



PETER MCGREGOR HDR SUPPLEMENTARY SCHOLARSHIP

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics (RSAA) may offer an award known as the Peter McGregor HDR Supplementary Scholarship (“the award”).

The objective of the award is to reward excellence in research in the RSAA instrumentation program or excellence in research that has a substantial instrumentation component, and to encourage outstanding students to pursue PhD degree programs in astronomy and astrophysics at the ANU with a special emphasis on instrumentation development.

Funding for the award is provided by the Peter McGregor Scholarship Endowment. Professor Peter McGregor was a highly respected RSAA researcher who played a pivotal role in designing and building world-class astronomical instrumentation, and in developing technical programs within RSAA. Instruments for which he had prime responsibility achieved significant science outcomes on telescopes both at RSAA and international observatories. The award was established to commemorate his achievements.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the award is stated in the letter of offer. The award is paid in fortnightly instalments.

Duration: The duration of a full-time award is one year or such shorter period as is stated in the letter of offer.

Extension: No extension is available, but recipients will remain eligible for subsequent awards.

PROGRAM & SCHOLARSHIP LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS

A scholar who is unable to pursue their program of study should apply for program and scholarship leave of absence by completing the Application for Program and Scholarship Leave - Research form.

Personal Leave: The University may approve Program and Scholarship leave of absence on personal grounds, which does not exceed a total period of twelve months during the tenure of the award. An application for Program and Scholarship leave of absence for more than twelve months will only be considered if there are exceptional circumstances beyond the control of the scholar and must be approved by the Delegated Authority in the College.

Medical Leave: A scholar whose application for Program and Scholarship leave of absence is approved on medical grounds will continue to receive the award for the period of the program leave of absence, on receipt of a certificate signed by a registered medical practitioner which gives the nature and likely duration of the scholar’s illness and certifies that the scholar is unable to pursue the program because of the illness. Medical grounds may also be used to cover leave for

students with family caring responsibilities. The maximum aggregated period for receipt of the award under this provision cannot exceed 12 weeks within the duration of the award.

There is no provision for paid leave for this award.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The award is available each year to a new or continuing student who:

- (a) is a domestic or an international student;
- (b) is enrolled in the PhD program at RSAA and is working on a project in astronomy and astrophysics that incorporates instrumentation development or innovative use of instrumentation; and
- (c) has completed all the required milestones to the satisfaction of the Delegated Authority.

4. APPLICATION

There is no application as students are automatically considered if they meet the eligibility criteria or conditions prescribed under the Eligibility section.

5. SELECTION

The scholarship is awarded on the recommendation of the Selection Committee appointed by the Director of the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics. Selection is made on the basis of:

- (a) originality and feasibility of the research, which should have a substantial instrumentation component;
- (b) impact, or potential for impact, in the research field;
- (c) research achievements and accomplishments (e.g. submitted or published refereed papers and conference presentations); and
- (d) good citizenship and engagement with RSAA and the wider community (e.g. outreach activities and committee representation).

In making the award the Selection Committee will consider the above criteria together with other factors such as the information provided in the Thesis Progress report (or Thesis Proposal) and Annual Progress Talk (or Proposal Talk) as necessary.

The committee will take into account any program leave of absence.

The Selection Committee reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no eligible 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 (where funds allow).

6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS

A recipient of the award is not permitted to concurrently hold other supplementary scholarships.

7. DEFERMENT

The award must be taken up no later than the date specified in the letter of offer, unless in special circumstances another date has been approved by the Director RSAA or nominee.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

The scholar is required to remain enrolled full time in a program of study for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the Australian National University in the program for which the award is offered.

An award cannot be transferred to another institution, ANU College or research school.

9. SUSPENSION OF AWARD

A student may apply for suspension of their award. The approval of a suspension is at the discretion of the student's College. A suspension may be appropriate if a student is studying at another institution and receives an award for that study. In these circumstances the duration of the award is reduced by the periods of study undertaken towards the degree during suspension of the award (unless the study was undertaken overseas as part of a Commonwealth Government financially supported international postgraduate research scholarship or award).

The University may suspend an award where a student has:

- (a) outstanding fees;
- (b) an outstanding debt with the University; or
- (c) outstanding PhD milestone(s).

An award will only be suspended once a reasonable amount of time (more than 20 working days) has passed since the fees and/or debt and/or milestones were due and once the University has advised the scholar in writing that the milestones, debt and/or fees are outstanding. Under these circumstances, the student will forfeit payment for the period of time that their award is suspended.

10. CESSATION OF AWARD

The award ceases or should be surrendered:

- (a) at the conclusion of the period outlined in section 2; or
- (b) on submission of the thesis for examination; or
- (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 is no longer meeting or has breached the conditions of the award; or
- (e) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Misconduct & Discipline Rules;

Whichever is earliest.

11. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

A student who is taking leave from their program is expected to submit the prescribed leave form in a timely manner and (where possible) in advance, in order to avoid receiving an overpayment of their award. In circumstances where an overpayment does occur, the overpayments will generally be recovered in line with the ANU Overpayments Procedure.

In the situation where a student is overpaid an amount in excess of a full fortnightly disbursement, the University may recover the overpayment by withholding future stipend payments at the same rate that the stipend was overpaid.

Should the Award be terminated, the Director of the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics shall determine if any or all of the award monies should be repaid.

12. PROVIDING FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION

The offer of an award 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 offering the award.

13. VARIATION TO THE CONDITIONS OF THE AWARD

In exceptional circumstances, and on a case-by-case basis, sections 6 and/or 7 of these conditions of award may be varied by the Dean on the recommendation of the Chair of Selection Committee or the Director RSAA.

14. TAXATION & CENTRELINK

Recipients are responsible for seeking taxation and Centrelink advice regarding their own individual circumstances. Scholarship 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, please refer to this website: <http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enablers/income/>

15. 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>

16. 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 publicize the award by publishing the names of the recipients. Arrangements for such publicity are made through the ANU College of Science or Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University.

17. CONTACT WITH THE ANU COLLEGE

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

Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics
ANU College of Science
The Australian National University
Acton, ACT 2601
Australia

T: +61 2 6125 5195 E: rsaa.sa@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 does not carry any commitment by the University for future employment.

These conditions of award should be read in conjunction with the University's Research Award Rules and Candidature and Supervision Policies.

19. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES, RULES & RESOURCES

ANU Research Award Rules - <https://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2013L00564>

ANU Overpayments Procedure – https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_000599

ANU Academic Misconduct Rules - <https://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01785>

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

Thesis Allowance Requirements - <http://www.anu.edu.au/students/program-administration/assessments-exams/theses-reimbursement>

Research Scholarship Information (including forms) - <http://www.anu.edu.au/students/scholarships-support/research-scholarship-information>