

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE
BASSETT DOWNS HONOURS SCHOLARSHIP IN ZOOLOGY
CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

The Bassett Downs Endowment will provide funds for the Bassett Downs Scholarship for Zoology to support a research project based on field or lab-based work on native species in the fields of systematics, conservation biology, behavioural and community ecology. Scholarships will be awarded every second year.

The Scholarship is to assist students who have gained entry into the Honours Year of an undergraduate program offered by the Research School of Biology in the ANU College of Science.

2. VALUE

- 2.1 The value of the Scholarship shall be outlined in the formal scholarship offer letter. The scholarship will normally be paid in two equal instalments, one at the beginning of each semester unless otherwise outlined in the 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 each session. Scholars are responsible for the costs of books, study materials, accommodation and all other costs of study.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The Scholarship shall be awarded to an applicant who:

- (a) has an exceptionally high level of competence in systematics, conservation biology, and/or behavioural and community ecology. ;
- and
- (b) is eligible to enrol into the honours Year of an undergraduate program offered by the Research School of Biology

4. APPLICATION

No formal application is required as eligible candidates will be automatically considered for the scholarship.

5. SELECTION

- 5.1 When making recommendations the Head of Biology Teaching and Learning Centre (or nominees) shall take into account:
- (a) the applicant's academic record;
- and
- (b) the applicant's high level of competence in wildlife, conservation ecology and/or animal behaviour as demonstrated through their work
- 5.2 A Scholarship shall not be awarded if, in the opinion of the Head of Biology Teaching and Learning (or nominee), there is no student of sufficient merit.

6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholar must seek approval from the Associate Dean (Education), to hold any other scholarship or award concurrently with the Bassett Downs Honours Scholarship in Zoology.

7. COMMENCEMENT

The Scholarship is normally to be taken up in the first semester of an academic year, however upon approval of a written request; the scholarship may be taken up in the second semester of the year. The scholarship commencement date shall be outlined in the formal scholarship letter of offer.

8. DEFERMENT

8.1 The Scholarship must be taken up in the year of offer and cannot be deferred. All scholarship offers are only valid for the year in which they have been made.

8.2 In exceptional cases, a student subsequently commencing a program after deferring their admission may request reconsideration of their eligibility for a scholarship, but that eligibility will be based on the requirements in force in the year of commencement, not the year in which the scholarship was first offered.

9. LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE

If a scholar's academic performance is unsatisfactory in the first semester of the honours year in the opinion of the Associate Dean (Education), acting on the advice of the Head of Biology Teaching and Learning Centre (or nominees), the second payment of the Scholarship may be withheld.

10. DURATION

The Scholarship shall be tenable for two consecutive academic semesters.

11. ENROLMENT, SUSPENSION, TERMINATION & REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

11.1 If a scholar fails to enrol for the Honours Year of the program, or withdraws from the program, the Scholarship must be surrendered.

11.2 Suspension of the Scholarship, after the scholar has enrolled, may be approved by the Associate Dean (Education) subject to concurrent approval for leave of absence from the relevant program being obtained from the relevant Program Authority.

11.3 The Scholarship shall terminate at the conclusion of the period outlined above, or on the date on which the scholar ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences, whichever is the earlier. The University may terminate the Scholarship before this time if the scholar does not fulfil his or her obligations, or if, in the opinion of the Chair, satisfactory academic progress is not being made by the scholar.

11.4 The scholarship instalment for the semester in which the enrolment change or withdrawal occurred may be requested to be refunded. The determination will be made by the Associate Dean (Education) taking into account information from the scholar and the Head of Biology Teaching and Learning Centre (or nominees)

12. TAXATION

Scholars are responsible for seeking taxation advice regarding their own individual circumstances. Please note that scholarships may be regarded as taxable income if a scholar is enrolled on a part-time basis.



13. PUBLICITY

It is anticipated that Bassett Downs Honours Scholarship in Zoology 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 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 Communications and External Liaison Office of the University.

14. DISCLAIMER

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