



NATIONAL INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP FOR MEDICINE

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the ANU Medical School may offer an award known as the National Indigenous Scholarship for Medicine (“the award”).

The objective of the award is to assist Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students to undertake the *Medicinae ac Chirurgiae Doctoranda* (MChD) program at the ANU Medical School.

Funding for this award has been provided by ANU Medical School and the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the award is up to 4 years. The award is paid in two 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 or transferring student who:

- (a) is an Australian citizen; and
- (b) is of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent; and
- (c) identifies as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person; and
- (d) is accepted as such by the community in which they live, or formerly lived; and
- (e) has applied for and been allocated an identified Indigenous place in the *Medicinae ac Chirurgiae Doctoranda* (MChD) program at the ANU Medical School.

4. APPLICATION

There is no application as students are automatically considered based on them meeting the eligibility criteria or conditions prescribed under the Eligibility section.

5. SELECTION

Selection is made on the basis of academic merit, aligned with the University’s strategic objectives to ensure a diverse student cohort.

The award is offered to a student by a selection committee chaired by the Chair of Indigenous Health Framework (or nominee) and will also include members of the ANU Indigenous Health Team and, if necessary, other ANU Medical School staff members as committee members.

The ANU Medical School reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit. The ANU Medical 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 National Indigenous Medicine Scholarship 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 in which it is offered. Any requests for deferrals of the award must be approved by the ANU Medical School Director (or nominee). Subject to approval, the award may be deferred for a maximum of 12 months.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A recipient of this award is required to enrol in a full-time load per semester as stated in the MChD program structure.

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 fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements;
- (f) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards of the ANU Medical School and those 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 ANU Medical School Director 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/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 7 of these Conditions of Award may be varied by the ANU Medical School Director on the recommendation of the Medical School's Chair, Indigenous Health Framework.

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 ANU Medical School, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Team or Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the university.

16. DISCLOSURE AND DONOR CONTACT

For the purposes of reporting on the impact of scholarships, the name, program name and demographics (for example: age, country or town of residence) relating to a recipient of this award may be disclosed to donors supporting the award. This will not include recipient contact details. The recipient may be asked to write a personal note of thanks or to meet with donors. Any contact between a donor and a recipient will be facilitated by the ANU Advancement Office or an authorised representative of the University.

17. CONTACT WITH THE SCHOLARSHIP OWNER

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

ANU Medical School

Email: medicalschooll@anu.edu.au

18. 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.

19. 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>