

ANU College of Medicine, Biology & Environment ANU College of Physical Science

Supplementary Application Information Graduate Diploma in Science Communication (6602)

Attach to Local Postgraduate application form and submit by mail to: University Admissions The Australian National University Pauline Griffin Building (#11) CANBERRA ACT 0200 AUSTRALIA Fax: (02) 6125 0751	Enquiries Postgraduate Coursework Advisor: Dr Will J Grant Phone: +61 2 6125 0241 Email: scicomm.gradprog@anu.edu.au ANU Website: http://studyat.anu.edu.au/programs/6602XGDSCM:overview.html
--	--

Closing dates for applications
Commencing February – 31 August

Important:

Please complete sections 1-6 of the Postgraduate Coursework Application for Local Students and submit the forms together.

Candidates must provide the following additional information with their postgraduate coursework application:

1. 2 Referee Reports on forms provided below.
2. A statement of no more than 500 words outlining why you wish to apply for this program and what aspects of science communication interest you most.
3. Complete the following details outlining relevant experience that will support your application for the program and the ANU Questacon Scholarship.

Your contact details	
Name	Address
Telephone no.	Email

Prizes, scholarships or awards gained during your academic career

Have you any experience in the following? Please tick the appropriate box/es and give a brief description.

Acting	Stage	Film	Radio (incl. announcing)	Television
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Public speaking experience

Debating experience

Teaching, lecturing, tutoring

Provide a statement of no more than 500 words outlining why you wish to apply for the program and what aspects of science communication interest you most. Please attach the statement to this form when you submit.

Driver's Licence Declaration

I DO / DO NOT hold (delete one) a current full or P2 driver's licence suitable for driving motor cars. I understand that if I do not have a full or P2 motor vehicle driver's licence which covers the period 1 February 2010 to 13 November 2010, I will not be able to be enrolled in the 2010 Graduate Diploma in Scientific Communication.

Signature	Date:
Please supply the following details of your current driver's licence	
Country in which licence issued	
Class of licence	
Expiry date	
If you are the holder of a Provisional licence, when will you be eligible for a full licence?	

Advertising Survey

We are interested in finding out how you heard about us.

How did you initially find out about the Graduate Diploma in Science Communication?

- A previous or current scholar told me about it
- A friend told me about it
- An academic staff member told me about it
- Advertisement in a newspaper If so, which one?
- Advertisement on the web If so, which website?
- Your website <http://cpas.anu.edu.au/sciencecircus>
- Other website e.g. www.questacon.edu.au If so, which website?
- Seminar at your university If so, which university?
- Poster about the Shell Questacon Science Circus If so where?
- Other Please specify

Thank you for your time

Declaration

To be signed by the applicant.

- I certify that I have read and understood the questions on this form and that the answers are true and correct.
- I understand that the University may vary or cancel any decision made on the basis of incorrect or incomplete information provided by me or my referees.
- If any information is discovered to be untrue or misleading in any respect I consent to the University collecting, storing and disclosing this information to Universities Australia (UA) and UA member institutions, the Australasian Conference of Tertiary Admissions Centres (ACTAC), and any other relevant authority.
- I authorise the University to obtain official records from any institution I have attended.
- I understand that ANU may disclose the personal information I have given in the application to the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) and that DEEWR will collect and store my personal information for use in connection with the Higher Education Information Management System (HEIMS). DEEWR may also disclose the information to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).
- I understand that I am responsible for payment of all tuition fees by the due dates and for my living expenses unless I have been awarded a scholarship or sponsorship, which covers these costs.
- I understand the conditions of the ANU Questacon Scholarship, as described at http://cpas.anu.edu.au/science_circus/scholarship.php
- I understand that international students who are made an offer of admission will be required to provide passport details upon acceptance of offer.

Signed:

Date:

Checklist

Please ensure that you have:

- Completed sections 1-6 of the Postgraduate Application form, signed it and completed the declaration on that form;
- Signed and dated this form;
- Attached all academic transcripts including English translations (certified copies);
- Attached English language test results (certified copies) if appropriate;
- Provided evidence of permanent residency status (if applicable);
- Attached the required written statement;
- Contacted 2 referees and provided them with the referee questionnaire included below; and
- Made a copy of the form to keep for your reference

Please note that incomplete applications may encounter delays.

Referee Report No. 1 – Attachment to Referee's Letter in Support of an ANU Questacon Scholarship in Science Communication	
Applicant's contact details	
Name	Address
Telephone no.	Email
The referee's report and its attachments must be returned by 29 August to –	
Centre for the Public Awareness of Science Physics Link Building 38a The Australian National University CANBERRA ACT 0200 Australia	Enquiries may also be directed to the Postgraduate Coursework Advisor – Dr Will J Grant Telephone: +61 2 6125 0241 Email: scicomm.gradprog@anu.edu.au
Notes for the Referee	
<p>The applicant has named you as one of two referees in support of an application for an ANU Questacon Scholarship in Science Communication. Applicants will be selected on academic merit and personal attributes, especially enthusiasm about science education and communication. In addition to suitable academic and /or workplace experience, applicants need to be both self-directed and strong team players. High priorities will be placed on skill in oral expression, on the ability to explain scientific concepts, and on motivation. Applicants will preferably be recent graduates with a pass or Honours degree in a field of science or technology from an approved university or other tertiary institution.</p> <p>To assist the Selection Committee in considering the application you are asked to set out your views on the applicant's suitability for a scholarship. The Committee is particularly interested in your opinion on the qualifications, experience and ability in science communication of the applicant. In your letter, please comment on the applicant's aptitude and ability in the following areas, based on your direct knowledge and experience with them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • team participation • self-motivation and independent/self directed learning • ability to set their own goals and timelines and work to these. <p>In addition to your written comments, it would also help the Selection Committee if you would complete the brief questionnaire overleaf and return it with your letter.</p> <p>The questionnaire is not intended as a substitute for the usual Referee's Report. The report is requested from you and, if supplied, received by the University on a confidential basis and on the clear understanding that the University will do everything in its power to respect and maintain that confidence.</p> <p>I take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your assistance.</p>	

Questionnaire					
NB Academic referees – complete all questions Non-academic referees eg employers – complete questions 1, 4 and 5					
Academic referees and non-academic referees					
1. Academic referee – In which year(s) of the applicant's student career have you known him/her? (E.g. first year, Honours year and in what capacity or capacities e.g. lecturer, tutor, supervisor). OR 1. Non-academic referee – How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? (E.g. employer, manager, colleague).					
Academic referees only					
2. In your recent experience of students at that level, how would you rank him/her? (please circle)					
<i>Upper 10%</i>	<i>Upper 25%</i>	<i>Upper 50%</i>	<i>Lower 50%</i>		
3. If the applicant is currently undertaking an Honours degree course at your institution, what do you anticipate his/her result will be?					
Honours I	Honours IIA	Honours IIB	Honours III	Pass	Fail
Other, please specify:					
Academic and non-academic referees					
4. If you have observed the applicant publicly explaining and/or demonstrating scientific concepts or applications (eg. tutorials, laboratory work, science presentations) how would you rank his/her communication ability?					
<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Mediocre</i>	<i>Poor</i>		
5. In your opinion, has the applicant demonstrated a history of positive and effective participation in teams, in either an academic or work environment?					
<i>Definitely</i>	<i>Most of the time</i>	<i>Sometimes</i>	<i>Never</i>		
Referee's contact details					
Name					
Institution					
Position					
Signature	Date				

Referee Report No. 2 – Attachment to Referee's Letter in Support of an ANU Questacon Scholarship in Science Communication	
Applicant's contact details	
Name	Address
Telephone no.	Email
The referee's report and its attachments must be returned by 29 August to –	
Centre for the Public Awareness of Science Physics Link Building 38a The Australian National University CANBERRA ACT 0200 Australia	Enquiries may also be directed to the Postgraduate Coursework Advisor – Dr Will J Grant Telephone: +61 2 6125 0241 Email: scicomm.gradprog@anu.edu.au
Notes for the Referee	
<p>The applicant has named you as one of two referees in support of an application for an ANU Questacon Scholarship in Science Communication. Applicants will be selected on academic merit and personal attributes, especially enthusiasm about science education and communication. In addition to suitable academic and /or workplace experience, applicants need to be both self-directed and strong team players. High priorities will be placed on skill in oral expression, on the ability to explain scientific concepts, and on motivation. Applicants will preferably be recent graduates with a pass or Honours degree in a field of science or technology from an approved university or other tertiary institution.</p> <p>To assist the Selection Committee in considering the application you are asked to set out your views on the applicant's suitability for a scholarship. The Committee is particularly interested in your opinion on the qualifications, experience and ability in science communication of the applicant. In your letter, please comment on the applicant's aptitude and ability in the following areas, based on your direct knowledge and experience with them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • team participation • self-motivation and independent/self directed learning • ability to set their own goals and timelines and work to these. <p>In addition to your written comments, it would also help the Selection Committee if you would complete the brief questionnaire overleaf and return it with your letter.</p> <p>The questionnaire is not intended as a substitute for the usual Referee's Report. The report is requested from you and, if supplied, received by the University on a confidential basis and on the clear understanding that the University will do everything in its power to respect and maintain that confidence.</p> <p>I take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your assistance.</p>	

Questionnaire					
NB Academic referees – complete all questions Non-academic referees eg employers – complete questions 1, 4 and 5					
Academic referees and non-academic referees					
2. Academic referee – In which year(s) of the applicant's student career have you known him/her? (E.g. first year, Honours year and in what capacity or capacities e.g. lecturer, tutor, supervisor). OR 6. Non-academic referee – How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? (E.g. employer, manager, colleague).					
Academic referees only					
7. In your recent experience of students at that level, how would you rank him/her? (please circle)					
<i>Upper 10%</i>	<i>Upper 25%</i>	<i>Upper 50%</i>	<i>Lower 50%</i>		
8. If the applicant is currently undertaking an Honours degree course at your institution, what do you anticipate his/her result will be?					
Honours I	Honours IIA	Honours IIB	Honours III	Pass	Fail
Other, please specify:					
Academic and non-academic referees					
9. If you have observed the applicant publicly explaining and/or demonstrating scientific concepts or applications (eg. tutorials, laboratory work, science presentations) how would you rank his/her communication ability?					
<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Mediocre</i>	<i>Poor</i>		
10. In your opinion, has the applicant demonstrated a history of positive and effective participation in teams, in either an academic or work environment?					
<i>Definitely</i>	<i>Most of the time</i>	<i>Sometimes</i>	<i>Never</i>		
Referee's contact details					
Name					
Institution					
Position					
Signature	Date				