



GOWRIE SCHOLARSHIP

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the Australian National University (the University) may offer a number of awards known as the Gowrie Scholarship (the award). The scholarship that is awarded to the top-ranked candidate will be known as the Gowrie – Patrick Hore-Ruthven Memorial Scholarship.

The objective of the award is to support post graduate students complete a research based degree program at universities or recognised research institutions in Australia or overseas.

Funding for this award has been provided by the Gowrie Scholarship Trust Fund. Established on December 31st 1943, the fund maintains scholarships in perpetual memory of those Australian men and women who gave their lives for their country in the Second World War. The Gowrie Scholarships are named after Brigadier General The Right Honourable Alexander Gore Arkwright Hore-Ruthven, The Earl of Gowrie VC, GCMG, CB, DSO & Bar, PC and his son, Major Patrick Hore-Ruthven who died on 24th December 1942 of wounds received in Tripolitania.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the award is for 1 year in the first instance and is tenable for up to 2 years (scholarship recipients seeking funding for a second year are required to re-apply). The award is paid in one instalment on confirmation of enrolment 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 home institution 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 Australian citizens who:

- (a) are past or present members of the *Australian Armed Forces* (whether permanent or Reserve), or are *lineal descendants* of such members (see Section 18. Definitions);
- (b) are able to demonstrate financial hardship;
- (c) have completed a Bachelors Degree with Honours (AQF Level 8) or equivalent (AQF Level 9 Extended) and have graduated from an Australian university or recognised tertiary institution in Australia¹;
- (d) have applied for, been accepted into, or are a continuing student in a Masters Degree (Research) or PhD program at any Australian or international university.

¹ AQF refers to the Australian Qualifications Framework

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. When making a selection, the committee will take into consideration:

- level of financial hardship demonstrated
- academic merit
- strength of character and/or a record of contribution (as evidenced, for example, by participation in extracurricular university or community activity or by coping or having coped with significant personal challenges)
- the impact on their lives resulting from their, or their forebear's, service in the Australian Armed Forces

Acknowledging the genesis of the Gowrie Scholarship, special consideration will be given to lineal descendants of members of the Australian Armed Forces who died as a result of any occurrence which happened while serving in the Second World War or subsequent wars or non-warlike operations such as peacekeeping or humanitarian operations.

The award is offered to a student by the Gowrie Scholarship selection committee.

The selection committee reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant 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 hold concurrent scholarships subject to the terms and conditions of the recipient's other awards and the relevant policies of their home institution.

7. DEFERMENT

The recipient is expected to take up their award in the year for which it is offered. Any requests for deferrals of the award must be approved by the Chair of the selection committee. Subject to approval, the award may be deferred for a maximum of 1 year.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A recipient of this award is required to maintain enrolment at their home institution for the 1 year period of the award.

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 be active in their program at their home institution other than for approved absences;
- (c) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the home institution;

whichever is earliest.

10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

Subject to the information available at the time, the Chair of the selection committee 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 is based on the information provided to the Gowrie Scholarship Selection Committee. 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.

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 Registrar 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 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 University may also publicise the award by publishing the names of the recipients. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the ANU Coursework Scholarships Office or Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University.

16. CONTACT WITH THE SCHOLARSHIP OWNER

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

ANU Coursework Scholarships Office

Email: 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, the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force and the Women's Royal Australian Air Force.

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