



## OFFICE OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FOR WOMEN CONDITIONS OF AWARD

### 1. INTRODUCTION

In 2020, the *National Security College* ('NSC') at the Australian National University ('ANU') will offer a scholarship known as the *Office of National Intelligence and National Security College Scholarship for Women* ('the award').

The objectives of the Scholarship are to foster the talent of Australian women interested in national security and pursuing a career in the national intelligence community, to showcase the College's programs for high achievers, and to provide an opportunity to a standout woman who may otherwise be unable to undertake a Master of National Security Policy degree due to financial constraints.

Funding for this award has been provided by the Office of National Intelligence ('ONI').

### 2. BENEFITS

The value of the award is stated in your letter of offer. Subject to the ongoing eligibility criteria set out below, the award is offered for the duration of the Master of National Security Policy degree program.

Recipients of the award are responsible for the costs of student services and amenities fees, books, study materials, accommodation, relocation and all other costs of study.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY

The award is available each year to a prospective ANU student who:

- (a) is an Australian citizen; and
- (b) has completed a Bachelor degree or international equivalent with a minimum GPA of 5.0/7.0 or above; and
- (c) identifies as female; and
- (d) is enrolling in the Master of National Security Policy degree program; and
- (e) is not a member of the Australian Public Service/State and Territory equivalents/National Intelligence Community.

#### **4. APPLICATION**

The application is submitted as:

- (a) a statement of claims of no more than 500 words; and
- (b) a current Curriculum Vitae of no more than three pages; and
- (c) two (2) academic written references.

Any requirement for supporting documentation and forwarding details will be stated on the ANU Scholarships website. The application and all supporting documentation 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 excellence and/or research achievements, aligned with the University's strategic objectives to ensure a diverse student cohort. Other factors such as prior work experience, which the Selection Committee considers appropriate and in line with ONI's and the College's strategic direction and priorities, may also be taken into account.

Additional factors to foster diversity and inclusion may be taken into account and may include (in the following order of preference), but are not limited to:

- Graduate from a rural/regionally based university
- Graduate from a STEM discipline
- Indigenous status
- Educational access or disadvantage

The award is offered to a student by the Head of the College on the recommendation of a Selection Committee chaired by the Chief Operating Officer of the College, which will also include two academic staff members of the College and two representatives from ONI.

The Selection Committee reserves the right not to recommend a Scholarship if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit.

#### **6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS**

A recipient of the Office of National Intelligence and National Security College Scholarship for Women is permitted to hold concurrent scholarships as outlined in the ANU Coursework Scholarships procedure. The recipient must notify ONI of the application/s and the outcome/s.

#### **7. DEFERMENT**

The recipient is expected to take up the Scholarship in the semester for which it is offered. Any requests for deferrals of the Scholarship must be approved by the Head of the College (or nominee). Subject to approval, the Scholarship may be deferred for a maximum of one semester.

## **8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY**

A recipient of this award is required to enrol in a full-time load of 18-24 units per semester (or six month period).

The recipient is expected to maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5.0/7.0 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 GPA in any semester a formal warning is sent.

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

The 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;
- (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 the College (or nominee) 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 (including during the application process). 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 sections 7-9 of these Conditions of Award may be varied by the Head of the College on the recommendation of the Chair of the Selection Committee. ONI will be notified by the College of any variation.

## **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/ONI may also publicise the award by publishing the names of the recipients. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific or Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University in consultation with ONI.

## **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](mailto:crawford.degrees@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 does not carry any commitment by the ONI and/or 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/ppi/document/ANUP\\_007803](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppi/document/ANUP_007803)

ANU Coursework Scholarship Procedure - [https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppi/document/ANUP\\_009607](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppi/document/ANUP_009607)

ANU Academic Misconduct Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2015L02025>

ANU Discipline Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2015L02046>