



## BRIGHT HORIZONS SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS OF AWARD

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the Australian National University ('the University') may offer a number of awards known as the Bright Horizons Scholarship ('the Award').

The objective of the Award is to provide financially disadvantaged students the opportunity to study at ANU and experience the ANU residential community.

Funding for this Award has been provided by the University and generous members of the ANU community.

### 2. BENEFITS

The value of the Award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the Award is up to three years. The Award is paid directly to your ANU hall or residence in equal instalments at the beginning of each semester unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer. If recipients elect to cease living in on-campus accommodation after their first year, the value of the Award will be reduced as outlined in the letter of offer, with payments made in equal instalments after census date each semester.

The recipient is responsible for making payment of all tuition fees by the prescribed date as set out by the University each session. Recipients of the Award are responsible for the costs of books, study materials, any remaining accommodation fees and charges and all other costs of study.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY

The Award is available each year to a commencing ANU student who:

- (a) is a domestic student; and
- (b) receives an offer of admission to the University; and
- (c) is eligible for and receives adjustment factors for financial disadvantage; and
- (d) elects to live in an ANU hall or residence in their first year of studies at the University.

### 4. APPLICATION

All applicants applying for admission through the ANU Admission Scholarship and Accommodation Application System will be automatically considered for the Award based on them meeting the eligibility criteria and electing to be considered for scholarships.

### 5. SELECTION

Selection is made on the basis of meeting the eligibility criteria. Where there are more equally-ranked applicants than there are Awards available, preference may be given (in order of preference) to:

- Applicants with multiple categories of financial disadvantage;
- Applicants who reside in areas defined as low SEIFA;
- Applicants from low ICSEA schools;
- Applicants with other equity adjustments in line with the University's strategic plan.

The Award is offered to a student by the University Coursework Scholarships Committee. Details of this committee are outlined in the ANU Coursework Scholarships procedure.

The selection committee reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit. The selection committee may also vary the number of Awards and/or offer the Award at other times.

## **6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS**

A recipient of the Award is permitted to hold concurrent student financial awards as outlined in the ANU Coursework Scholarships procedure.

## **7. DEFERMENT**

The Award cannot be deferred.

## **8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY**

A recipient of this Award is required to enrol in a full-time load of 18 units per semester.

A recipient of this Award must notify the ANU Coursework scholarships office immediately of any changes to their circumstances that would affect their eligibility for the Award, particularly moving out of their ANU Hall or residence before the cessation of their accommodation contract.

Recipients are expected to maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0 or above each semester (with the average being across all courses taken in a particular semester or session/s overlapping that semester).

If a recipient is unable to achieve the GPA in any semester a formal warning is sent.

If the recipient does not meet the required GPA in a subsequent semester they risk having their Award suspended or terminated.

A recipient is given the opportunity to explain their performance and how their performance can be remedied before a decision on the suspension or termination of an Award is made.

While living in an ANU Hall or residence, recipients must adhere to the conditions of their accommodation contract or risk losing the Award.

## **9. CESSATION OF AWARD**

The Award ceases or should be surrendered:

- (a) if a student no longer meets the eligibility requirements;
- (b) at the conclusion of the period outlined in section 2;
- (c) on the date on which the recipient withdraws or ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences;
- (d) if a recipient fails to enrol as required in section 8;
- (e) if a recipient changes to part-time enrolment without receiving permission to retain the Award;
- (f) if a recipient changes their program or course without permission to retain the Award;
- (g) if a recipient fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements; or
- (h) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the relevant Academic Integrity Rule;

whichever is earliest.

## **10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS**

Subject to the information available at the time, the Registrar, Division of Student Administration and Academic Services, may request that the payment for the semester in which the breach of conditions or withdrawal occurs be refunded in part or in full.

## 11. PROVIDING FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION

The Award is based on the information provided to the University. The Award may be withdrawn at any stage if incorrect, false or misleading information is provided or relevant information is withheld. This includes circumstances where the false information is unrelated to the assessment for the Award.

## 12. VARIATION TO CONDITIONS OF AWARD

In exceptional circumstances and on a case-by-case basis section 7 of these Conditions of Award may be varied by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic).

## 13. TAXATION & CENTRELINK

Recipients are responsible for seeking taxation and Centrelink advice regarding their own individual circumstances. Awards may be regarded as taxable income if a recipient is enrolled on a part-time basis.

For information on how the Award may affect your Centrelink benefits, see this website <http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enablers/income/>

## 14. ACCOMMODATION

It is the recipient's responsibility to obtain residential accommodation. Information on student accommodation and application forms are available from the University Accommodation Services. Information may be found on the Web at: <http://www.anu.edu.au/study/accommodation>

## 15. PUBLICITY

The recipient may be requested to participate in publicity for the Award from time to time. This may include publicity in the state or territory of residence or of schooling. Recipients may be contacted for an interview and photograph. The University may also publicise the Award by publishing the names of the recipients. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the ANU Coursework Scholarships Office or ANU Communications and Engagement (ACE).

## 16. CONTACT WITH THE AWARD OWNER

All enquiries regarding the Award and changes, issues, or further information after acceptance should be made to:

*ANU Coursework Scholarships Office*

*Email: [coursework.scholarships@anu.edu.au](mailto:coursework.scholarships@anu.edu.au)*

## 17. DISCLAIMER

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

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

These Conditions of Award should be read in conjunction with the University's Student financial awards Policy and Coursework Scholarships Procedure available from the ANU website.

## 18. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES

ANU Student financial awards Policy -

[https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_007803](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_007803)

ANU Coursework Scholarships Procedure -

[https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_009607](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_009607)

ANU Academic Integrity Policy - [https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_6477101](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_6477101)

ANU Discipline Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2021L00998>