

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

**COLLEGE OF HEALTH & MEDICINE
& COLLEGE OF SCIENCE**

FENNER SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENT & SOCIETY
& RESEARCH SCHOOL OF EARTH SCIENCES

ACTION TRUST HONOURS SCHOLARSHIPS

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 There shall be up to two scholarships for award each year to Honours Year students, which shall be known as the ACTION Trust Honours Scholarships (“the scholarships”). As funds permit a further scholarship or scholarships may be offered.
- 1.2 The purpose of the scholarship is to enable young researchers and practitioners to undertake quality research in areas relating to the interests of the ACTION Trust and/or to environment and sustainability.

2. VALUE

- 2.1 The value of the scholarship will be set out in the formal scholarship letter of offer. The scholarship shall be paid in two equal installments unless otherwise stated in the formal scholarship offer letter.
- 2.2 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

- 3.1 The scholarship shall be available for award each year to students who:
 - (a) have been successful in gaining entry into the Honours year of a program of study through the Fenner School of Environment and Society or the Earth and Marine Science program in the Research School of Earth Sciences
 - (b) have a strong academic record
 - (c) are intending to undertake research in an area relating to the interests of the ACTION Trust and/or to environment and sustainability.
 - (d) have willing and suitable supervision.
- 3.2 Scholars changing their project and/or supervisor within the Fenner School of Environment and Society or the Earth and Marine Science program in the Research School of Earth Sciences may continue to receive their scholarship subject to approval by the appropriate Director if the revised research is within the definition at 1.2 above. Scholars transferring outside a relevant area of study or the Fenner School of Environment and Society or the Earth and Marine Science program in the Research School of Earth Sciences will surrender the scholarship.

4. APPLICATION

4.1 Applications must include:

- (a) a statement of no more than one page in length describing the intended research, its relevance to the interests of the ACTION Trust and/or to environmental and sustainability and the motivation for undertaking research on this topic
- (b) the applicant's academic record
- (c) name and contact details of the applicant's identified supervisor/s
- (d) contact details for two academic referees familiar with the applicant's work.

4.2 Applications should be addressed to the Fenner School Honours Administrator (honours.student.fses@anu.edu.au)

5. SELECTION

- 5.1 The scholarships shall be awarded on the recommendation of a Selection Committee co-Chaired by the Associate Director (Education) of each of The Fenner School of Environment and Society and the Research School of Earth Sciences (or their nominees). The other members of the selection committee will be Director of Science Education, the Fenner School Honours convenor and the Earth and Marine Science program Honours convenor (or their nominees).
- 5.2 The scholarship shall be awarded principally on academic merit. The Selection Committee may also take into consideration the field of study which the candidate is developing for their thesis the availability of suitable supervision, the applicant's previous academic record, and reports from two academic referees familiar with the applicant's work (if required).
- 5.3 In any year the Selection Committee shall make the final determination on whether an application is eligible for consideration.
- 5.4 In any year, a scholarship shall not be awarded when, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, there is no applicant of sufficient merit.
- 5.5 The scholarships are for individuals only and shall not be shared.

6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Recipients of an ACTION Trust Honours Scholarship may be permitted to hold another scholarship/ award of equal or lesser value, but should be advised to check the conditions of any other scholarships carefully. Scholars must submit a request to hold a concurrent award in writing to the appropriate Director for consideration.

Scholars who receive approval to hold concurrent scholarships should seek independent advice about whether holding multiple scholarships will affect their eligibility for Centrelink benefits or their taxation status.

7. DEFERMENT

The scholarship may not be deferred, unless otherwise approved by the Associate Director (Education) of the Fenner School of Environment and Society and the Associate Director (Education) of the Research School of Earth Sciences.

8. COMMENCEMENT

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

9. LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE

In order to receive the second payment of the scholarship the scholar must demonstrate appropriate academic achievement in the first semester of the scholarship. The determination will be made by the Director of Science Education, on the advice of the Director of The Fenner School of Environment and Society or the Director of the Research School of Earth Sciences.

10. DURATION

The scholarship is to be held for two consecutive academic semesters, unless otherwise recommended by the Director of the Fenner School of Environment and Society or the Director of the Research School of Earth Sciences.

The scholarship will terminate at the conclusion of the Honours Year, or on the date on which the scholar ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences, whichever is the earlier. For this purpose, the appropriate Director must approve any leave of absence. The University may terminate the scholarship before this time if the scholar does not fulfil their obligations. This determination will be made by the Associate Dean (Education).

11. ENROLMENT

- 11.1 The scholarship payments will not commence until the scholar is enrolled into the Honours year of a program of study through the Fenner School of Environment and Society or the Earth and Marine Science program in the Research School of Earth Sciences.
- 11.2 A scholar may be given permission by the Director of the Fenner School of Environment and Society or the Director of the Research School of Earth Sciences to hold the scholarship on a part-time basis. In such a case scholarship payments will be made on a pro-rata basis. The scholar must submit a request in writing to the appropriate Director for consideration.
- 11.3 If a scholar fails to enrol for the Honours Year of a program of study through the Fenner School of Environment and Society or the Earth and Marine Science program in the Research School of Earth Sciences, changes to part-time enrolment without permission or withdraws from the course while holding the scholarship:
 - (a) the scholarship shall be surrendered
 - (b) subject to the information available at the time, the Associate Dean (Education) may request that the scholarship installment for the semester in which the withdrawal occurs be refunded in part or in full.

12. ACCOMMODATION

It is the scholar's responsibility to obtain residential accommodation. Information on student accommodation, including application details, can be found on the Residential & Campus Communities website <http://rcc.anu.edu.au>

13. TAXATION

Scholars are responsible for seeking taxation advice regarding their individual circumstances.

14. PUBLICITY

The Scholarship holder may be requested to participate in publicity for the scholarships from time to time. This may include publicity in the state or territory of residence or of schooling. Scholars may be contacted for an interview and photograph. The University may also publicise the Scholarships 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. EMPLOYMENT

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