



CSIRO INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre in conjunction with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) may offer up to two (2) awards known as the CSIRO Indigenous Scholarship (“the award”).

The objective of the award is to support further engagement with the sciences amongst Indigenous Australians and to provide financial support to overcome obstacles to education as well as an opportunity to engage with the CSIRO and build a relationship and pathway into a career in the sciences.

Funding for this award has been provided by the CSIRO.

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 in equal instalments at the beginning of each semester unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

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 this award are responsible for the costs of books, study materials, accommodation and all other costs of study.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The award is available each year to a prospective or current ANU student who:

- (a) is an Australian citizen; and
- (b) is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent; and
- (c) identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person; and
- (d) is accepted as such by the community in which they live, or formerly lived; and
- (e) is enrolled in, or receives an offer into any Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths (STEM) related undergraduate degree program. Clinical, Health and Human Sciences will be considered, but STEM courses will remain a priority

4. APPLICATION

The application is submitted on the prescribed form. Any requirement for supporting documentation and forwarding details will be stated on the application form and/or ANU Scholarships website. The application and all supporting documentation (where applicable) must be submitted on, or prior to, the closing date published on the ANU scholarships website.

5. SELECTION

Selection is made on the basis of application. When making a decision, the selection committee will consider how strongly the applicant has demonstrated:

- a passion for STEM;
- a passion, ability and initiative in their approach to study; and
- an interest in the work and research undertaken by the CSIRO.

The Kambri Scholarship Committee will make a recommendation of the recipient/s for final approval by the CSIRO.

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 in exceptional circumstances or based on the standard of applications or students (where funds allow).

6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS

A recipient of the CSIRO Indigenous Scholarship is permitted to hold concurrent scholarships as outlined in the ANU Coursework Scholarships procedure.

7. DEFERMENT

The recipient is expected to take up their award in the semester for which it is offered. Any requests for deferrals of the award must be approved by the selection committee. Subject to approval, the award may be deferred for a maximum of 6 months.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A recipient of this award is required to:

- (a) enrol in a full-time load of 18 - 24 units per semester. A recipient requests permission, in writing, from the Chair of the Selection Committee (or their nominee) to hold the award on a part-time basis. If approved, payments of the award will be made on a pro-rata basis.
- (b) pass more than 50% of their enrolled units each semester and not fail the same unit two or more times in order to continue to receive scholarship payments.

If a recipient is unable to achieve this requirement in any semester a formal warning is sent.

If the recipient does not meet the requirement 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.

9. CESSATION OF AWARD

The award ceases or should be surrendered:

- (a) at the conclusion of the period outlined in section 2; or
- (b) on the date on which the recipient withdraws or ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences;
- (c) if a recipient fails to enrol as required in section 8(a);
- (d) if a recipient changes to part-time enrolment without receiving permission to retain their scholarship;
- (e) if a recipient changes to a non-STEM program;
- (f) if a recipient fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements in section 8(b);
- (g) if the scholarship is suspended more than twice over the course of the scholarship. This includes approved intermission and involuntary suspensions for failing to meet ongoing eligibility criteria;
- (h) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Misconduct & Discipline Rules;

whichever is earliest.

10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

Subject to the information available at the time, the Director, Tjabal Centre 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 awarding of a scholarship/grant is based on the information provided to the University. An 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 in awarding the scholarship/grant.

12. TAXATION & CENTRELINK

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

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

13. 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>

14. 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 Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre or Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University.

15. DISCLOSURE AND DONOR CONTACT

For the purposes of reporting on the impact of scholarships, the name, program name and demographics (for example: age, country or town of residence) relating to a recipient of this award may be disclosed to donors supporting the award. This will not include recipient contact details. The recipient may be asked to write a personal note of thanks or to meet with donors. Any contact between a donor and a recipient will be facilitated by the ANU Advancement Office or an authorised representative of the University.

16. CONTACT WITH THE SCHOLARSHIP OWNER

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

Scholarship Owner: Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre

Email: tjabal.centre@anu.edu.au

17. DISCLAIMER

The recipient of this 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 of a scholarship/grant does not carry any commitment by the University for future employment.

These conditions of award should be read in conjunction with the University's Coursework Scholarships Policy & Procedures available from the ANU website.

18. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES

ANU Coursework Scholarship Policy -

https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_007803

ANU Coursework Scholarship Procedure -

https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_009607

ANU Academic Misconduct Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2015L02025>

ANU Discipline Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2015L02046>