



CHRISTINA RICHARDS SCHOLARSHIP

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

The Australian National University (the University) may offer an award known as the Christina Richards Scholarship (“the award”).

The objective of the award is to support a student who has experienced long-term educational disadvantage to complete an undergraduate degree at the University.

Funding for this award has been provided by Christina Richards, a local friend of the University who is passionate about humanitarian causes, equity and supporting students.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the award is up to five years. The award is paid annually, in two equal instalments after census date of each semester of study, 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 a prospective ANU student who:

- (a) is a domestic student;
- (b) is a school leaver and is applying to university for the first time;
- (c) receives an offer of admission to an undergraduate degree program at the University;
- (d) is eligible for and receives adjustment factors under the National Access Scheme.

4. APPLICATION

All applicants applying for admission through the ANU Admission Scholarship and Accommodation Application System will be automatically considered for the award based on them meeting the eligibility criteria and electing to be considered for scholarships.

5. SELECTION

Selection is made on the basis of applicants meeting the eligibility criteria. Other factors may be taken into account where they align with the University’s strategic objectives to ensure a diverse student cohort such as applicants who have received adjustment factors for a combination of disadvantages.

Where there are multiple applicants who meet the eligibility criteria, preference will be given **(in order of priority)** to applicants who:

- receive adjustment factors for excessive family responsibilities;
- receive adjustment factors for school environment (rural school, distance education/ Access program);
- receive adjustment factors for financial hardship;
- are Indigenous; or
- receive adjustment factors for Refugee status; or
- receive adjustment factors for multiple disadvantages.

The award is offered to a student by the University Coursework Scholarships Committee. Membership of this committee is outlined in the ANU Coursework Scholarships procedure.

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 Christina Richards Scholarship is permitted to hold concurrent scholarships as outlined in the ANU Coursework Scholarships procedure.

7. DEFERMENT

The recipient is expected to take up their award in the semester for which it is offered. Any requests for deferrals of the award must be approved the Registrar, Division of Student Administration & Academic Services. Subject to approval, the award may be deferred for a maximum of one year.

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 Registrar, Division of Student Administration & Academic Services 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; or
- (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 their scholarship;
- (f) if a recipient changes their program or course without permission;

- (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 Registrar, Division of Student Administration & Academic Services 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. 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/>

13. 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>

14. 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 Coursework Scholarships Office or Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University.

15. DISCLOSURE AND DONOR CONTACT

For the purposes of reporting on the impact of scholarships, the name, program name and demographics (for example: age, country or town of residence) relating to a recipient of this 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.

16. CONTACT WITH THE SCHOLARSHIP OWNER

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

ANU Coursework Scholarships Office

Email: coursework.scholarships@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>