

The Australian National University
REGION SCHOLARSHIP
Conditions of Award

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 There shall be a number of scholarships for new domestic students known as the ANU Region Scholarship.
- 1.2 The objectives of the scholarship are to reward academic excellence in secondary school studies, recognise involvement and leadership in school and community life in regional areas, and provide assistance with costs related to tertiary studies.

2. VALUE

- 2.1 The value of the scholarship will be \$6,500 per year for a maximum of five years. The scholarship shall be paid in two equal instalments at the beginning of each semester, unless otherwise stated in the scholarship offer letter.
- 2.2 The scholar is responsible for making payment of all his/her tuition fees by the prescribed date as set out by the University each session. Scholars are responsible for the costs of books, study materials, accommodation and all other costs of study.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The Scholarship shall be available for award each year to a student who:
- (a) is an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen, holder of an Australian Permanent Resident visa or a permanent humanitarian visa;
 - (b) has completed their schooling in any of the 6 regions around the ACT or in Victoria or New Zealand. The regions shown by defined postcodes are: Highlands; South Coast; South-West; Western Slopes and Plains; Wollongong; Yass; Goulburn and Queanbeyan;
 - (c) has demonstrated involvement and leadership in school and community life as supported by the application and reports from two referees;
 - (d) has completed their Year 12 or equivalent qualification within the last two years and achieved excellent results as converted to an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 90.00 or above (no bonus points);
 - (e) has not enrolled in any undergraduate degree program previous to commencing at the University;
 - (f) has submitted an application for admission through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC), or has accepted a deferred place to commence their studies in the year following the deferral.

4. APPLICATION

Applications shall be called for with a closing date as set by the University Awards Sub-Group. The application shall be submitted on the prescribed electronic form and referee reports forwarded to the Student Fees & Scholarships Office by email or post prior to the scholarship closing date.

5. SELECTION

The Scholarship shall be awarded on the basis of the scholars meeting all eligibility requirements set out above.

6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS

ANU Region Scholars, in exceptional circumstances, may be given permission to hold any other scholarship, bursary or award funded by the University concurrently with the scholarship. Where the funding is from an external source, an application for approval to hold any other scholarship, bursary or award concurrently with an ANU Region Scholarship should be made in writing, to the Fees & Scholarships Office, Division of Student Administration, for consideration by the Chair, University Awards Sub-Group.

7. DEFERMENT

The Scholarship must be taken up in the year of offer and cannot be deferred. All scholarship offers are only valid for the year in which they have been made.

8. COMMENCEMENT

The scholarship shall commence in the year that it was offered. The commencement date shall be outlined in the scholarship offer letter.

9. LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE

ANU Region Scholarship holders are expected to maintain a credit (60%) average each semester (with the average being across all courses taken in a particular semester).

If a scholar is unable to achieve a credit average in their previous semester they will be sent a formal warning.

If a scholar does not meet the credit average in a subsequent semester they will risk having their scholarship suspended or terminated.

Scholars will be given the opportunity to explain their performance and how their performance can be remedied before a decision on the suspension or termination of a scholarship is made.

10. DURATION

10.1 The Scholarship is to be held for a maximum of five years on a full-time basis including an Honours Year, unless otherwise approved by the Chair.

10.2 An extension of scholarship may be granted for students enrolled in ANU Vertical degrees where the duration of the program is greater than five years. A scholar must submit a written request to the Chair of the University Awards Sub-Group (the Chair) for the scholarship to be extended.

11. ENROLMENT

11.1 A scholar must enrol in and remain enrolled in an undergraduate degree program or a vertical double degree offered at the University.

11.2 A scholar is expected to enrol in 48 units per year. If the scholar wishes to drop below this unit load, he or she must submit a written request and make a case to the Chair as to why they are enrolling in less than 48 units. The maximum duration of the scholarship remains at five years irrespective of any change in unit load.

11.3 In exceptional circumstances, a scholar may be given permission by the Chair to hold the Scholarship on a part-time basis. 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 part-time basis.

11.4 The Scholarship shall be surrendered if the scholar changes to part-time enrolment without permission or withdraws from the program while holding the Scholarship.

- 11.5 If the scholar wishes to transfer program, he or she must submit a written request and make a case to the Chair to retain the Scholarship for the new program. The maximum duration of the scholarship remains at five years irrespective of any change in program.

12. TERMINATION

The Scholarship shall terminate at the conclusion of the period outlined above, or on the date on which the scholar ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences, whichever is the earlier. The University may terminate the Scholarship before this time if the scholar does not fulfil his or her obligations, or if, in the opinion of the Chair, satisfactory academic progress is not being made by the scholar.

13. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

The Scholarship instalment for the semester in which the enrolment change or withdrawal occurred may be requested to be refunded in part or in full. The determination will be made by the Chair.

14. INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

- 14.1 Scholars will be permitted to retain the Scholarship whilst on an approved international exchange as part of their undergraduate program.
- 14.2 A scholar must submit a written request to the Chair for permission to retain the scholarship whilst on any other approved international experience.

15. TAXATION

Scholars are responsible for seeking taxation advice regarding their own individual circumstances. Please note that scholarships may be regarded as taxable income if a scholar is enrolled on a part-time basis.

16. PUBLICITY

It is anticipated that ANU Region Scholarship holders may be requested to participate in publicity of the scholarship from time to time. This may include publicity in the state or territory of residence or of schooling. Scholars may be contacted for an interview and photograph. The University may also publicise the scholarships by publishing the names of the scholars. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the Communications and External Liaison Office of the University.

17. DISCLAIMER

The award of a scholarship does not carry any commitment by the University for future employment.