



NORTHROP GRUMANN, VIASAT & OPTUS COUNTRY SCHOLARSHIP FOR BURGMANN COLLEGE

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year The Australian National University may offer up to two scholarships known as the Northrop Grumman, ViaSat & Optus Country Scholarship for Burgmann College (“the scholarship”).

The objectives of the scholarship are to:

- improve access to tertiary education for students from rural and regional areas;
- enhance the skills of rural and regional students in the Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) fields; and
- enable rural and regional students to be part of the residential community at Burgmann College.

Funding for this scholarship has been provided by Northrop Grumman Australia, ViaSat and Optus.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the scholarship is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the scholarship will be three years. The scholarship is paid in two instalments at the beginning of each semester directly to Burgmann College unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer. This scholarship will provide a contribution to the accommodation fees payable for residence at Burgmann College for their first academic year and subsequent years. The scholarship is awarded for three consecutive years of residence and study; should the student be in a leadership position within Burgmann College in later years, the surplus of scholarship funds will be transferred to the scholarship recipient.

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 scholarship is available each year to a prospective ANU student and who is:

- (a) an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen, holder of an Australian Permanent Resident visa or a permanent humanitarian visa;
- (b) is intending to relocate to Canberra to take up a place in a degree program at The Australian National University;
- (c) from a regional or rural background and able to demonstrate financial need.

- (d) is intending to enrol in an undergraduate degree program in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics at The Australian National University within the College of Engineering & Computer Science; College of Medicine, Biology & Environment and/or College of Physical & Mathematical Sciences.
- (e) has applied, and intends to take up an offer of residence at Burgmann College for the duration of the scholarship;
- (f) aged 20 years of age or younger at the time of application;
- (g) has completed their Year 12 or equivalent qualification and achieved an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank 85 or above (excludes bonus points).

4. APPLICATION

Applications are called for with a closing date advertised on the ANU website. Applications should be made via the University Admissions Centre (UAC) at <http://www.uac.edu.au/equity/>.

5. SELECTION

Selection is made on the basis of a student's financial needs. Preference may be given to applicants who:

- (a) are from Wagga Wagga and the Riverina region;
- (b) are female;

The scholarship is offered to a student by a selection committee chaired by the Head of Burgmann College (or nominee) which will also include a senior staff member from the ANU Access and Inclusion Office and a donor representative.

The selection committee reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit. The selection committee may also vary the number of scholarships and/or offer the scholarship at other times in exceptional circumstances or based on the standard of applications or students.

6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS

A recipient of the Northrop Grumman, ViaSat & Optus Country Scholarship for Burgmann College is permitted to concurrently hold other scholarships, awards, grants and bursaries subject to the terms of the corresponding section in the Conditions of Award of the other scholarship/bursary/grant/award that they are holding.

Failure to declare and obtain permission to hold another award or scholarship may result in the scholar being required to refund a payment or payments to the College, as determined by the Head of Burgmann College.

7. DEFERMENT

The recipient must take up their scholarship in the semester for which it is offered. Any requests for deferrals of the scholarship must be approved by the Deputy Director, ANU Access and Inclusion Office under special circumstances such as medical grounds or personal hardship. Subject to approval, the scholarship may be deferred for a maximum of 12 months.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A recipient of this scholarship is required to enrol in a full-time load (18 units or more per semester). Under extenuating circumstances, a recipient may request permission, in writing, from the Deputy Director, ANU Access and Inclusion Office to hold the scholarship on a part-time basis. If approved, payments of the scholarship will be made on a pro-rata basis.

Recipients are expected to maintain a 60% average each semester (with the average being across all courses taken in a particular semester).

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

If the recipient does not meet the required average in a subsequent semester they risk having their scholarship suspended or terminated.

A scholarship 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 a scholarship is made.

9. CESSATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship ceases or should be surrendered:

- (a) at the conclusion of the period outlined in section 2; or
- (b) if a recipient is no longer residing at Burgmann College
- (c) on the date on which the student 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; or
- (e) if a recipient changes to part-time enrolment without permission; or
- (f) if a recipient changes their program or course without permission; or
- (g) if a recipient fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements; or
- (h) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Misconduct & Discipline Rules;

whichever is the earliest.

10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

Subject to the information available at the time, the Deputy Director, ANU Access and Inclusion Office 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. A scholarship 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 the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) 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/grants may be regarded as taxable income if a recipient is enrolled on a part-time basis.

For information on how your scholarship 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/students/services/accommodation>

15. PUBLICITY

The recipient may be requested to participate in publicity for the scholarship 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 scholarship by publishing the names of the recipients. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University.

16. CONTACT WITH THE COLLEGE

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

Burgmann College
Building 52, Daley Rd.
ANU Campus
Canberra ACTON 2601
AUSTRALIA

Email: reception@burgmann.anu.edu.au

17. DISCLAIMER

The recipient of this scholarship 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 Rules - <https://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01785>

ANU Discipline Rules - <https://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01792>