



MASTER OF SCIENCE (ADVANCED) IN ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS SCHOLARSHIP

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics (“the School”) may offer an award known as the Master of Science (Advanced) in Astronomy and Astrophysics Scholarship (“the award”).

The objective of the award is to support an outstanding domestic or international student to enable them to pursue the Master of Science (Advanced) in Astronomy and Astrophysics, offered by the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics in the ANU College of Science.

Funding for this award has been provided by the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the award is for up to two years. The award is 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 is available each year to a prospective or current ANU student who:

- (a) is a domestic or international student;
- (b) receives an offer of admission or is currently enrolled in the Master of Science (Advanced) in Astronomy and Astrophysics;
- (c) has achieved a minimum ANU GPA of 5.75/7.0 (or equivalent)¹ in their undergraduate degree or completed at least 24 units of a cognate Masters level degree program with a GPA of 5.75/7.0 (or equivalent).

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

¹ ANU uses a 7-point Grade Point Average (GPA) scale. All qualifications submitted for admission at ANU will be converted to this common scale, which will determine if an applicant meets our published admission requirements. Find out more about how a 7-point GPA is calculated for Australian universities: www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/admission-criteria/tertiary-qualifications

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 is made on the basis of application and academic merit.

The award is offered to a student by a selection committee chaired by the Director of the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics (or nominee) which will also include the RSAA Master's Program Convenor and at least one more RSAA academic staff member.

The selection committee reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit. The School 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 Master of Science (Advanced) in Astronomy and Astrophysics Scholarship is permitted to hold concurrent scholarships as outlined in the ANU Coursework Scholarships procedure.

7. DEFERMENT

The award cannot be deferred.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A recipient of this award is required to enrol in a full-time load of 24 units per semester. A recipient requests permission, in writing, from the RSAA Master's Program Convenor 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 minimum GPA of 5.75/7.0 or above each semester (with the average being across all courses taken in a particular semester or session/s overlapping that semester), and also meet all required research project milestones.

If a recipient is unable to achieve the required GPA of 5.75/7.0 in any semester or does not meet all required research project milestones, a formal warning is sent.

If the recipient does not meet the required GPA of 5.75/7.0 in a subsequent semester or, does not meet all required research project milestones, in any 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) 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;
- (d) if a recipient fails to enrol as required in section 8;
- (e) if a recipient changes to part-time enrolment without receiving permission to retain their scholarship;
- (f) if a recipient changes their program or course without permission;
- (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.

10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

Subject to the information available at the time, the Director of the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics, acting, if necessary, on the advice of the RSAA Associate Director Science Education, 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. This includes circumstances where the false information is unrelated to the assessment in awarding the scholarship.

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 Dean of the ANU College of Science on the recommendation of the Director of the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics.

13. TAXATION & CENTRELINK

Recipients are responsible for seeking taxation and Centrelink advice regarding their own individual circumstances. Scholarships/grants 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, 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 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. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics or the Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University.

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 Astronomy and Astrophysics, ANU College of Science

Email: rsaa.sa@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/grant 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

ANU Coursework Scholarship Policy -

https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_007803

ANU Coursework Scholarship Procedure -

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/F2015L02046>