



NUGGET COOMBS INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIAN SCHOLARSHIP

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre ('the Centre') may offer two awards known as the *Nugget Coombs Indigenous Australian Scholarship* ('the award').

The objective of the award is to assist undergraduate and postgraduate Indigenous students to undertake fieldwork and research, preferably in the Northern Territory.

Funding for this award has been provided to honour the late Dr HC 'Nugget' Coombs, a former Chancellor of ANU who worked tirelessly as an advocate for Indigenous rights.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the award is stated in your letter of offer. The award is paid in a single instalment 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 current ANU student who:

- (a) is an Australian citizen; and
- (b) is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent; and
- (c) identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person; and
- (d) is accepted as such by the community in which they live, or formerly lived; and
- (e) is enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate program at ANU; and
- (f) has completed at least 36 units of study.

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 academic merit. Other factors such as the academic value of the applicant's project, the money available in the fund in any year and the availability of appropriate supervision may also be taken into account.

The award is offered to a student by a selection committee chaired by the Director of the Tjabal Centre which will also include at least one senior Indigenous academic staff member and one academic staff member with knowledge of and an interest in Indigenous education, nominated by the selection committee chair.

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 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 Nugget Coombs Indigenous Australian 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 remain enrolled in the semester/session for which the scholarship is awarded.

9. CESSATION OF AWARD

The award ceases or should be surrendered:

- (a) if a recipient fails to enrol as required in section 8;
- (a) 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 Chair of the selection committee 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 DVC(A) 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 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. 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.

16. CONTACT WITH THE SCHOLARSHIP OWNER

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

Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre

Email: Tjabal.centre@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>