INDIGENOUS STUDENTS’ PRACTICAL LEGAL TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the ANU College of Law (“the college”) together with the National Centre for Indigenous Studies (“NCIS”), may offer up to two awards known as the Indigenous Students’ Practical Legal Training Scholarship (“the award”).

The objective of the award is to support Indigenous students who want to undertake practical legal training, which is required to become admitted as a lawyer. The award aims to offset some of the financial burden of undertaking this professional legal training.

Funding for this award has been provided by the ANU College of Law and National Centre for Indigenous Studies, and supports the College’s vision for reconciliation and achieving a more just and equitable society.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the award is stated in your letter of offer. The award covers tuition fees for the duration of the student’s Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

Recipients of this award are responsible for the costs of books, study materials, accommodation, and all other costs of study including the Services Amenities Fees.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The award is available each year to a prospective student who:

(a) is an Australian citizen and a member of the Indigenous community;

(b) Has received an offer of admission for the Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice (http://programsandcourses.anu.edu.au/program/6303XGDP)

4. APPLICATIONS

Applications are open throughout the year. The application is submitted on the prescribed electronic form and supporting documentation forwarded to the College by email to enquiries.law@anu.edu.au

Applicants must apply separately for entry to the Australian National University.
5. SELECTION

Selection is made on the basis of academic merit and application.

The award is offered to a student by a sub-committee appointed from the ANU College of Law Scholarships Committee.

The College and sub-committee reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit. The College and sub-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.

The sub-committee will consider the applications taking into account how the award will assist their personal and professional development. The sub-committee may take into account the applicant’s academic performance, other achievements, and, if relevant, personal circumstances. The sub-committee may call an applicant for interview.

6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS

A recipient of the award 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.

Failure to declare and obtain permission to hold another award or scholarship may result in the recipient being required to refund a payment or payments to the College, as determined by the Dean of the College (or nominee).

7. DEFERMENT

The recipient must take up their award in the semester for which it is offered. Any requests for deferrals of the award must be approved by the Dean of the College (or nominee).

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A recipient of this award is required to enrol in a full-time load of 12 units per session. A recipient requests permission, in writing, from the Dean of the College (or nominee) 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 pass each course.

If a recipient fails a course in any session a formal warning is sent.

If the recipient fails a course in a subsequent session 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;
   b) on the date which the recipient withdraws or ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences;
   c) if the recipient fails to enrol as required in Section 8;
   d) if a recipient changes to part-time enrolment without permission;
   e) if the recipient withdraws from the Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice;
   f) if a recipient fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirement; or
   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 Dean of the College, may request that the payment for the semester in which the breach of conditions or withdrawal occurs be refunded in part or 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 sections 6 and 7 of these conditions of award may be varied by the Dean of the College.

13. TAXATION & CENTRELINK
Recipients are responsible for seeking taxation and Centrelink advice regarding their own individual circumstances. Scholarships may be regarded as taxable income in certain circumstances.

For more information on how your scholarship 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 for the period of the award. 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

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. Arrangement for such publicity will be made through the ANU College of Law or Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University.

16. CONTACT WITH THE COLLEGE

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

The ANU College of Law
Email: enquiries.law@anu.edu.au

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 Scholarship 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.

18. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES