

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
RESEARCH SCHOOL OF ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE
RSAA MASTERS (ADVANCED) SCHOLARSHIP
CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the Research School Astronomy and Astrophysics may award scholarships known as the RSAA Masters (Advanced) Scholarship (“the Scholarship”).

The Scholarship will be administered by the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics at the ANU College of Science.

2. VALUE

Up to \$20,000 over two years

The value of the stipend offered to each recipient will be outlined in the Scholarship letter of offer.

3. ELIGIBILITY

A person shall be eligible to receive a RSAA Masters (Advanced) Scholarship who is currently enrolled at The Australian National University in a program of study leading to the award of a degree of Master of Astronomy and Astrophysics (Advance)

Scholarship selection is based on:

- (a) Academic merit.
- (b) Preliminary commitment for appropriate supervision.
- (c) Reports from two referees who are familiar with the applicant’s work.

4. HOW TO APPLY

The Scholarship application is included in the online admissions program application. Applications may be considered at any time of the year.

5. SELECTION

The Scholarship will be awarded on the recommendation of the Selection Committee appointed by the Director of the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics.

The Scholarship shall not be awarded if, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, there is no candidate of sufficient merit. The School reserves the right to make no awards in a given year, to vary the number of awards or to make an award/s at other times in exceptional circumstances as determined by the Director of the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics (or nominee). The School reserves the right to revise the award from time to time.



6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any other scholarship or award offered by the University.

7. COMMENCEMENT

The Scholarship will commence from the student's enrolment date, unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer or approved by the School.

8. TENURE

- 8.1 The Scholarship is generally for a maximum of four consecutive academic semesters beginning in the semester, in which the research course is commenced, as set out in the letter of offer, unless otherwise determined by the Director of the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics.
- 8.2 Where exceptional applicants have been approved to commence RSAA Masters of Astronomy and Astrophysics (Advanced) program from the second year upon completion of a PhB or Honours program, they can be considered to be awarded the two year Scholarship in one year.

9. TERMINATION

9.1 The scholarship may be terminated when a successful applicant:

- a) fails to enrol in the semester when the scholarship was to have commenced;
- b) changes to part-time enrolment without the permission of the Director;
- c) withdraws from the program;
- d) has not, in the opinion of the Director, acting on the advice of the Associate Director (Education), performed at a satisfactory academic level in the first semester of the research year.

9.2 Should the Scholarship be terminated, the Director acting if necessary, on the advice of the Associate Director (Education), shall determine if any or all of the scholarship monies should be repaid.

10. TAXATION

It is the scholar's responsibility to determine the taxation implications of the award, if any, which apply to their individual circumstances.

11. FURTHER INFORMATION

All enquiries regarding the Scholarship should be made to:

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ANU College of Science
The Australian National University
Acton ACT 2601 Australia
T: +61 2 6125 5195
E: rsaa.sa@anu.edu.au

Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the School, prior to lodging an application, to discuss the proposed research topic and related matters.



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12. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

The scholar is subject to The Australian National University Act 1991 as amended, and to the Statutes, Rules, Policies, Regulations and Resolutions of the University.

13. DISCLAIMER

This award does not carry a commitment by the University for future employment.