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## NATIONAL INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP FOR MEDICINE CONDITIONS OF AWARD

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the School of Medicine and Psychology may offer an award known as the National Indigenous Scholarship for Medicine ('the Award').

The objective of the Award is to assist Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students to undertake the Doctor of Medicine and Surgery (8950XMCHD) program at the ANU.

Funding for this Award has been provided by the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre.

### 2. BENEFITS

The value of the Award is stated in your letter of offer. The duration of the Award is for four years. In the event a recipient is required to repeat a year of the program, an extension to the length of the Award may be granted at the discretion and approval of the Director, School of Medicine and Psychology. The Award is paid in instalments at the beginning of each 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 an Australian citizen; and
- (b) is Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander; and
- (c) identifies as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person; and
- (d) is accepted as such by the community in which they live, or formerly lived; and
- (e) has been offered a place or is currently enrolled in the Doctor of Medicine and Surgery (8950XMCHD) program at the ANU.

### 4. APPLICATION

There is no application as students are automatically considered based on them meeting the eligibility criteria or conditions prescribed under the Eligibility section.

### 5. SELECTION

Only applicants who meet all the eligibility criteria will be considered. Selection is made on the basis of academic merit, aligned with the University's strategic objectives to ensure a diverse student cohort.

The Award is offered to a student by a selection committee chaired by the Chair of Indigenous Framework, Doctor of Medicine and Surgery program which will also include other members of the administration who are responsible for delivering the Doctor of Medicine and Surgery (8950XMCHD) program, as nominated by the Chair.

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 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 in which it is offered. Any requests for deferrals of the Award must be approved by the Director, School of Medicine and Psychology (or nominee). Subject to approval, the Award may be deferred for a maximum of 12 months.

## **8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY**

A recipient of this Award is required to remain enrolled in the Doctor of Medicine and Surgery (8950XMCHD) program on a full-time load of 24 units per semester.

A recipient of this Award must be a student in good standing with the School's Professional Behaviours Committee and must meet the requirements of the Professional Practice courses (MEDI8015, MEDI8025, MEDI8035, MEDI8045) throughout their enrolment in the Doctor of Medicine and Surgery (8950XMCHD) program.

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. 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 fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements; or
- (f) 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 Director, School of Medicine and Psychology, in consultation with the Chair of Indigenous Framework, Doctor of Medicine and Surgery program, 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 Director, School of Medicine and Psychology on the

recommendation of the Chair of Indigenous Framework, Doctor or Medicine and Psychology program.

### 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 School of Medicine and Psychology 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.

### 17. CONTACT WITH THE AWARD OWNER

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

*School of Medicine and Psychology*

Email: [admissions.smp@anu.edu.au](mailto:admissions.smp@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](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](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_009607)

ANU Academic Integrity Policy - [https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_6477101](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_6477101)

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