



COMMUNITY IMPACT RESEARCH AWARD, FUNDED BY ACT GOVERNMENT

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

The Research School of Population Health may offer up to two awards known as the Community Impact Research Award, funded by the ACT Government (“the Award”).

This Research Award is to encourage research into the impact that the use of loose fill asbestos insulation (‘Mr Fluffy’) has had on affected home owners and the wider ACT community. It will support HDR candidates to make a significant contribution to their chosen field of research.

Funding for this Award has been provided by ACT Government

2. BENEFITS

Value: The value of the Award will be stated in the letter of offer. The Award will be paid in fortnightly instalments unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

Research Support Allowance In addition to the Research Award, with approval from their Primary Supervisor the recipient may apply to the Chair of the Supervisory Panel for reimbursements totalling up to \$5,000 to cover research costs incurred as part of the project that are not covered by other funds.

Duration: The duration of a full-time Award will be three years, less;

- (a) Periods of enrolment already undertaken for the PhD degree; and
- (b) Periods of enrolment undertaken for the PhD degree during suspension of the Award;

or such shorter period as is stated in the letter of offer.

Extension: No extension is available.

PROGRAM & SCHOLARSHIP LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS

Unpaid Program and Scholarship Leave: The University may approve unpaid program and scholarship leave of absence on personal grounds, which does not exceed a total period of 12 months during the period of the Award, after which the recipient may resume the Award. If the unpaid program and scholarship leave of absence exceeds 12 months, the recipient may not be eligible for resumption of the Award.

An application for unpaid program and scholarship leave of absence for more than 12 months will only be considered if there are exceptional circumstances beyond the control of the recipient and must be approved by the Delegated Authority in the School.

Unpaid program and scholarship leave is aggregated and awarded only in one-week blocks for a full-time recipient, and two-week blocks for a part-time recipient.

Recipients may apply for unpaid program and scholarship leave by completing the relevant section of the [Manage my Degree - HDR](#) form in ISIS.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The Award will be available each year to a prospective or continuing student/s who is:

- (a) a domestic student; and
- (b) enrolled or enrolling full-time in a program of study for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy/Doctor of Psychology (Clinical)/Master of Philosophy at the ANU; and
- (c) hold a bachelor's degree with at least upper second-class honours (first class honours is preferred) or equivalent, or a Graduate Diploma or Master's degree with a significant research thesis component and/or relevant experience.

4. APPLICATION

Applications shall be called for with a closing date as set by Research School of Population Health. The closing date, and application instructions will be advertised on the ANU scholarship webpage.

5. SELECTION

Selection will be made on the basis of:

- Performance at interview
- Significance of the proposed research proposal to address an important aspect of the legacy of the community impact of Mr Fluffy, and contribute to the field of research;
- Applicant's research potential (based on CV, academic record, EOI);
- Applicant's background including relevant lived experience, such as with Mr Fluffy (based on EOI);
- Research feasibility, support from prospective supervisors and location in which the research will be undertaken; and
- Comparison with other applications received in the same scholarship round.

Following interview, further consideration will be given to:

- Referee reports
- English language competency

Applications are encouraged from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people with disability, people with culturally diverse background and those who identify as LGBTIQ+.

The Award will be offered to a student by a Selection Committee chaired by the Implementation Lead of the PHXchange. The Selection Committee will also include RSPH, HDR Convener, a representative of the Mr Fluffy Community and Expert Reference Group (CERG), and the Deputy Director-General, Sustainability and Built Environment, ACT Government.

The Selection Committee reserves the right to make no Award if it considers there are no applicants 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 Award is permitted to concurrently hold other scholarships, awards, grants and bursaries subject to the terms of the corresponding section in the conditions of award of the other scholarship/bursary/grant/award that they are holding.

7. DEFERMENT

The Award must be taken up no later than the date specified in the letter of offer, unless in special circumstances another date has been approved by the Delegated Authority.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

The recipient is required to remain enrolled full-time in a program of study for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the ANU in the program for which the Award is offered.

A part-time Award may be offered or approved if the recipient has reasons acceptable to the ANU which preclude full-time study for part or all of the program of study. In such cases the ANU must be satisfied that the reasons relate to caring commitments, a medical condition, a disability or other circumstance which limits the recipient's capacity to undertake full-time study.

An Award cannot be transferred to another institution, program or research project. With approval from the Delegated Authority in the College an Award may be transferred to another Research school, or Supervisor within the ANU.

9. CESSATION OF AWARD

The Award ceases:

- (a) at the conclusion of the period outlined in section 2; or
- (b) on submission of the thesis for examination; or
- (c) on the date on which the recipient withdraws or ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences; or
- (d) if a recipient is no longer meeting or has breached the Conditions of Award; or
- (e) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Misconduct & Discipline Rules.

10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

A recipient who is taking leave from their program, or changing their enrolment intensity from full-time to part-time, is expected to submit the prescribed [Manage My Degree - HDR](#) form in a timely manner and, where possible, in advance, in order to avoid receiving an

overpayment of their Award. In circumstances where an overpayment does occur, the overpayments will be recovered in line with the ANU Overpayments Procedure.

Where a recipient is overpaid an amount in excess of a full fortnightly disbursement, the ANU may recover the overpayment by withholding future Award payments at the same rate that the Award was overpaid, until the balance is rectified.

In cases of overpayment or outstanding financial debts to the University, service restrictions are applied to students. Service restrictions include temporarily withholding recipients' access to:

- (a) enrol or re-enrol in a program or course;
- (b) obtain a transcript of academic record;
- (c) acquire results of any assessment in a course or program;
- (d) receive a degree, diploma, certificate or other award of the ANU.

11. PROVIDING FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION

The offer of an Award is based on the information provided by the student to the ANU. 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 offering the Award.

12. VARIATION TO CONDITIONS OF AWARD

In exceptional circumstances, these Conditions of Award may be varied by the Dean 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. Scholarships/grants/awards 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, please refer to 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/students/services/accommodation>

15. PUBLICITY

A recipient may be invited to participate in publicity for the Award from time to time, including an interview and photograph.

16. CONTACT WITH THE ANU COLLEGE

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

Dr Ginny Sargent,
Implementation Lead, Population Health Exchange (PHXchange),
Research School of Population Health
0435 078 918
phxchange@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, Policies and Procedures of ANU.

This 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 Research Awards Rule and Candidature and Supervision Policies.

18. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES, RULES & RESOURCES

ANU Research Awards Rule - <https://www.anu.edu.au/about/governance/legislation>

ANU Overpayments Procedure – https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppi/document/ANUP_000599

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

ANU Discipline Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2018L00319>

Thesis Allowance Requirements - <http://www.anu.edu.au/students/program-administration/assessments-exams/theses-reimbursement>

Research Scholarship Information (including reimbursement and claim forms) - <http://www.anu.edu.au/students/scholarships-support/research-scholarship-information>