



## **GEORGE ALEXANDER FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

### **CONDITIONS OF AWARD**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Each year the Australian National University (the University) may offer a number of awards known as the George Alexander Foundation Scholarship (the award).

The objectives of the award are to support:

- commencing students who must move from rural, regional or remote areas in order to undertake an undergraduate degree at the University. ;
- students who demonstrate strong academic merit, community involvement and leadership potential.

Funding for this award has been provided by the George Alexander Foundation (GAF). The Foundation was established by Mr George Alexander AM in 1972 to provide grants for public charitable purposes in Australia.

#### **2. BENEFITS**

The value of the award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the award is up to 4 years. The award is paid in two instalments at the beginning of each semester according to the payment schedule which is outlined 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 an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident;
- (b) receives an offer of admission to an undergraduate program at the University;
- (c) is an immediate school leaver ie. currently completing year 12 and will commence tertiary study in the following year;
- (d) is currently living in a rural, regional or remote area. Scholarship applicants can check the rural, regional and remote classification of their address at [DoctorConnect](#).

#### **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. Eligible

candidates will be contacted by the ANU Coursework Scholarship Office and invited to apply for the scholarship and asked to provide the following information to be assessed by a selection committee:

- A personal statement of no more than 1,000 words outlining the personal and professional benefits of your program of study and how the scholarship would support your study goals.
- An academic reference from your principal, head of year, careers advisor or a teacher from your school. The academic reference should be a summary of your last 2 years of school and speak to your academic performance and any extra-curricular activities.
- A character reference by someone suitable to comment on your contributions to the community and your leadership potential.
- An up to date Resume/CV.
- A Values Statement where each response is no more than 200 words. A form template can be found on the George Alexander Foundation listing on the ANU Scholarships website.

## **5. SELECTION**

Selection is made on the basis of academic merit and written application.

The award is offered to a student by a Selection Committee comprising of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) or their representative; an academic (at Associate Professor level or above) and a representative from the donor organisation.

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 funding allows).

## **6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS**

A recipient of the George Alexander Foundation Scholarship is permitted to hold concurrent scholarships as outlined in the ANU Coursework Scholarships procedure.

## **7. DEFERMENT**

The award cannot be deferred.

## **8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY**

A recipient of this award is required to enrol in a full-time load of 24 units each semester/ 6 month period. In exceptional circumstances, a scholar may be given permission by the Dean of Students in collaboration with the George Alexander Foundation to hold the Scholarship on a part-time basis for an agreed period of time. In such a case the scholarship payment will be made on a pro-rata basis. The scholar must submit a written request and make a case citing the exceptional circumstances to hold the scholarship on a temporary part-time basis.

Recipients are expected to maintain an average GPA of 5.0 each semester (with the average being across all courses taken in a particular semester).

If a recipient is unable to achieve the GPA in any semester a formal warning is sent.

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

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.

## **9. SCHOLAR RESPONSIBILITIES**

GAF Scholarship recipients are encouraged to:

- promote the value of the Scholarship program both within and outside the ANU;
- participate in a network of GAF Scholars, with a focus on academic opportunities and community service as appropriate;
- participate in voluntary community service.

GAF Scholarship recipients will be required to:

- allow ANU to release academic results each semester to the Foundation (for the Foundation's internal use only, not for publication);
- submit a written report to ANU by the December of each year of the award using the Foundation's reporting template.

## **10. 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 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 changes to part-time enrolment without receiving permission to retain their scholarship;
- (e) if a recipient fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements;
- (f) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Misconduct & Discipline Rules;

whichever is earliest.

In the event that a Scholarship is terminated, it will only be reactivated if it is determined that the termination occurred in error.

## **11. 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.

## **12. 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 provided or relevant information is withheld. This includes circumstances where the false information is unrelated to the assessment in awarding the scholarship.

### **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**

On-campus accommodation is guaranteed to recipients of the GAF in their first year only, however first preferences can't be guaranteed. For further information go to <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 George Alexander Foundation or the Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University.

### **16. 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.

### **17. 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: [philanthropic.scholarships@anu.edu.au](mailto:philanthropic.scholarships@anu.edu.au)*

### **18. 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 ANU.

The award of a scholarship does not carry any commitment by ANU or GAF for future employment.

These conditions of award should be read in conjunction with ANU's Coursework Scholarships Policy & Procedures available from the ANU website.

## **19. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES**

ANU Coursework Scholarship Policy -

[https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_007803](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_007803)

ANU Coursework Scholarship Procedure -

[https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_009607](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>

