AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

THAI ALUMNI PhD SCHOLARSHIP

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. Eligibility

1.1 A Scholarship is awarded on the condition that the scholar is a Thai national whose permanent home is in Thailand and who is admitted to and continues to pursue a full-time program for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy of the Australian National University.

1.2 The Scholarship is awarded on the condition that, during the tenure of the Scholarship, the scholar does not hold another equivalent or major award/scholarship or salary to undertake the proposed program, providing a benefit greater than 75% of the ANU Malaysia Alumni PhD Scholarship stipend.

2. Benefits

2.1 Stipend: The Scholarship provides a stipend, payable fortnightly in arrears, at the rate stated in the letter of offer. At the present time, full-time scholarship benefits are exempt from Australian income tax.

2.2 Tuition fees: In accordance with Australian Government policy, international scholars are required to pay International Student Fees for tuition. The fee for the particular program is set out in the letter of offer. The Scholarship pays the tuition fee for a period of three years in the first instance, however see 3.5.

2.3 Dependant Child Allowance: The Scholarship provides an additional allowance in respect of a dependent child or children, where they accompany the scholar to Canberra. The scholar must apply through the Manager, Fees and Scholarships for the allowance and must advise the Manager immediately if a child ceases to be dependent on the scholar or if the scholar ceases to be an international student.

A dependent child is a child under the age of 16 wholly dependent on the scholar or, if aged between 16 and 24, who is a full-time student and wholly dependent on the scholar.

A scholar who pays maintenance in respect of a child or children may be paid the dependent child(ren) allowance, or the amount of the maintenance payable, whichever is the less.

The dependent child allowance is currently $3,000 per annum for each dependent child.

2.4 Travel and Removal Allowances: Scholarship travel allowances are payable on the condition that the scholar declares to the Manager, Fees and Scholarships, any travel assistance available to the scholar and/or the scholar's spouse from other sources, in which case the University's contribution may be reduced accordingly or not paid.

A scholar who is resident elsewhere in Australia or who is permanently resident outside Australia at the time of application, is eligible to receive the following contributions towards the costs of moving to Canberra to take up the Scholarship:

2.4.1 Fares. Travel expenses up to a maximum amount equivalent to the one way economy class or student airfare by the cheapest and most direct route on a scheduled flight for the scholar, spouse and/or dependent children, on production of receipts.
2.4.2 A scholar intending to travel from another location within Australia to Canberra by car will be reimbursed for the cost of fuel (petrol/diesel/gas) on production of original tax invoice/receipts.

2.4.3 Removal Expenses. A grant towards the costs of removal of belongings to Canberra, of up to $530 per adult, and $262 per child with a maximum of $1,530 per family on production of original tax invoice/receipts.

2.4.4 Dependents. Travel allowances, as set out below, will be paid in respect of a scholar's spouse and dependent children, where they accompany the scholar to Canberra and remain for the greater part of the scholar's program. In other cases, they are payable at the discretion of the Manager, Fees and Scholarships, on application by the scholar. Where a scholar marries after the commencement date of the Scholarship, no travel allowance will be payable in respect of the spouse's journey to Canberra.

Travel allowances for dependents may also be payable in the case of a de facto relationship. A scholar with a de facto partner must complete a Statutory Declaration stating the period of continuous co-habitation to enable eligibility to be assessed by the Manager, Fees and Scholarships.

Insurance, accommodation and meal costs cannot be claimed.

No assistance is payable to a scholar after completion of studies or termination of a Scholarship.

2.5 **Thesis Allowance:** A scholar is eligible to receive an allowance of up to $840 for costs associated with the production of the PhD thesis. The allowance must be claimed in accordance with the Australian National University’s Thesis Allowance Policy. The allowance must be claimed within 12 months of submission of the thesis and no more than 2 years after termination of the scholarship, unless exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. A case outlining the exceptional circumstances must be made before approval for reimbursement can be considered.

3. **Tenure**

3.1 The scholarship must be taken up in Canberra no later than the date specified in the letter of offer, unless another date has, in special circumstances, been determined by the University.

3.2 The duration of a full-time Scholarship will be three years in the first instance or such shorter period as is stated in the letter of offer (subject to 3.3).

3.3 Periods of study already undertaken for the PhD degree will be deducted from the duration of the Scholarship.

3.4 Periods of study undertaken for the PhD degree during suspension of the Scholarship will be deducted from the duration of the Scholarship.

3.5 If eligible, a scholar may apply for an extension of Scholarship by completing the Application for Extension of Scholarship form. The maximum period of extension is six months and an extension may be sought only where the research has been delayed by circumstances beyond the scholar’s control and is related to the research and is not of a personal nature. A further extension of six months may be applied for on the same grounds for the Tuition Fee element of the scholarship only.

3.6 Periods of paid sick leave exceeding ten days and maternity leave are additional to the normal duration of the Scholarship.

4. **Program Leave of Absence**

A scholar who is unable to pursue the academic program for reasons beyond their control, must discuss any proposal to take program leave of absence with the University’s Compliance Officer before lodging a request.
4.1 A scholar whose application for program and Scholarship leave of absence is approved on grounds of personal illness will continue to receive the Scholarship for the period of the program leave of absence, on receipt of a certificate signed by a registered medical practitioner which gives the nature and likely duration of the scholar’s illness and certifies that the scholar is unable to pursue the program because of the illness. The maximum aggregated period for receipt of the Scholarship under this provision cannot exceed 12 weeks within the duration of the scholarship.

4.2 A scholar whose application for program and Scholarship leave of absence is approved for maternity reasons will continue to receive the Scholarship for the period of the leave of absence for up to a maximum aggregate of twelve weeks within the duration of the Scholarship provided the application for program leave of absence is accompanied by a medical certificate indicating the expected date of confinement. Paid maternity leave is not available within the first twelve months of the Scholarship.

4.3 A scholar is entitled to 20 days of paid recreation leave per year calculated on a pro-rata basis. No more than 20 days’ recreation leave may be accrued and leave must be taken during the tenure of the scholarship. A scholar must obtain the supervisor(s)’ agreement before recreation leave is taken.

5. **Termination**

The Scholarship terminates:

- On submission of the thesis for examination; or
- On the expiry date of the Scholarship; or
- On the date on which the scholar ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences,

whichever is the earliest.

However, the University may terminate the Scholarship at any time if the scholar does not fulfil his/her obligations, or if, in the opinion of the University, the scholar is not making satisfactory progress in his/her approved program.

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**ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER**

**THAI ALUMNI PHD SCHOLARSHIP**

I _______________________________(print name) hereby accept the offer of a Thai Alumni PhD Scholarship on the conditions set out in your letter of _____________(date) and in the Thai Alumni PhD Scholarship Conditions of Award (1351/2010).

I have read and understood the conditions of the Scholarship and agree to be bound by them. I acknowledge that no undertakings regarding the award beyond the terms of this letter and the Conditions of Award are authorised or will be binding on the University unless they are contained in an official letter from the Fees and Scholarships Office, Division of Registrar and Student Services.

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