



College of Arts and Social Sciences

Indigenous Australian Graduate Coursework Scholarship

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the College of Arts and Social Sciences (“the College”) may offer one or more awards known as the *CASS Indigenous Graduate Coursework Scholarship* (“the award”).

The objective of the award is to offer Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students support while undertaking graduate coursework study at the College.

Funding for this award has been provided by the College and offered to Indigenous Australian graduate coursework students in the spirit of the College’s ongoing commitment to practical reconciliation.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the award is for up to a maximum of 96 units of postgraduate courses undertaken that are offered by the College. The student is provided with an academic mentor within the College.

The award is paid after census date pending confirmation of enrolment in courses unless a case for immediate need warrants immediate payment. Such a case should be made in the personal statement.

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 prospective or continuing ANU students who:

- (a) Identify as, and provide confirmation of, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.
- (b) Are enrolled or enrolling in a Master or Master (Advanced) program offered by the College of Arts and Social Sciences.

4. APPLICATION

Applications are called for with a closing date as set by the College and advertised on the ANU Scholarships website.

The application is submitted on the prescribed electronic form and supporting documentation forwarded to the College Student Education Office by email prior to the closing date.

5. SELECTION

Selection is made on the basis of the application. The following documentation is considered part of the application for the purposes of selection of award:

- (a) A Personal Statement of up to 1,000 words outlining the personal and professional benefits of their program of study and how the scholarship would support their study. . Applicants are encouraged to include a discussion of relevant prior learning as well as any personal or relevant financial circumstances;
- (b) Academic transcript and/or CV; and
- (c) Two referee reports (referees can be personal, professional, or academic).

The award is offered to a student by a selection committee chaired by the Associate Dean (Education) which will also include:

- Director, Tjabal Centre, Australian National University (or nominee);
- Chair, College Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Sub-Committee;
- Aboriginal Academic Staff Member; and/or
- Scholarship Academic Mentor.

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 (where funds allow).

6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS

A recipient of the CASS Indigenous Australian Graduate Coursework Scholarship 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.

Failure to declare and obtain permission to hold another award or scholarship may result in the recipient being required to refund a payment or payments to the College, as determined by the College Associate Dean (Education).

7. DEFERMENT

The award cannot be deferred.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

The award is provided on the condition that the recipient is enrolled in a postgraduate coursework degree program offered by the College of Arts and Social Sciences. Recipients are permitted to study on a part-time or full-time basis.

Recipients are expected to achieve, at a minimum, 'pass' grades across all courses undertaken.

If a recipient is unable to achieve the required academic level, a formal notification is sent.

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 an award is made.

If the recipient does not meet the requirements in a subsequent semester they risk having their award suspended or terminated.

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 from the Program 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 fails to enrol by the date stated in the letter of offer;
- (f) if a recipient fails to achieve satisfactory academic performance as required in section 8;
- (g) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Misconduct & Discipline Rules;
- (h) if a recipient no longer meets the eligibility of the conditions of award;

whichever is earliest.

10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

Subject to the information available at the time, the College Associate Dean (Education) 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 is based on the information provided to the University. An award may be withdrawn at any stage if incorrect, false or misleading information is or has been provided or relevant information is or has been withheld. This includes circumstances where the incorrect, false or misleading 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 6 and/or 7 of these conditions of award may be varied by the College Dean on the recommendation of the Associate Dean (Education).

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 your academic mentor or the manager of the Student and Education Office:

Manager, Student and Education Office

ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences

Email: awards.cass@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

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Procedure https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_009607

ANU Academic Misconduct Rules - <https://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01785>

ANU Discipline Rules - <https://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01792>