



JOHN SHAW SCHOLARSHIP

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics (“the RSAA”) in the ANU College of Science may offer an award known as the John Shaw Scholarship (“the award”).

The objective of the award is to support PhD students pursuing studies or research in the astrophysics of the universe (excluding our solar system), using optical and radio astronomy, and related theoretical investigations.

Funding for this award has been provided by the John Shaw Foundation, which among other goals aims to support study and research in the astrophysics of the universe, and advance Australia’s position in the world. In establishing this award, the John Shaw Foundation hopes that any business or individual that develops patents or derives financial benefit from the work of a student funded by the John Shaw Scholarship considers making a donation towards the continued support and endowment of the scholarship.

2. BENEFITS

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

The recipient is responsible for making payment of any tuition and/or 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 one year in the first instance, or such shorter period as is stated in the letter of offer.

Extension: No extension is available.

PROGRAM & SCHOLARSHIP LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS

A recipient who is unable to pursue their program of study should apply for program and Scholarship leave of absence by completing the Application for Program and Scholarship Leave - Research form.

Personal Leave: The University may approve program and Scholarship leave of absence on personal grounds, which does not exceed a total period of twelve months during the tenure of the award. An application for program and Scholarship leave of absence for more than twelve 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.

Medical Leave: A recipient whose application for program and Scholarship leave of absence is approved on medical grounds will continue to receive the award for the period of the program leave of absence, on receipt of a certificate signed by a registered medical practitioner which gives the nature and likely duration of the recipient's illness and certifies that the recipient is unable to pursue the program because of the illness. Medical grounds may also be used to cover leave for recipients with family caring responsibilities. The maximum aggregated period for receipt of the award under this provision cannot exceed 12 weeks within the duration of the award.

In no circumstances can the program and Scholarship leave of absence exceed two years in total (which includes personal and medical leave).

Payments for this scholarship will not continue during these types of leave.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The award will be available each year to a prospective or continuing student who:

- (a) is a domestic student;
- (b) is enrolled or enrolling full-time in a program of study for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, within the RSAA, pursuing studies or research in the astrophysics of the universe (excluding our solar system), using optical and radio astronomy and related theoretical studies; and
- (c) has, in the case of continuing students, completed all the required milestones to the satisfaction of the Delegated Authority in RSAA.

4. APPLICATION

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

5. SELECTION

Selection will be made on the basis of:

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

Other factors such as the information provided in the Thesis Progress report (or Thesis Proposal), and Annual Progress Talk (or Proposal Talk), may also be taken into account.

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

The award will be offered to a student by a Selection Committee appointed by the Director of the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics. The Committee will include at least three academic staff members from the RSAA.

The Selection Committee reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no eligible 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 (where funds allow).

6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS

A recipient of the award is not permitted to concurrently hold other supplementary scholarships.

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 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.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

The recipient is required to remain enrolled full time in a program of study for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the Australian National University in the program for which the award is offered.

An award cannot be transferred to another institution, ANU College or research school.

9. 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 PhD milestones

An award will only be suspended once a reasonable amount of time (more than 20 working days) has passed since the fees and/or debt and/or milestones were due and once the University has advised the recipient in writing that the milestones, debt and/or fees are outstanding. Under these circumstances, the recipient will forfeit payment for the period of time that their award is suspended.

10. 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 recipient 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;

Whichever is earliest.

11. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

A recipient who is taking leave from their program, or changing intensity from full-time to part-time, is expected to submit the prescribed 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, the overpayments will generally be recovered in line with the ANU Overpayments Procedure.

In the situation where a student is overpaid an amount in excess of a full fortnightly disbursement, the University may recover the overpayment by withholding future stipend payments at the same rate that the stipend was overpaid.

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

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 on the recommendation of the Chair of Selection Committee or the Director of the RSAA.

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/students/services/accommodation>

16. 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 Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University.

17. CONTACT WITH THE ANU COLLEGE

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

Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics
ANU College of Science
The Australian National University
Acton, ACT 2601
Australia
T: +61 2 6125 0886 E: rsaa.sa@anu.edu.au

18. 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 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 Awards Rule and Candidature and Supervision Policies.

19. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES, RULES & RESOURCES

ANU Research Awards Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2015L02059>

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

ANU Academic Misconduct Rules - <https://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01785>

ANU Discipline Rules - <https://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01792>

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>