



## **GOWRIE SCHOLARSHIP**

### **CONDITIONS OF AWARD**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Each year the Trustees may offer awards (normally two in number) known as the Gowrie Scholarships. They derive from a fund that was set up in 1943 to maintain scholarships in perpetual memory of those Australian men and women who gave their lives for their country in the Second World War.

One of the awarded scholarships will be known as the Gowrie – Patrick Hore-Ruthven Memorial Scholarship, and will be awarded to the top-ranked applicant most representative of the Conditions of Award.

#### **2. BENEFITS**

The value of the award is stated in your letter of offer and on the website.

The duration of the scholarship will be one year in the first instance. The scholarship will be tenable for up to two years at universities or other recognised research institutions, either in Australia or overseas. Successful applicants are required to re-apply if they are seeking funding for a second year, and include a progress report from their research project supervisor.

A pro-rata payment may be given for candidates seeking a second year of funding if they have had a significant suspension of studies during their first year of Gowrie scholarship funding.

The scholarships will commence at the start of the academic year of the university, or other institution, at which (or under the direction of which) the research is to be pursued. Where necessary, the scholarship offer may be made retrospective to that date

The recipient is responsible for making payment of all tuition fees by the prescribed date as set out by their 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**

- (a) The scholarships are open to Australian citizens who are graduates of Australian universities or a recognised institution in Australia, who have completed a Bachelor degree with Honours (AQF Level 8) or equivalent (AQF Level 9 Extended) at a recognised institution in Australia<sup>1</sup>.
- (b) In accordance with the Trust Deed, preference will be given to past or present members of the *Australian Armed Forces* (whether permanent or Reserve) and their *lineal descendants* (see 'Definitions' section).

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<sup>1</sup> AQF refers to the Australian Qualifications Framework

- (c) Special consideration will also be given to lineal descendants of a member of the Australian Armed Forces who died as a result of any occurrence which happened while serving in the Second World War, subsequent wars or on non-warlike operations (such as peacekeeping or humanitarian operations).

#### **4. APPLICATION**

Applications must be submitted on the prescribed form, and supporting documentation forwarded to [philanthropic.scholarships@anu.edu.au](mailto:philanthropic.scholarships@anu.edu.au) by the closing date listed on the ANU Gowrie website. Applications, including all supporting documentation, must be submitted as a single PDF document.

Full information must be given for every particular required on the application form. If space is insufficient, a separate statement should be attached. Evidence provided by applicants must be to the satisfaction of the Trustees.

Applications from final year students who have not graduated at the time of application will receive consideration provided that they are otherwise eligible.

#### **5. SELECTION**

The Trust Deed requires that the Trustees, in awarding the scholarships, take into consideration (in addition to educational attainments) the applicant's character and personality (as expressed in a statement of co-curricular engagement) and their financial means. The Trustees will also take into consideration any impact on the applicant that has resulted from their or their nominated forebear's service in the Armed Forces.

If other requirements are satisfactory, then financial hardship circumstances will be given special consideration. A candidate who considers that their financial position justifies such consideration should present relevant particulars. Such information will be treated as confidential. Relevant particulars may include:

- Assets such as expendable capital, income, assistance expected from other sources such as family and other scholarships; and
- Liabilities including tuition fees, accommodation costs, living expenses and other relevant expenses.

Scholarships will be awarded by a committee in accordance with the instructions of the trustees and all candidates will be advised of the outcome. Candidates may be given limited feedback at the panel's discretion. No further correspondence will be entered into once an outcome has been announced.

The panel may also elect a reserve candidate, who will be informed they are the reserve.

The trustees reserve the right to make no award if they consider there is no applicant of sufficient merit. The trustees 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 scholarship 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 recipient must take up their award in the year for which it is offered. Any requests for deferrals of the award must be approved by the committee. Subject to approval, the award may be deferred for a maximum of one year.

## **8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY**

A recipient of this award is permitted to enrol either on a full-time or part-time basis. If permission is given from the home institution for the recipient to enrol part-time, payments of the award will be made on a pro-rata basis.

## **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 changes their program or course without permission;
- (d) 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 trustees 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. 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 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 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/>

#### **14. ACCOMMODATION**

It is the recipient's responsibility to obtain residential 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 Australian National University (ANU) may also publicise the award by publishing the names of the recipients. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the Alumni Relations & Philanthropy or Student Administration & Records office of the ANU.

#### **16. CONTACT WITH ADMINISTRATION**

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

Email: [philanthropic.scholarships@anu.edu.au](mailto:philanthropic.scholarships@anu.edu.au)

#### **17. DISCLAIMER**

The recipient of this award is subject to the policies, procedures and rules of their home institution.

#### **18. DEFINITIONS**

**Australian Armed Forces** includes, but is not limited to, members of the Naval, Military or Air Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia, members of the Royal Australian Nursing Service, the Australian Army Nursing Service, the Royal Australian Air Force Nursing Service, the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service, the Australian Women's Army Service, the Australian Army Service, the Australian Army Medical Women's Service and the Women's Auxiliary Air Force.

**Lineal descendants** includes step, adopted and ex-nuptial children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren etc.