GARRURRU INDIGENOUS UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific (“the College”) may offer an award known as the Garrurru Indigenous Undergraduate Scholarship (“the award”).

The objective of the award is to address the underrepresentation of Indigenous Australians enrolled in undergraduate degree programs offered by the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific. The College aims to achieve this through the provision of support that removes some of the pressures that may be faced by students, particularly those transitioning to University life.

Funding for this award has been provided by the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, and offered to Indigenous Australian undergraduate students in the spirit of the College’s ongoing commitment to practical reconciliation.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the award is stated in your letter of offer. 3 years full time for students enrolled in a single undergraduate degree or 4 years full time for students enrolled in a flexible or vertical double degree. The recipient will also be provided with pastoral support from the Tjabal Centre, and/or the Manager, Education Services within the College. The award is paid in consultation with the recipient, which may include a bi-annual payment (after census date), direct tuition fee payment or accommodation payment, unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

The recipient is responsible for making payment of all tuition fees not covered by the scholarship 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 of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent; and

(b) identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person; and

(c) is accepted as such by the community in which they live, or formerly lived; and

(d) is enrolling in an undergraduate degree program offered by the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific.
4. APPLICATION

To be considered for the award applicants must:

- Apply for admission through the ANU Admission Scholarship and Accommodation (ASA) Application System
- Select to be considered for scholarships and ‘all eligible scholarships’
- Answer the four scholarship questions in the ASA Application.

5. SELECTION

Selection is made on the basis of:

- responses to the scholarship questions in the ASA application in particular how the program will help meet their career aspirations;
- Previous academic performance

The award is offered to a student by the University Coursework Scholarships Committee. Membership of this committee is 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 College 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.

6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS

A recipient of the Garrurru Indigenous Undergraduate Scholarship is permitted to hold concurrent scholarships 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 (minimum of 18 units) per semester. A recipient requests permission, in writing, from the Manager, Education Services, College of Asia and the Pacific to hold the award on a part-time basis. If approved, payments of the award will be made on a pro-rata basis.

Recipients are expected to maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5.0 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 required 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.

An award 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;
(d) if a recipient changes to part-time enrolment without receiving permission to retain their scholarship;
(e) if a recipient transfers to a program not offered by the College;
(f) if a recipient fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements;
(g) 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 College Associate Dean (Education), 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

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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 ANU College of Asia and the Pacific or Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University.

15. CONTACT WITH THE COLLEGE

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

Manager, Education Services
ANU College of Asia and the Pacific

Email: cap.student@anu.edu.au

16. 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.

17. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES


