



PHILLIPA WEEKS SCHOLARSHIP IN LAW

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the ANU Law School, of the ANU College of Law, may offer an award known as the Phillipa Weeks Scholarship in Law ("the award").

The objective of the award is to support rural, regional and remote students who want to attend ANU to obtain a degree in Law. The award aims to offset some of the financial burden of attendance at law school.

Funding for the award has been provided from donors to the University including alumni, law firms, the Weeks family and former colleagues, students and friends of the late Professor Phillipa Weeks. The award was established in memory of Phillipa Weeks (BA (Hons) '74, LLB (Hons) '79, LLM '87), a much loved and respected former ANU Law student and Professor. Phillipa attended school in country NSW, before she was awarded a scholarship to study at ANU. This began a successful academic career at ANU Law where she earned much respect through her inspiring teaching and research into Labour Law and held the positions of Professor, Associate Dean and Head of School at the ANU Law School. In 2006 Professor Phillipa Weeks died at the age of only 53, after a year-long battle with cancer. Former colleagues and students of Phillipa remember her with profound respect and deep affection.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the award is stated in the letter of offer. The duration of the award is up to five years.

The award is paid in two equal instalments per year 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 in 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 ANU student who:

- (a) is a citizen of, or holds permanent resident status in, Australia;
- (b) is a successful applicant for entry into the first year of program of study leading to the award of the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) (LLBHons) degree whether undertaken as a single or flexible double degree in the ANU Law School; and
- (c) has undertaken (at least) the final two years of their secondary schooling in a regional or remote area of Australia.

4. APPLICATION

All applicants applying for admission through the ANU Admission Scholarship and Accommodation Application System will be automatically considered for the award based on them meeting the eligibility criteria and electing to be considered for scholarships.

5. SELECTION

Selection is made on the basis of academic performance, leadership qualities and achievements, and contribution to the community, all made relative to opportunity over the final two years of secondary school. Responses to these criteria will be gathered from the direct domestic Admission Scholarship and Accommodation application.

The award is offered to a student by the Dean of the ANU College of Law on the recommendation of the ANU College of Law Scholarships Committee.

The ANU College of Law Scholarship Committee reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit. The ANU College of Law Scholarship 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 funding allows).

6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS

A recipient of the Phillipa Weeks Scholarship in Law 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 enrol in a full-time load of 24 units per semester. A recipient requests permission, in writing, from the Chair of the ANU College of Law Scholarships Committee to hold the award on a part-time basis. If approved, payments of the award will be made on a pro-rata basis.

Recipients are expected to maintain a GPA of 5.0 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.

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) at the conclusion of the period outlined in section 2; or
- (b) on the date on which the recipient withdraws or ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences;
- (c) if a recipient fails to enrol as required in section 8;
- (d) if a recipient changes to part-time enrolment without receiving permission to retain their scholarship;
- (e) if a recipient changes to a program that will not lead to the award of the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) (LLBHons);
- (f) if a recipient fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements;
- (g) 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 Dean of the ANU College of Law, 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 Dean of the ANU College of Law on the recommendation of the Chair of the ANU College of Law Scholarships Committee.

13. TAXATION & CENTRELINK

Recipients are responsible for seeking taxation and Centrelink advice regarding their own individual circumstances. Scholarship income may be regarded as taxable income if a recipient is enrolled on a part-time basis.

For more information on how the 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. Arrangement for such publicity will be made through the ANU College of Law or Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University.

16. CONTACT WITH THE COLLEGE

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

The ANU College of Law

Email: scholarships.law@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>