



HIGHER DEGREE RESEARCH (HDR) FEE MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the Australian National University may offer a number of awards known as the Higher Degree Research (HDR) Fee Merit Scholarship (“the award”).

The objective of the award is to encourage and support exceptional international HDR applicants to undertake their research degree at the Australian National University.

Funding for this award is provided by the Australian National University.

2. BENEFITS

International Student Fees: The award covers the recipient’s International Student Fees (for tuition) for the duration of the award.

Overseas Health Care Cover: Recipients of the award who hold a Student Visa, will also be eligible for full Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC), for the standard program duration, including cover for the recipient’s spouse and immediate family (where applicable).

The recipient is responsible for making payment of any other 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 in the first instance for a recipient undertaking a Doctor of Philosophy degree, and one year in the first instance for a Master of Philosophy student, or such shorter period as is stated in the letter of offer.

Periods of enrolment already undertaken for the HDR degree and periods of enrolment undertaken for the HDR degree during suspension of the award will be deducted from the duration of the award.

Periods of paid sick leave taken in accordance with Section 38 of the *ANU Research Awards Rule 2017*, as well as maternity and parental leave are additional to the normal duration of the award.

Extension: If eligible, a recipient may apply for an extension of the award by completing the [Manage my Degree - HDR](#) form. The maximum period of extension is six months and an extension may be sought only where the HDR program has been delayed by circumstances beyond the recipient's control, and are not of a personal nature. Doctor of Psychology (Clinical) students are not eligible for this extension.

3. PROGRAM & AWARD LEAVE

There are no paid leave benefits offered under this award.

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 College.

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.

4. ELIGIBILITY

The award will be available each year to a prospective and continuing students who:

- (a) is an international student enrolling full-time in an accredited HDR course of study at the University;
- (b) Has also been awarded an ANU University Research Scholarship; and
- (d) has normally achieved a minimum of H1 or H1 equivalent in their prior studies.

5. APPLICATION

There is no application as students are automatically considered based on applicants meeting the eligibility criteria or conditions prescribed under the Eligibility section.

6. SELECTION

Selection of this award requires each of the ANU Colleges to convene a selection committee to score and rank ALL eligible H1 (or equivalent) applicants in a merit-based process. Overall ranking includes consideration of:

- Academic Record
- Research Potential, support from the prospective supervisor and location in which the research will be undertaken
- Referee reports
- English Language competency
- Comparison with other applications received in the same award round

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).

7. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS

A recipient of the award is not permitted to concurrently hold other fee scholarships, awards, grants or bursaries with this award.

A recipient of the award is permitted to concurrently hold other non-fee scholarships (including the University Research Scholarship), 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.

8. 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.

9. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

The recipient is required to remain enrolled full-time in a program of study for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy/Doctor of Psychology (Clinical)/Master of Philosophy at the Australian National University.

The recipient is required to maintain eligibility for their ANU University Research Scholarship. Should the recipient lose eligibility to hold their ANU University Research Scholarship, this award will also terminate.

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

An award cannot be transferred to another tertiary institution.

10. SUSPENSION OF AWARD

A recipient may apply for suspension of their award. The approval of a suspension will be at the discretion of the recipient's College. A suspension may be appropriate if a recipient is studying at another institution and receives an award for that study. In these circumstances the duration of the award will be reduced by the periods of study undertaken towards the degree during suspension of the award (unless the study was undertaken overseas as part of a Commonwealth Government financially supported international postgraduate research scholarship or award).

The University may suspend an award where a recipient has:

- a) outstanding fees;
- b) an outstanding debt with the University; or

- c) outstanding HDR program milestone/s

The award will be suspended when at least five working days have passed since the University advised the recipient in writing that the milestones, debt and/or fees are outstanding, until the milestones have been met or the outstanding fees and/or debt have been paid. Under these circumstances, the recipient will forfeit payment of the award for the period of time that their award is suspended.

11. 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 student 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.
- (f) if the student ceases to be eligible to hold their ANU University Research Scholarship.

12. PROVIDING FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION

The offer of an award 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 offering the award.

13. VARIATION TO CONDITIONS OF AWARD

In exceptional circumstances and on a case-by-case basis sections 6 and/or 7 of these conditions of award may be varied by the Dean, Higher Degree Research on the recommendation of the Registrar.

14. 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/>

15. 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>

16. PUBLICITY

The award 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 Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University.

17. 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 Research Award Rules and Candidature and Supervision Policies.

18. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES, RULES & RESOURCES

ANU Research Award Rules - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2017L01614>

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

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

ANU Discipline Rules - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2015L02046>

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

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