



NATIONAL SECURITY COLLEGE ENTRY SCHOLARSHIP FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLAND STUDENTS

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the National Security College ('the College') may offer an award known as the National Security College Entry Scholarship for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Students ('the Award').

The objective of the Award is to support an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Island student while they study the Master of National Security Policy offered by the National Security College.

Funding for this Award has been provided by the National Security College at The Australian National University ("the University").

2. BENEFITS

The value of the Award is stated in your letter of offer. The Award is a tuition subsidy for 50% of tuition fees, with the duration of up to 36 units. The Award is applied to the recipient's tuition fees 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 of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent; and
- (b) identifies as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person; and
- (c) is recognised as such by their community; and
- (d) receives an offer of admission to the Master of National Security Policy offered by the National Security College; and
- (e) is not the recipient of a Commonwealth Supported Place.

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 is made on the basis of application and academic merit. Where there are multiple candidates of equal merit, preference may be given **(in order of priority)** to applicants who:

- Have relevant prior work experience
- Identify as female

The Award is offered to a student by a selection committee chaired by the Head of College (or nominee), a representative of the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre and which will also include at least one academic staff member from the College.

The selection committee reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit. The College 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 recipient is expected to take up their Award in the semester for which it is offered. Any requests for deferrals of the Award must be approved by the Head of College. Subject to approval, the Award may be deferred for a maximum of 6 months.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A recipient of this Award is required to enrol in a minimum of 6 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 or session/s overlapping that semester).

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

If the recipient does not meet the required WAM 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) 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 Head of College 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 Head of College on the recommendation of the Chair of Selection Committee.

13. TAXATION & 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 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 National Security College or 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:

*Senior Student Engagement Coordinator
National Security College
Crawford School of Public Policy
ANU College of Asia and the Pacific*

Email: crawford.degrees@anu.edu.au

17. DISCLAIMER

The recipient of the 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 & 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>