



## THE JOHN AND KERRY LOVERING SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS OF AWARD

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the Research School of Earth Sciences (RSES) in the ANU College of Science, may offer an award known as the John and Kerry Lovering Scholarship (“the award”).

The objectives of the award are to:

- Support a domestic student pursuing a Master of Earth Sciences (Advanced) program which includes an extensive research component (project);
- Support a student who has already demonstrated outstanding academic ability as an indication of their future potential impact; and
- Recognise John and Kerry Lovering’s sustained interest and involvement in science.

Professor John Lovering AO, FAA, FTSE began his academic career at the ANU. He returned from USA to Australia in 1956 as a research fellow (1956-60), then fellow (1960-64), and finally senior fellow (1964-69) in Geophysics and Geochemistry at the ANU. This was the start of a distinguished career including the study of meteorites, moon rock and Antarctic research. From 1975 -1987 Professor Lovering was head of the School of Earth Sciences at the University of Melbourne, before becoming Dean of Science and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research). In 1987 the Lovering family moved to Adelaide where Professor Lovering became Vice-Chancellor of Flinders University (1987 -1995) and later President of the Murray-Darling Basin Commission (1994-1999).

After graduating with a BSc(Hons) from University of Sydney, Ms Kerry Lovering OAM began her career as a geologist in what was a very male dominated industry. Ms Lovering has been a lifelong activist for women’s rights including convening the Women’s Electoral Lobby. She has held many positions in an active career including public service, academia and serving on local councils. Ms Lovering is a graduate of Sydney University, University of California, Los Angeles, Monash University, and the University of Melbourne.

Funding for this award has been provided by the Lovering family and other donors.

### 2. BENEFITS

The value of the award will be stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the award will be for the full duration of the student’s tenure (up to two years full-time enrolment). The award will be paid in equal instalments at the beginning of each semester unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

The recipient is responsible for making payment of all tuition fees by the prescribed date as set out by the University each session. Recipients of this award are responsible for the costs of books, study materials, accommodation and all other costs of study.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY**

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

- (a) is a domestic student;
- (b) is enrolling in a Master of Earth Sciences (Advanced) program which includes a research component; and
- (c) can demonstrate a history of excellent academic performance.

### **4. APPLICATION**

Applications are called for with a closing date as set by the RSES. The application shall be submitted on the prescribed electronic form and supporting documentation forwarded to the ANU Research School of Earth Sciences by email or post prior to the closing date. Applicants should submit:

- an official academic transcript, or certified copy, with the most current results possible;
- a one page statement detailing research interests, motivation for undertaking this program and the future impact they intend to make in their chosen field; and
- supporting references from two academics.

### **5. SELECTION**

Selection is made on the basis of a demonstration of excellent academic achievement and on the strength of the applicant's written statement.

The award is offered to a recipient by a selection committee chaired by the RSES Associate Director of Education, and at least two other academic staff from the relevant discipline who will be nominated by the Director.

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 (where funding allows) and/or offer the award at other times in exceptional circumstances or based on the standard of applications or students.

### **6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS**

A recipient of the Lovering Scholarship 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/travel grant/award that they are holding.

Failure to declare and obtain permission to hold another award or scholarship may result in the scholar being required to refund a payment or payments to the RSES, as determined by the Director of RSES.

### **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 Director of RSES. Subject to approval, the award may be deferred for a maximum of one semester.

## **8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY**

A recipient of this award is required to enrol in a full-time load of 24 units per semester. A recipient may request permission in writing, from the Director of RSES 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 maintain a 70% grade point average each semester (with the average being across all courses taken in a particular semester).

If a recipient is unable to achieve the required average in any semester a formal warning is sent.

If the recipient does not meet the required average in a subsequent semester they risk having their award suspended or terminated.

A 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; or
- (b) on the date on which the recipient withdraws or ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences;
- (c) if a recipient fails to enrol as required in section 8;
- (d) if a recipient changes to part-time enrolment without permission;
- (e) if a recipient changes their program or course without permission;
- (f) if a recipient fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements;
- (g) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards as set by the University under the Academic Misconduct and Discipline Rules;

whichever is earliest.

## **10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS**

Subject to the information available at the time, the Director of RSES (or nominee) may request that the payment for the semester in which the breach of conditions or withdrawal occurs be refunded in part or in full.

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

The awarding of a scholarship 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.

## **12. VARIATION TO CONDITIONS OF AWARD**

In exceptional circumstances and on a case-by-case basis section 6 and/or 7 of these conditions of award may be varied by the Dean on the recommendation of the Selection Committee.

## **13. TAXATION AND CENTRELINK**

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

For more information on how your award 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. Information on student accommodation and application forms are available from University Accommodation Services. Information may be found at <http://www.anu.edu.au/students/services/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. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the RSES, or Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University.

## **16. CONTACT WITH THE SCHOOL**

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

Masters Convenor  
Research School of Earth Sciences

Email: [Student.admin.rses@anu.edu.au](mailto:Student.admin.rses@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 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 Coursework Scholarships Policy and Procedures available from the ANU website.

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

ANU Coursework Scholarship Policy

[https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_007803](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_007803)

ANU Coursework Scholarship Procedure -

[https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_009607](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_009607)

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

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