



## **MASTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (ADVANCED) - DOMESTIC SCHOLARSHIP**

### **CONDITIONS OF AWARD**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Each year the Research School of Earth Sciences (“the School”) as part of the Australian National University (“the University”) may offer a number of awards known as the Master of Earth Sciences (Advanced) – Domestic Scholarship (“the Award”).

The objective of the Award is to support the ongoing training and development of quantitative Earth Sciences students, through the Master of Earth Sciences (Advanced), (MES(A)), program at the School, while undertaking targeted research aligned with Geoscience Australia’s priorities.

Funding for this Award has been provided by Geoscience Australia. Geoscience Australia (GA) is the national geoscience public sector organisation and their work aligns with the national science and research priorities and supports global and domestic government initiatives.

#### **2. BENEFITS**

The value of the Award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the award is for up to 18 months of full-time study. The Award will be paid in two equal instalments after census date of the second and third semester of enrolment unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

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 this Award are responsible for the cost 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) holds a First-Class Bachelor of Science (or equivalent);
- (c) receives an offer of admission to the Master of Earth Sciences (Advanced) degree program from the Research School of Earth Sciences;
- (d) selects a pre-approved project that aligns with Geoscience Australia’s research priorities

#### **4. APPLICATION**

The application is submitted on the prescribed form. Any requirement for supporting documentation and forwarding details will be stated on the application form and/or ANU Scholarships website. The application and all supporting documentation (where applicable) must be submitted on, or prior to, the closing date published on the ANU Scholarships website.

#### **5. SELECTION**

Selection will be made on the basis of academic merit and academic alignment of the student and the project. Where there are multiple applicants of equal merit, preference will be given to applicants not currently receiving another scholarship.

The Award is offered to a student by a selection committee chaired by the Associate Director Honours & Masters, Research School of Earth Sciences (or nominee), which will also include at least two staff members from the Research School of Earth Sciences.

The Selection Committee reserves the right to make no Award if it considers there are no applicants 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).

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

A recipient of the award is permitted to hold concurrent scholarships as outlined in the ANU Coursework Scholarships procedure.

## **7. DEFERMENT**

The Award cannot be deferred.

## **8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY**

The recipient of this Award is required to enrol in a full-time load of 24 units per semester.

Recipients are expected to maintain a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of 70% or above each semester (with the average being across all courses taken in a particular semester).

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

If the recipient does not meet the required WAM in a subsequent semester they will risk having their Award suspended or terminated.

A recipient will be 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. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

- (a) The parties acknowledge and agree that title to, and ownership in the Student's thesis will vest upon creation in the Student.
- (b) The Student acknowledges that as a condition of the award of the scholarship, the Student will be required to make any data (which includes any record, material, data or information) created during a research project, available to the University and Geoscience Australia under a *Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International Licence* (CC BY 4.0).

## **10. 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; 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 fails to enrol as required in section 8;
- (e) if a recipient changes to part-time enrolment;

- (f) if a recipient changes their program or course;
- (g) if a recipient fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements;
- (h) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Misconduct & Discipline Rules.

whichever is earliest.

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

The offer of a scholarship is based on the information provided by the student to the ANU. 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.

#### **12. 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 Director, Research School of Earth Sciences on the recommendation of the Associate Director – Honours & Masters, Research School of Earth Sciences.

#### **13. 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/>

#### **14. 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>

#### **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. ANU 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 the ANU Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office.

#### **16. CONTACT WITH THE SCHOLARSHIP OWNER**

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

*Research School of Earth Sciences  
ANU College of Science  
Jaeger 8, Building 142  
The Australian National University  
Canberra ACTON 2601  
AUSTRALIA*

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, Policies and Procedures of ANU.

This Award 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 & RESOURCES

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 Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2015L02025>

ANU Discipline Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2018L00319>