

The Australian National University

Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics

**THE ALEX RODGERS TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP
FOR ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Purpose of the Scholarship

To assist a student currently enrolled in the Graduate Program in Astronomy and Astrophysics to travel abroad to attend scientific meetings and/or to work with astronomers at another institution on some chosen research project of direct relevance to the thesis work being undertaken. It is not the intention to fund an overseas observing trip.

Name of the Scholarship

The Scholarship shall be known as the Alex Rodgers Travelling Scholarship.

Source of Funds

The funds for this scholarship come from an endowment made in 1998 to the Australian National University's Endowment for Excellence by Mrs Ruth Rodgers in memory of her husband the late Professor Alex Rodgers. Professor Rodgers was the Director of the Mount Stromlo and Siding Spring Observatories from 1987-1992.

Alex Rodgers Travelling Scholarship Committee

The award of the Alex Rodgers Travelling Scholarship will be recommended to the Director by a selection committee which will be the RSAA Scholarships Committee.

Eligibility for Consideration

To be eligible for consideration a student must be currently enrolled in the Graduate Program in Astronomy and Astrophysics. A successful applicant is ineligible to apply again.

Criteria for Selection

The committee will take into account the:

- scientific merit of the proposed program
- benefit of the program to the student
- benefit to RSAA
- effective use of funds from the Scholarship

Number of Scholarships

One or two scholarships may be awarded each year, depending on available funds. The Committee may decide to divide an award amongst a number of deserving candidates. The Committee reserves the right not to make an award or to make an award at any time to an eligible person.

Value of the Scholarship

The value of each scholarship will be determined by the Committee up to the value of \$6,000.

Application

Applications will be called for with a closing date of the end of February, each year. They should be addressed to:

Academic Services Officer

Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics

Application is by letter addressing the criteria for selection (refer above), and must include:

- the proposed itinerary
- budget; clearly state what the funds from this scholarship are being requested for and the amount; indicate any other sources of funding for the proposed travel (including contributions from ARC and other grants)
- letter of invitation,
- supervisory support where it is intended that part of the course is to be pursued at an institution other than the University or where it is intended that the student will be suspending the course to work at an institution other than the University on a subject not directly related to the thesis.

Enrolment Conditions

The recipient must be, and remain, enrolled as a full-time student in the Graduate Program in Astronomy and Astrophysics under the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy Rules as set out from time to time by the Graduate Degrees Committee. In the event that a student withdraws from the course during the travel period the Committee will decide whether it is appropriate for the student to make a pro rata repayment of scholarship monies awarded.

Tenure

The scholarship must be used for travel within twelve months of its award. If the recipient is unable to make the trip for which the scholarship was awarded, the Director has the discretion to approve that the funds awarded be either:

- held over, for up to twelve months, until an identical journey can be made in the future; or
- held for use by the recipient for another, not necessarily identical, journey to be taken within twelve months of the award being made; or
- forgone, and possibly awarded to the next person on the reserve list as recommended by the selection committee.