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CENTRE FOR GRAVITATIONAL ASTROPHYSICS (CGA) HONOURS SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the Centre for Gravitational Astrophysics ('the Centre') may offer a number of awards known as the Centre for Gravitational Astrophysics (CGA) Honours Scholarship ('the Award').

The objectives of the Award are to support high performing students who wish to pursue the Honours specialisation in Physics or Astronomy and Astrophysics and undertake an Honours research project in the area of Gravitational Waves and Space Instrumentation and Applied Metrology.

Funding for this Award has been provided by the Centre for Gravitational Astrophysics.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the Award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the Award is one year. The Award is paid in equal instalments after census date 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 the 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 a domestic student; and
- (b) has completed the academic requirements for eligibility for admission to the Physics or Astronomy and Astrophysics Honours Specialisation with a record of Distinction average or above; and
- (c) has applied for the Physics or Astronomy and Astrophysics Honours specialisation; and
- (d) will undertake a research project closely related to the research areas at the Centre for Gravitational Astrophysics.

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 and academic merit.

The Award is offered to a student by a selection committee chaired by the Director, Centre for Gravitational Astrophysics (or nominee) which will also include the Physics Honours

program convenor, Research School of Physics (or nominee), or Astronomy and Astrophysics Honours program convenor (or nominee) and at least one academic staff member of the Centre.

The Centre reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit. The Centre 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 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 to 24 units per semester. A recipient requests permission, in writing, from the Director, Centre for Gravitational Astrophysics (or nominee) to hold the Award on a part-time basis. If approved, payments of the Award will be made on a pro-rata basis.

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;
- (g) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Integrity Rule;

whichever is earliest.

10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

Subject to the information available at the time, the Director, Centre for Gravitational Astrophysics (or nominee) 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 Dean of the College of Science on the recommendation of the chair of the selection committee.

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 Research School of Physics 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:

Centre for Gravitational Astrophysics

Research School of Physics

Email: CGA@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

ANU Coursework Scholarships Procedure -

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

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

and/or ANU Academic Integrity Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2021L00997>

ANU Discipline Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2020L01686> and/or

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2021L00998>