



Community Impact Research Scholarship, funded by the ACT Government CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

In 2021 the Research School of Population Health may offer an award known as the Community Impact Research Scholarship, 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 stipend, the recipient may apply to their School HDR Administrator for a reimbursement up to the amount stated in the letter of offer to cover research costs incurred as part of the project, such as data access, travel, conference registration, relocation, thesis and publication costs – subject to approval by the Chair of the Supervisory Panel.

The recipient is responsible for making payment of all tuition and/or administrative fees by the prescribed date as set by the University each session. Recipients of this Award are responsible for the cost of books, study materials, accommodation and all other costs of study.

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.

Periods of paid program leave taken in accordance with Section 38 of the *ANU Research Awards Rule*, as well as maternity and parental leave, are additional to the normal duration of the Award.

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. An application for unpaid program and scholarship leave of absence 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.

If the unpaid program and scholarship leave of absence exceeds 12 months, the recipient may not be eligible for resumption of the Award.

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.

Payments for this Award will *not* continue during this type of leave.

Paid Recreation Leave: Recipients are entitled to a maximum of 20 working days paid recreation leave for each year of the Award. Leave entitlements may be accrued over the life of the Award but are forfeited when the Award ceases.

Recipients may apply for paid recreational leave by notifying their Chair of Panel in writing.

Paid recreation leave does not extend the period of support for the Award.

Paid Medical Leave: Recipients are entitled to a maximum of 10 working days paid medical leave for each year of the Award. Leave entitlements may be accrued over the life of the Award but are forfeited when the Award ceases.

Recipients may apply for paid medical leave by notifying their Chair of Panel in writing.

Paid medical leave does not extend the period of support for the Award.

Additional Paid Medical Leave: In addition to the maximum of 10 working days paid medical leave for each year of the Award, recipients are entitled to additional paid medical leave to a maximum of 60 working days for the duration of the Award, for periods of illness where the recipient has insufficient medical leave entitlements available, on provision of a medical certificate. Medical certificates must:

- (a) be signed by a registered medical practitioner;
- (b) provide the likely duration of the recipient's illness;
- (c) certify that the recipient is unable to pursue the HDR program because of the illness.

Additional paid medical leave entitlements may be used to cover leave for recipients with family caring responsibilities.

Additional paid medical leave is aggregated and awarded only in one-week blocks for a full-time recipients and two-week blocks for a part-time recipient.

Recipients may apply for additional paid medical leave by completing the relevant section of the [Manage my Degree - HDR](#) form in ISIS.

Additional paid leave extends the period of support for the Award.

Paid Maternity Leave: Recipients who have completed 12 months of their Award are entitled to a maximum of 60 working days paid maternity leave over the duration of the Award. This also applies if the recipient is the legal parent and primary care-giver of an adopted child:

- (a) less than five years of age;
- (b) not a step-child of the recipient; and

(c) has not previously lived continuously with the recipient for 6 months or more.

Paid maternity leave is aggregated and awarded only in one-week blocks for a full-time recipients and two-week blocks for a part-time recipient.

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

Paid maternity leave extends the period of support for the Award.

Paid Parental Leave: A recipient who is the partner of a woman giving birth may be entitled to five days paid parental leave at the time of the birth provided the Award has been held for at least 12 months at the time of application. The application for paid parental leave must be accompanied by a medical certificate confirming the date of birth.

Paid parental 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 paid parental leave by completing the relevant section of the [Manage my Degree - HDR](#) form in ISIS.

Paid parental leave extends the period of support for the Award.

Maximum Leave Entitlements: Under no circumstances can a leave of absence exceed two years in total (which includes personal, medical, maternity and parental leave).

3. ELIGIBILITY

The Award will be available to a prospective or continuing student who is:

- (a) a domestic student;
- (b) enrolled or enrolling full-time in a program of study for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the ANU;
- (c) Enrolled or commencing in 2021, unless the selection panel advises otherwise.

4. APPLICATION

Applications shall be called for with a closing date as set by the School. 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;
- Applicants research potential (based on CV, academic record, EOI);
- Applicants 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 this Award is permitted to concurrently hold other scholarships, (award/grants/bursaries) subject to the terms of the corresponding section in the conditions of award of the other (award/grants/bursaries) that they are holding, providing the benefit is no greater than 75 per cent of the stipend of this Award.

7. DEFERMENT

The start date will be negotiated with the successful candidate.

The Award cannot be deferred.

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.

An Award cannot be transferred to another institution. With approval from the Delegated Authority in the School an Award may be transferred to another Research School 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 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, and on a case-by-case basis, section 6 and/or 7 of these Conditions of Award may be varied by the Dean CHM on the recommendation of the Chair of 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

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. ANU may also publicise the Award by publishing the names of the recipients. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the ANU College of Health and Medicine or the ANU Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office.

16. CONTACT WITH THE ANU COLLEGE

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

RSPH Student Office
study.rsph@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/ppl/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>