

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
RESEARCH SCHOOL OF ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS
ANU COLLEGE OF SCIENCE
JOAN DUFFIELD RESEARCH AWARD
CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics (RSAA) may award up to three awards known as the Joan Duffield Research Award (“the Award”).

The Award will be awarded for Excellence in Research.

The Award was established to encourage outstanding Australian students to pursue PhD degree courses in Astronomy and Astrophysics at ANU. Miss Duffield was the daughter of Professor Walter Geoffrey Duffield, the inaugural Director of the Solar Physics Observatory at Mount Stromlo. Miss Duffield was a treasured member of the Mount Stromlo community and a long-time supporter of science and astronomy.

The Award will be administered by the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics at the ANU College of Science.

2. VALUE

A stipend of up to \$5,000 will be available.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The Award will be awarded to an applicant who:

- (a) is an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen, or an Australian permanent resident.
- (b) is enrolled in the PhD program at RSAA and is working on a project in Astronomy & Astrophysics;
- (c) has completed all of the required milestones to the satisfaction of the *Delegated Authority*.

Any student meeting the above criteria will automatically be considered for the Award.

A student who has previously been awarded an Award may remain eligible for future awards.

4. SELECTION

The Award will be awarded on the recommendation of the Selection Committee appointed by the Director of the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics.

The Award shall not be awarded if, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, there are no candidates of sufficient merit. The School reserves the right to make no awards in a given year, to vary the number of awards or to make an award/s at other times in exceptional circumstances as determined by the Director of the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics (or nominee). The School reserves the right to revise the award, criteria and conditions from time to time.

5. CRITERIA

The Award will be awarded for Excellence in Research in the previous one year period, 1 July through 30 June, or part thereof during which the student was enrolled in the PhD program at RSAA.

The Selection Committee will consider the information provided in the Thesis Progress report (or Thesis Proposal) and Annual Progress Talk (or Proposal Talk).

The committee will assess students based on the following criteria:

- (a) Originality and feasibility of the research;
- (b) Impact, or potential for impact, in the relevant research field;
- (c) Research achievements and accomplishments (e.g., submitted or published refereed papers, conference presentations); and
- (d) Good citizenship and engagement with the RSAA and wider community (e.g., outreach activities, committee representation).

The committee will take into account any program leave of absence.

The committee will seek to distribute the awards to students at different levels (e.g., one Award for students who have completed up to one year of program, one for students who have completed between one and two years of program, and one for students who completed two and three years of program by June 30), but reserves the right to revise the distribution.

6. TENURE

The Award is for a one year period, 1 July through 30 June.

7. TERMINATION

The award may be terminated when a successful applicant:

- (a) Changes her/his enrolment mode without seeking approval from the Director of the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics;
- (b) Withdraws from the program; or
- (c) Submits her/his thesis.

Should the award be terminated, the Director shall determine if any or all of the award monies should be repaid.

8. PAYMENT

The award will be payable in fortnightly instalments over the one year period, 1 July through 30 June (back dated as necessary).

9. TAXATION

It is the scholar's responsibility to determine the taxation implications of the award, if any, which apply to their individual circumstances.

10. FURTHER INFORMATION

All enquiries regarding the Award should be made to:

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11. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

The scholar is subject to The Australian National University Act 1991 as amended, and to the Statutes, Rules, Policies, Regulations and Resolutions of the University.

12. DISCLAIMER

This award does not carry a commitment by the University for future employment.