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## TAIWAN AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

### CONDITIONS OF AWARD

In August 2012, the Taiwan Ministry of Education (MOE) and ANU signed an agreement to collaborate to provide scholarships for Taiwanese higher degree research students commencing study at the Australian National University. The scholarships will be known as “The Taiwan Australian National University Scholarships”, and will provide the tuition fee and stipend for up to five PhD scholars per year. The agreement will remain current for five years.

MOE and ANU are co-contributors to this scholarship.

#### 1. Eligibility

- 1.1 A Scholarship is awarded on the condition that the scholar is a Taiwan national who is admitted to and continues to pursue a full-time program for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy of the Australian National University.
- 1.2 The scholar is expected to be in attendance at the University by 1 October of the year in which the scholarship was awarded, and to remain enrolled full-time during the University teaching periods or semesters.
- 1.3 The scholarship cannot be deferred unless under exceptional circumstances and with written authorisation from MOE and ANU.
- 1.4 The Scholarship is awarded on the condition that, during the tenure of the Scholarship, the scholar does not hold another equivalent or major award/scholarship or salary to undertake the proposed program.
- 1.5 Scholarships are not available for clinical medicine or any other disciplines subject to clinical fees.
- 1.6 To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants in the first instance must satisfy the following criteria:
  - Meet the academic requirements of the PhD program in which admission is sought;
  - Meet ANU's published English language proficiency requirement;
  - Applicants should be ROC citizens normally resident in Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen, and Ma Tsu, although those currently residing outside Taiwan are not excluded;

- Students selected for the Scholarships must be exemplary students who have demonstrated merit through consistently achieving high academic results;
- Meet the MOE requirements;
- Continuing ANU PhD students are not eligible to apply (commencing students only).

## 2. **Benefits**

- 2.1 **Stipend:** The Scholarship provides a stipend, payable fortnightly in arrears, at the APA rate stated in the letter of offer. At the present time, full-time scholarship benefits are exempt from Australian income tax.
- 2.2 **Tuition fees:** In accordance with Australian Government policy, international scholars are required to pay International Student Fees for tuition. The fee for the particular program is set out in the letter of offer. The Scholarship pays the tuition fee for a period of three years in the first instance, up to a maximum of four years.

## 3. **Other Costs**

- 3.1 Applicants are required to pay the normal ANU application fee when lodging their application.
- 3.2 Successful scholars will be required to pay the annual Student Services and Amenities fee.
- 3.3 It is the scholar's responsibility to obtain the visa necessary to study at ANU, and to meet all visa costs.
- 3.4 All international students are required by the Australian Government and by ANU to purchase in advance the Australian Government approved Overseas Student Health Cover for the duration of their studies in the Australian Capital Territory. This must be paid before the Confirmation of Enrolment can be issued.
- 3.5 It is the scholars' responsibility to obtain and pay for residential accommodation. Information on student accommodation and application forms are available from University Accommodation Services. Information may also be found on the ANU website at: <http://accom.anu.edu.au>.

## 4. **Tenure**

- 4.1 The scholarship must be taken up in Canberra no later than 1 October in the year the scholarship was awarded.
- 4.2 The duration of a full-time Scholarship will be three years in the first instance or such shorter period as is stated in the letter of offer (subject to 3.3).

- 4.3 If eligible, a scholar may apply for an extension of Scholarship by completing the Application for Extension of Scholarship form. The maximum period of extension is twelve months.
- 4.4 Periods of paid sick leave exceeding ten days and maternity leave are additional to the normal duration of the Scholarship.
- 4.5 Scholars seeking to undertake international exchange or offshore study during their program must seek prior permission in writing from their supervisor and the Dean of their College. Permissions should be sought in writing at the same time that applications for overseas study are made to the Division of International Operations and Student Recruitment.
- 4.6 A scholar is subject to *The Australian National University Act 1991* as amended, and to the Statutes, Rules, Regulations and Resolutions of the University.
- 4.7 It is the scholar's responsibility to determine the taxation implications of the award, if any, which apply to his/her individual circumstances.

## **5. Academic progression**

- 5.1 The continuation of each scholarship is conditional upon the scholar making satisfactory progress in his/her studies each year.
- 5.2 After the end of each semester ANU will provide MOE with the academic results for that semester of all students sponsored under the scholarship. MOE shall obtain the written consent of its students for ANU to release the above personal information, so that ANU can comply with the Commonwealth privacy legislation and ANU policy. MOE will supply ANU with a copy of that signed consent.

## **6. Program leave of absence**

- 6.1 A scholar who is unable to pursue the academic program for reasons beyond their control, must discuss any proposal to take program leave of absence with the University's Compliance Officer before lodging a request.
- 6.2 A scholar whose application for program and Scholarship leave of absence is approved on grounds of personal illness will continue to receive the Scholarship for the period of the program leave of absence, on receipt of a certificate signed by a registered medical practitioner which gives the nature and likely duration of the scholar's illness and certifies that the scholar is unable to pursue the program because of the illness. The maximum aggregated period for receipt of the Scholarship under this provision cannot exceed 12 weeks within the duration of the scholarship.
- 6.3 A scholar whose application for program and Scholarship leave of absence is approved for maternity reasons will continue to receive the Scholarship for the period of the leave of

absence for up to a maximum aggregate of twelve weeks within the duration of the Scholarship provided the application for program leave of absence is accompanied by a medical certificate indicating the expected date of confinement. Paid maternity leave is not available within the first twelve months of the Scholarship.

- 6.4 A scholar is entitled to 20 days of paid recreation leave per year calculated on a pro-rata basis. No more than 20 days' recreation leave may be accrued and leave must be taken during the tenure of the scholarship. A scholar must obtain the supervisor(s)' agreement before recreation leave is taken.

## **7. Publicity**

- 7.1 It is anticipated that the scholar may be requested to participate in publicity of the Scholarship from time to time. The scholar may be contacted by ANU to participate in activities including, but not limited to, interviews, photographs, or ceremonies. ANU may also request written responses from the scholar which can include, but is not limited to, a summary of basic profile information, descriptions of University experiences, or a note of appreciation for the Donors (MOE and ANU) who have funded their Scholarship prize.
- 7.2 The University may publicise the Scholarship by publishing the names of the scholars.
- 7.3 Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the ANU International Strategy, Alliances and Partnerships office.

## **8. Termination**

The Scholarship terminates:

On submission of the thesis for examination; or

On the expiry date of the Scholarship; or

On the date on which the scholar ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences,

whichever is the earliest.

However, the University may terminate the Scholarship at any time if the scholar does not fulfil his/her obligations, or if, in the opinion of the University, the scholar is not making satisfactory progress in his/her approved program.

If the scholar receives payment for study and does not commence/continue in the PhD program, they will be required to repay any funds received.