



SYDNEY SPEAKS MASTER'S THESIS AWARD

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the School of Literature, Languages and Linguistics ("the School"), in the ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences ("the College"), may offer an award known as the Sydney Speaks Master's Thesis Award ("the award").

The objective of the award is to offer a stipend to a Masters student who is writing a thesis on variation and change in Australian English that will contribute to the Sydney Speaks project.

Funding for this award has been provided by the ARC Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the award is stated in your letter of offer. The award is paid in one instalment, at the beginning of the semester/session in which you commence your supervised thesis course, 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 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 an ANU student who is:

- (a) a domestic or international student.
- (b) enrolled/enrolling in the Masters of General and Applied Linguistics (Advanced) program in the School of Literature, Languages and Linguistics.
- (c) enrolled or approved to enrol in a relevant Linguistics thesis course in the School of Literature, Languages and Linguistics, namely THES8102.

4. APPLICATION

Applications are called for with a closing date as set by the School and advertised on the ANU scholarships website. The application is submitted on the prescribed electronic form and supporting documentation forwarded by email prior to the closing date.

5. SELECTION

Selection is made on the basis of academic merit, research potential in the area of linguistics, demonstrated ability to work both collaboratively and independently, and to complete tasks in a timely fashion. Other factors such as a background in sociolinguistics and phonetics may also be taken into account.

The award is offered to a student by a selection committee chaired by the Chief Investigator of the Sydney Speaks project, run through the ARC Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language, which will also include a member of academic staff of the School, and a member of the ARC Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language.

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 funds allow).

6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS

A recipient of the Sydney Speaks Master's Thesis Award is permitted to concurrently hold other scholarships, awards, grants and bursaries subject to the terms of the corresponding section in the conditions of award of the other scholarship/bursary/grant/award that they are holding.

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 at least 18 units per semester. A recipient requests permission, in writing, from the Chair of the Selection 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 6.0 each semester (with the average being across all courses taken in a particular semester).

If a recipient is unable to achieve the required GPA in any semester a formal warning is sent.

If a 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 the 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 permission,
- (e) if a recipient transfers out of the programs listed in section 3(e);
- (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 Associate Dean (Student Experience), College of Arts and Social Sciences, 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/grant 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/grant.

12. VARIATION TO CONDITIONS OF AWARD

In exceptional circumstances and on a case-by-case basis section 6 and/or 7 of these conditions of award may be varied by the Dean, College of Arts and Social Sciences, on the recommendation of the Chair of the Selection Committee.

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 may also publicise the award by publishing the names of the recipients. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences 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:

Chair of Selection Committee, *Sydney Speaks Master's Thesis Award*
School of Literature, Languages and Linguistics
ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences
Email: CoEDL@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>