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ANGUS NICHOLSON HONOURS SCHOLARSHIP IN SCIENCE CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the ANU College of Science and the ANU College of Health and Medicine may offer an award known as the Angus Nicholson Honours Scholarship in Science ('the Award').

The objective of the Award is to assist a student enrolled in the Honours Year of an undergraduate degree offered by the ANU College of Science or the ANU College of Health and Medicine who can demonstrate a passion for his or her chosen field of science.

Funding for this Award has been provided by Mr John Nicholson, in memory of his late father Dr Angus Nicholson who was a dedicated physicist.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the Award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the Award is two consecutive academic semesters. The Award is paid in equal instalments at the beginning of semester 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 the 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 a commencing or continuing ANU student who:

- (a) is a domestic or international student; and
- (b) has an outstanding academic record in science; and
- (c) has a demonstrated passion for his or her chosen field of Science; and
- (d) is eligible for enrolment or already enrolled at the University in the Honours year of an undergraduate degree offered by the ANU College of Science or the ANU College of Health and Medicine; or
- (e) is currently enrolled in an equivalent undergraduate degree program at another tertiary educational institution but has received an admissions offer to the University for enrolment in the Honours year of an undergraduate degree offered by the ANU College of Science or the ANU College of Health and Medicine.

4. APPLICATION

To be considered for the Award applicants must:

- 1) Apply by written letter to science.enquiries@anu.edu.au setting out one's passion for science and one's academic achievements.
- 2) Also organise two references from people who are well placed to support the application and comment on this passion, and arrange for referees to send their reports to science.enquiries@anu.edu.au.

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There is no separate form to apply for this scholarship. However, one must submit all the required documents by the deadline published on the ANU Scholarships website to complete the application process.

5. SELECTION

Selection is made on the basis of:

- (a) the field of study in which the applicant has expressed interest;
- (b) the availability of appropriate supervision for a scholar in that field of study;
- (c) the applicant's academic record in science;
- (d) supporting material supplied by the applicant which demonstrates the passion for science;
- (e) the reports of two referees familiar with the applicant's academic work and passion for science;
- (f) alignment with the University's strategic objectives to ensure a diverse student cohort.

If there are two students of equal merit, preference may be given to a student who plans to undertake study in Physics, recognising Dr Angus Nicholson's own academic interests.

The award is offered to a student by a selection committee chaired by the Associate Dean (Education) which will also include representatives from the Colleges' Research Schools and the Science Teaching and Learning Centre. The committee reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit. The 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 Award is permitted to hold concurrent student financial awards as outlined in the ANU coursework scholarships, grants and bursaries procedure.

7. DEFERMENT

The recipient is expected to take up their Award in the semester for which it is offered. Any request for deferral of the Award must be approved by the Deputy Dean Education. Subject to approval, the Award may be deferred for a maximum of one semester.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A recipient of this Award is required to enrol in a full-time load of 24 units per semester. A recipient requests permission, in writing, from the Deputy Dean Education to hold the Award on a part-time basis. If approved, payments of the Award will be made on a pro-rata basis.

9. CESSATION OF AWARD

The Award ceases or should be surrendered:

- (a) if a student no longer meets the eligibility requirements;
- (b) at the conclusion of the period outlined in section 2;
- (c) on the date on which the recipient withdraws or ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences;
- (d) if a recipient fails to enrol as required in section 8;
- (e) if a recipient changes to part-time enrolment without receiving permission to retain the Award;

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- (f) if a recipient changes their program or course without permission to retain the Award; or
- (g) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Integrity Policy and/or the Discipline Rule;

whichever is earliest.

10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

Subject to the information available at the time, the Chair of the College Honours Scholarship Committee 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

Selection for the Award is based on the information provided to the University. The 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 for the Award.

12. VARIATION TO CONDITIONS OF AWARD

In exceptional circumstances and on a case-by-case basis section 7 of these Conditions of Award may be varied by the relevant College Dean on the recommendation of the Deputy Dean Education.

13. TAXATION

Recipients are responsible for seeking independent taxation advice regarding their own individual circumstances. Student financial awards are regarded as taxable income if a recipient is enrolled on a part-time basis. If you are receiving Centrelink benefits, student financial awards may impact your Centrelink payments.

For more information, visit

- <https://www.ato.gov.au/Calculators-and-tools/Host/?anchor=IMST&anchor=IMST&anchor=IMST/questions#IMST/questions>
- <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/income-from-scholarships-for-students-and-apprentices?context=43921>

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 Science, the ANU College of Health and Medicine or ANU Communications and Engagement (ACE).

16. DISCLOSURE AND DONOR CONTACT

For the purposes of reporting on the impact of student financial awards, the name, program name and demographics (for example: age, country or town of residence) relating to a recipient of the Award may be disclosed to donors supporting the Award. This will not include recipient contact details. The recipient may be asked to write a personal note of thanks or to meet with donors. Any contact between a donor and a recipient will be facilitated by the ANU Advancement Office or an authorised representative of the University.

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17. CONTACT WITH THE AWARD OWNER

All enquiries regarding the Award and changes, issues, or further information after acceptance should be made to:

College of Science and College of Health and Medicine

Email: science.enquiries@anu.edu.au

18. DISCLAIMER

The recipient of the 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 does not carry any commitment by the University for future employment.

These Conditions of Award should be read in conjunction with the University's student financial awards policy and coursework scholarships, grants and bursaries procedure available from the ANU website.

19. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES

ANU Student Financial Awards Policy -

https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_007803

ANU Coursework Scholarships, Grants and Bursaries Procedure -

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

ANU Academic Integrity Policy - https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_6477101

ANU Discipline Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2021L00998>