



## ICON WATER ASPI BARIA PHD SCHOLARSHIP

### CONDITIONS OF AWARD

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the ANU College of Science (“the College”) may offer an award known as the Icon Water Aspi Baria PhD Scholarship (“the award”).

Funding for this award has been provided by Icon Water. The Aspi Baria PhD Scholarship was established to memorialise the passing of the well-known and respected Icon Water employee Mr Aspi Baria, who died in 2007.

Icon Water is the ACT’s supplier of water and sewerage services and suppliers of bulk water to Queanbeyan. Icon Water own and operate the ACT’s network of dams, water treatment plants, sewage treatment plants, reservoirs, water and sewerage pumping stations, mains and other associated infrastructure.

The objective of the award is to provide support to an outstanding domestic<sup>1</sup> or international<sup>2</sup> candidate undertaking scientific research in the chemical, environmental or engineering aspects of waste treatment, water quality and/or distribution to enable them to pursue a PhD program in the College of Science.

#### 2. BENEFITS

**Value:** The value of the award will be stated in your letter of offer. The award will be paid in fortnightly instalments, unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

The Award may contain any or all of the following benefits:

- A. **Stipend Scholarship:** A recipient may be awarded a stipend scholarship equivalent to the value of the Australian Government Research Training Program (AGRTP) stipend scholarship. The Award is indexed each year on 1 January; and/or
- B. **Higher Degree Research (HDR) Fee Remission Merit Scholarship:** An International recipient may be recommended for an HDR Fee Remissions Merit Scholarship to cover the International Student Fees for the standard duration of the Higher Degree Research (HDR) program subject to the recipient being ranked as competitive in a merit-based selection process; and/or
- C. **Relocation Reimbursement:** A recipient may be eligible to claim a reimbursement as a one-off payment to assist with relocation costs, including those in respect of the recipient’s spouse, de facto partner, and dependent child or children, incurred in commencing their HDR program. Where a claim for a relocation reimbursement is in respect of a recipient’s spouse, de facto partner, or dependent child or children, they

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<sup>1</sup> A student who is an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen, the holder of an Australian Permanent Resident visa or the holder of an Australian humanitarian visa

<sup>2</sup> A student who is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen or the holder of Australian permanent resident status, and is required to hold a visa to study in Australia and liable for international student fees (ISF) payable to the University either by the student or a sponsor

must accompany the recipient to take up his/her program, or join the recipient within 12 months of the recipient commencing their HDR program.

Recipients who are resident outside the Australian Capital Territory, or who are permanently resident outside Australia at the time of application, may be eligible to receive a one-off relocation reimbursement capped at a maximum of \$1,000 for Domestic students, or \$2,500 for International students, towards the costs of moving to take up their HDR program, on production of original tax invoice/receipts.

Insurance, accommodation and meal costs related to relocation cannot be claimed.

Applications for relocation reimbursement must be submitted within 12 months of the recipient commencing their HDR program. No relocation reimbursement is payable after this time or after the Award ceases; and/or

- D. Thesis Allowance:** A recipient may be eligible to claim a reimbursement of up to \$500 for services associated with the production of their thesis, in accordance with the [thesis allowance requirements](#)

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 the Award are responsible for the cost of books, study materials, accommodation and all other costs of study.

### 3. DURATION

The duration of a full-time award will be:

- a) For Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) three years; less
  - i. Period of enrolment already undertaken for the PhD degree; and/or
  - ii. such shorter period as is stated in the letter of offer.

#### b) Extension:

A recipient may apply for an extension of the stipend scholarship 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 research has been delayed by circumstances beyond the recipient's control.

### 4. PROGRAM LEAVE

Periods of program leave must be taken in accordance with the Research Awards Rule.

#### a) Unpaid Program Leave

A recipient may apply for unpaid program leave on personal grounds. If the leave does not exceed a total period of twelve months during the duration of the Award, the recipient may resume the Award at the completion of the leave.

Program leave exceeding a total of twelve month will only be considered where there are exceptional circumstances beyond the control of the recipient and must be approved by the Delegated Authority in the College.

Unpaid program leave is aggregated and awarded only in one-week blocks for a full-time recipient and two-week blocks for a part-time recipient.

A recipient must apply for unpaid program leave and scholarship leave by completing the relevant section of the [Manage my Degree - HDR](#) form in ISIS. Recreation Leave

A recipient is 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.

A recipient must apply in writing to their Chair of Panel.

Paid recreation leave does not extend the duration of the Award.

b) Paid Medical Leave

A recipient is 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.

A recipient must apply in writing to their Chair of Panel.

Paid medical leave does not extend the duration of the Award.

c) Additional Paid Leave

A recipient is entitled to additional paid medical or carer's leave to a maximum of 60 working days on provision of a medical certificate. Medical certificates must:

- i. be signed by a registered medical practitioner;
- ii. state the likely duration of the required leave; and
- iii. certify that the recipient requires the leave for medical or caring reasons.

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

A recipient 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 duration of the Award.

d) Paid Parental Leave

Recipients who have completed 12 months of their Award and are the primary caregiver of a new child (by birth or legal adoption) are entitled to a maximum of 60 working days paid parental leave.

Paid parental leave is aggregated and awarded only in one-week blocks for a full-time student and two-week blocks for a part-time student.

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 duration of the Award.

e) Paid Partner Parental Leave

Recipients who have completed 12 months of their Award and who are the partner of a person who is the primary caregiver of a new child (by birth or legal adoption) may be entitled to five days paid partner parental leave. The University may require the recipient to provide evidence of the date of birth or adoption.

Paid partner parental leave is aggregated and awarded only in one-week blocks for a full-time student and two-week blocks for a part-time student.

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

Paid partner parental leave extends the duration of the Award.

## **5. ELIGIBILITY**

The Award is available each year to an ANU student who:

- a) is enrolled or enrolling full-time in a program of study for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, based in the College of Science.
- b) has achieved a minimum of H1 or H1 equivalent in their prior studies.
- c) is undertaking research in the chemical, environmental or engineering aspects of waste treatment, water quality and/or distribution.

## **6. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Applications shall be called for with a closing date as set by the ANU College of Science. The closing date and application instructions will be advertised on the University scholarship webpage.

## **7. SELECTION**

- a) Selection will be made on the basis of academic merit, referee reports and other evidence; and
- b) Effective use of funds; and
- c) Demonstrated intention to meet the Objective/s; and
- d) Discipline research interests.

Other factors such as support from the prospective supervisor and details of the proposed research may also be taken into account.

The selection Committee will be chaired by the Associate Dean (HDR), or appointed nominee, and will include Associate Directors HDR and HDR Conveners.

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).

## **8. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS**

A recipient is permitted to hold other scholarships, awards, grants and bursaries concurrently with this Award, provided the terms of the other scholarship permits this also.

However, a recipient may not receive another allowance, award, grant or bursary to undertake the proposed program, which exceeds the value of 75 per cent of the Award stipend.

## **9. DEFERMENT**

The Award must be taken up no later than the date specified in the letter of offer, unless otherwise approved.

## **10. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY**

The recipient of this Award is required to remain enrolled full-time in an eligible program of study for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the Australian National University.

A part-time Award may be offered or approved if the recipient has reasons acceptable to the University that preclude full-time study for part or all of the program 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 institution. With approval from the Delegated Authority in the College, an award may be transferred to another research school/college.

The recipient will be required, as part of his/her annual milestone requirements, to provide Icon Water with a Progress report. The recipient will also be required to deliver an oral presentation to the Icon Water Board and/or Icon Water Staff and invited guests once during the course of their PhD if requested to do so.

The recipient and their supervisor may be invited to attend Icon Water function early in the PhD program to explore possibilities of collaboration with Icon Water staff and opportunities to conduct some PhD research at Icon Water facilities. Prior to commencing work in collaboration with Icon Water, a separate partnership agreement will be implemented between the University, the student and Icon Water regarding confidentiality of information, intellectual property, publication and acknowledgment

Where relevant the recipient will have access to in-kind support from Icon Water personnel throughout the duration of the project to provide advice and expertise relating to the research topic, as well as opportunities for further collaboration and development.

## **11. SUSPENSION OF AWARD**

A recipient may apply for suspension of their Award. 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 the Award where a recipient has:

- Outstanding fees; or
- An outstanding debt with the University; or
- Outstanding PhD milestone/s; or

- Been found to be in breach of a statute, rule or policy or procedure of the University.

The Award will be suspended when at least 5 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 debt and/or fees have been paid. Under these circumstances, the recipient will forfeit payment for the period of time that their Award is suspended.

## **12. CESSATION OF AWARD**

The award ceases or should be surrendered:

- a) if a student no longer meets the eligibility requirements;
- b) at the conclusion of the period outlined in section 2;
- c) on the date on which the recipient withdraws or ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences;
- d) if a recipient fails to enrol as required in section 8;
- e) If a recipient changes their program or course without permission to retain the Award;
- f) If a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Misconduct & Discipline Rules (2021).

Whichever is earliest.

## **13. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS**

A recipient who is taking leave from their program, or changing their enrolment intensity from full-time to part-time, must 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, these will be recovered in line with the ANU Procedure - Overpayments.

## **14. PROVIDING FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION**

The 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.

## **15. 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 Dean on the recommendation of the chair of the selection committee.

## **16. TAXATION & CENTRELINK**

Recipients are responsible for seeking taxation and Centrelink advice (if applicable) regarding their own individual circumstances. Awards may be regarded as taxable income if a recipient is enrolled on a part-time basis.

For information on how the Award may affect your Centrelink benefits, please refer to this website: <http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enablers/income/>

## **17. 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>

## **18. 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 Science or ANU Communications and Engagement (ACE).

Recipients will also be required to acknowledge funding from the Award should the outcomes lead to publication.

## **19. DISCLOSURE AND DONOR CONTACT**

For the purposes of reporting on the impact of awards, the name, program name and demographics (for example: age, country or town of residence) relating to a recipient of the Award may be disclosed to donors supporting the Award. This will not include recipient contact details. The recipient may be asked to write a personal note of thanks or to meet with donors. Any contact between a donor and a recipient will be facilitated by the ANU Advancement Office or an authorised representative of the University.

## **20. CONTACT WITH THE AWARD OWNER**

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

*Student Administration*  
*ANU College of Science*  
*Email: [science.hdr.sa@anu.edu.au](mailto:science.hdr.sa@anu.edu.au)*

## **21. 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 does not carry any commitment by the University for future employment.

These Conditions of Award should be read in conjunction with the *Research Awards Rule* and Higher Degree Research Policy and Procedures available from the [ANU website](#).

## **22. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES**

HDR Legislation, policies and procedures - <https://www.anu.edu.au/students/program-administration/assessments-exams/hdr-policies-procedures>

ANU Academic Integrity Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2021L00997>

ANU Discipline Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2021L00998>

ANU Student Code of Conduct <https://www.anu.edu.au/students/program-administration/program-management/student-code-of-conduct>