

R.G. MENZIES SCHOLARSHIP TO HARVARD

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the Harvard Club of Australia (“HCA”), in partnership with the Australian National University, may offer a number of awards known as the R.G. Menzies Scholarship to Harvard (“the award”).

The objective of the award is to support talented Australians who have gained admission to a Harvard University graduate school and whose primary objective after graduation is to make a significant contribution to Australia’s development.

Funding for this award has been provided by the Harvard Club of Australia via the R.G. Menzies Scholarship Endowment Fund. The Fund was established by the HCA in 1967 as a means of honouring a great Australian Statesman and furthering Australian/American relations. The Council Secretariat at the Australian National University administers the R.G. Menzies Scholarship to Harvard and works closely with the Committee on General Scholarships at Harvard.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the award is stated in your letter of offer and is finally dependent on subsequent funding the recipient may receive in financial aid from Harvard University. Part of the award is paid as a one off payment by the ANU on behalf of the Harvard Club of Australia, and part of the award may be paid by Harvard University at the commencement of the Harvard academic year unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The award is available each year to an Honours graduate (or equivalent) of an Australian university or other recognised Australian tertiary institution who;

- (a) is an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident, and normally resides in Australia; and
- (b) intends to return to Australia after the completion of their studies at Harvard; or
- (c) intends to directly represent Australia overseas; and
- (d) has not commenced or previously undertaken a postgraduate degree course at a United States university; and
- (e) has applied for, and/or has been admitted to, a full time residential postgraduate degree program at Harvard University; and
- (f) must not have accepted another major scholarship of more than 50% of the value of the R.G. Menzies Scholarship to Harvard. Such scholarships include, but are not limited to, Fulbright, Frank Knox, Ramsay and Monash awards.

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

Selected applicants will be invited to attend an interview as part of the selection process. Selection is made based on academic merit, qualities of leadership and breadth of vision as demonstrated by their passion and commitment to making a significant contribution to the development of Australia.

The award is offered to a candidate by a Selection Committee comprising not more than seven persons, three appointed by the Vice-Chancellor of the Australian National University from time to time and three appointed by the HCA from time to time and for so long as the Menzies Foundation makes an annual contribution, the seventh shall be a representative of the Menzies Foundation.

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 funding allows).

6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS

A recipient of the R.G. Menzies Scholarship to Harvard is permitted to hold concurrent scholarships, provided that there is no conflict with Section 3(f); and advice is given to HCA. HCA may be contacted via their administrator at www.harvardclub.org.au.

7. DEFERMENT

The award cannot be deferred.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A recipient of this award is required to enrol, and maintain enrolment, in a course load that complies with the program requirements as set out in their respective School's enrolment guidelines.

Recipients are expected to maintain a level of academic performance that meets the program requirements of their respective School's ongoing eligibility guidelines. Each scholar shall provide the R.G. Menzies Scholarship selection committee with a progress report (including an official statement of academic results for coursework) at the conclusion of each academic year.

The scholar must advise the secretary of the selection committee immediately if circumstances arise that interrupt the scholar's pursuit of the course in that year.

9. CESSATION OF AWARD

The award ceases or should be surrendered:

- (a) on the date on which the recipient withdraws or ceases to attend Harvard University other than for approved absences;
- (b) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by Harvard University under their respective Academic Misconduct & Discipline Rules;

whichever is earliest.

In the event that a Scholarship is terminated, it will only be reactivated if it is determined that the termination occurred in error.

10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

The scholar may be required to repay a sum, not exceeding the amount of the award, if the scholar does not pursue the approved course of study at Harvard University for at least the first academic year.

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 Harvard Club of Australia on the recommendation of the Chair of the Selection Committee.

13. TAXATION

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

14. ACCOMMODATION

It is the recipient's responsibility to obtain residential 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. Arrangements for such publicity will be

made through the Harvard Club of Australia or the ANU Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office.

A recipient of the R.G. Menzies Scholarship to Harvard may be invited to attend a meeting of HCA, in which case HCA shall be responsible for reasonable travel and accommodation expenses.

16. CONTACT WITH SECRETARY OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

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

*ANU Coursework Scholarships Office
Division of Student Administration & Academic Services*

Email: philanthropic.scholarships@anu.edu.au