellow may be contacted by the College to participate in activities including, but not limited to, an interview, a photograph, and a formal presentation ceremony. The College may also request written responses from the fellow which can include, but is not limited to, a summary of basic profile information, descriptions of University experiences, and a note of appreciation for the Donor who has funded their Fellowship.

The University may publicise the Fellowship by publishing the names of the scholars. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the Communications and External Liaison Office of the University.

## **11. CONTACT WITH THE SCHOOL**

For more information please contact:

Telephone (02) 6125 2056; Email: [student.admin.rses@anu.edu.au](mailto:student.admin.rses@anu.edu.au)

## **12. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS**

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

## **13. DISCLAIMER**

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