



## **NATASHA LINARD SCHOLARSHIP FOR WOMEN IN ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY**

### **CONDITIONS OF AWARD**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Each year the ANU College of Engineering & Computer Science ("the College") may offer an award known as the Natasha Linard Scholarship for Women in Engineering & Technology ("the award").

The objective of the award is to support female students who are undertaking their 3<sup>rd</sup> (or later) year, of an undergraduate program at the College. The award aims to help build the recipient's leadership skills in technology, business and community areas, and to develop a mentoring relationship with prominent professionals in the private and public sectors. Recipients of the Natasha Linard Scholarship for Women in Engineering & Technology will carry her name with pride and, like her, will become prominent members of the engineering profession.

Funding for the award has been provided by the College, and by donors who have contributed to the Natasha Linard Endowment. The scholarship endowment was established following the sad passing of Dr Natasha Linard, a member of the first undergraduate engineering intake at the ANU College of Engineering & Computer Science.

Dr Natasha Linard was an outstanding and inspiring role model for female engineers. She was one of the first ANU female students to graduate with a Bachelor of Engineering and, subsequently, with a PhD in Engineering.

The scholarship will continue her dedication to supporting female students and early professionals.

#### **2. BENEFITS**

The value of the award is stated in the letter of offer. The duration of the award is 12 months. The award is paid in a single instalment at the beginning of the semester following the announcement of the award, 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 continuing ANU student who:

- (a) is a domestic or international student;
- (b) is enrolled in an undergraduate program in at least their 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the program at the ANU College of Engineering & Computer Science and;

- (c) has demonstrated a commitment to socio-technical issues through mentoring female students in their early years at the College, by encouraging young women in their final years at school to consider an engineering degree, or through a focus (e.g. in their final year thesis) on developing or applying appropriate technologies for developing economies.

#### **4. APPLICATION**

Applications are called for with a closing date as set by the College and advertised on the ANU scholarships website. The application is submitted on the prescribed electronic form and supporting documentation forwarded to the College by email prior to the closing date.

#### **5. SELECTION**

Selection is made on the basis of academic merit, and the applicant's supporting documents, which demonstrate achievement in extracurricular student projects/activities.

The award is offered to a student by a Selection Committee chaired by the Dean of the College (or nominee), which will also include:

- Research School Director (or nominee) of a suitable research school within the College at the discretion of the Dean
- Associate Dean Diversity & Inclusion
- Donor (or nominee) if available

The Selection Committee reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit. Subject to funding, 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 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 Dean of the College.

#### **8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY**

A recipient of this award is required to be enrolled in a full-time load of 24 units per semester. A recipient may request permission, in writing, from the Dean of the College to hold the award on a part-time basis.

Recipients are required to continue to demonstrate a commitment to socio-technical issues through mentoring female students in their early years at the College, by encouraging young women in their final years at school to consider an engineering degree, or through a focus (e.g. in their final year thesis) on developing or applying appropriate technologies for developing economies.

## **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 receiving permission to retain their scholarship,
- (e) if a recipient transfers to a degree program not offered by the College;
- (g) 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 Dean of the College may request that the payment for the semester in which the breach of conditions or withdrawal occurs be refunded in part or full.

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

The awarding of a scholarship/grant 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/grant.

## **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 Dean of the College.

### **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 College or the Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University.

### **16. CONTACT WITH THE COLLEGE**

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

*ANU College of Engineering & Computer Science*

*Email: [studentexp.cecs@anu.edu.au](mailto:studentexp.cecs@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](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/F2015L02046>