



REWILDING INNOVATION PHD SUPPLEMENTARY SCHOLARSHIP

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

The Australian National University are inviting applications to join a collaborative project with the University of Queensland, undertaking cutting-edge research into the restoration of faunal communities, habitat and ecosystem processes in Eastern Australia. The Fenner School of Environment and Society ("FSES"), in the ANU College of Science, may offer up to one Award, known as the Rewilding Innovations Sun PhD Supplementary Scholarship ("the Award").

The objective of the Award is to attract the best Domestic HDR Candidates to pursue Higher Degree Research at the FSES.

Funding for this Award has been provided by the Hidden Vale Research Support Program.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the Award will be stated in your letter of offer. The Award will be paid in fortnightly instalments, in arrears, unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

The duration of a full-time Award will be three years.

The recipient is responsible for making payment of all administrative fees by the prescribed date as set by the University each session. Recipients of this Award are responsible for the cost of books, study materials, accommodation and all other costs of study.

Periods of enrolment already undertaken for the PhD degree, and periods of enrolment undertaken for the PhD degree during suspension of the Award, will be deducted from the duration of the Award.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The Award will be available each year to a prospective HDR Candidate who is:

- (a) a domestic first class honours student; and
- (b) a background in ecology or equivalent; and
- (c) a recipient of an ANU approved HDR Base stipend scholarship; and
- (d) enrolling full-time in a program of study for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the Fenner School of Environment and Society; and
- (e) enrolled to complete the research project as outlined in the letter of offer; and
- (f) able to be based for the majority of the PhD near Hidden Vale in Grandchester, Queensland.

4. APPLICATION

Interested individuals are invited to submit an Expression of Interest stating their interests and ideas in this area of research, transcript(s) and their CV by the date advertised on the website.

5. SELECTION

The Award will be offered to a candidate by a Selection Committee Chaired by the lead researcher for the Hidden Vale Wildlife Project at ANU, and will include two academic staff from either the ANU and/or University of Queensland.

Overall ranking includes consideration of:

- Academic Record
- Research Potential
- Referee reports
- Ability to relocate to Queensland to undertake a significant portion of the research project

The Selection Committee reserves the right to make no Award if it considers there are no applicants of sufficient merit.

6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS

A recipient of the Award is permitted to concurrently hold other scholarships, awards, grants and bursaries subject to the terms of the corresponding section in the Conditions of Award of the other scholarship/bursary/grant/award that they are holding.

7. DEFERMENT

The Award cannot be deferred.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

- (a) The recipient is required to remain enrolled full-time in a program of study for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the ANU in the program for which the Award is offered.
- (b) Continues to hold an approved ANU HDR base stipend scholarship.
- (c) The recipient is required to remain working on the research project as agreed in the letter of offer.
- (d) An Award cannot be transferred to another institution or ANU College.

9. SUSPENSION OF THE AWARD

A recipient may apply for suspension of their Award. The approval of a suspension will be at the discretion of the recipient's College. A suspension may be appropriate if a recipient is

studying at another institution and receives an award for that study. In these circumstances the duration of the Award will be reduced by the periods of study undertaken towards the degree during suspension of the Award (unless the study was undertaken overseas as part of a Commonwealth Government financially supported international postgraduate research scholarship or award).

The University may suspend the Award where a recipient has:

- (a) outstanding fees;
- (b) an outstanding debt with the University; or
- (c) outstanding HDR program milestone/s

The Award will be suspended when at least five working days have passed since the University advised the recipient in writing that the milestones, debt and/or fees are outstanding, until the milestones have been met or the outstanding fees and/or debt have been paid. Under these circumstances, the recipient will forfeit payment of the Award for the period of time that their Award is suspended.

10. CESSATION OF AWARD

The Award ceases:

- (a) at the conclusion of the period outlined in section 2; or
- (b) on submission of the thesis for examination; or
- (c) on the date on which the recipient withdraws or ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences; or
- (d) if a recipient is no longer meeting or has breached the Conditions of Award; or
- (e) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Misconduct & Discipline Rules.

11. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

A recipient who is taking leave from their program, or changing their enrolment intensity from full-time to part-time, is expected to submit the prescribed [Manage My Degree - HDR](#) form in a timely manner and, where possible, in advance, in order to avoid receiving an overpayment of their Award. In circumstances where an overpayment does occur, the overpayments will be recovered in line with the ANU Overpayments Procedure.

Where a recipient is overpaid an amount in excess of a full fortnightly disbursement, the ANU may recover the overpayment by withholding future Award payments at the same rate that the Award was overpaid, until the balance is rectified.

In cases of overpayment or outstanding financial debts to the University, service restrictions are applied to recipients. Service restrictions include temporarily withholding recipients' access to:

- (a) enrol or re-enrol in a program or course;
- (b) obtain a transcript of academic record;
- (c) acquire results of any assessment in a course or program;

- (d) receive a degree, diploma, certificate or other award of the ANU.

12. PROVIDING FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION

The offer of an Award is based on the information provided by the student to the ANU. 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 offering the Award.

13. VARIATION TO CONDITIONS OF AWARD

In exceptional circumstances, and on a case-by-case basis, section 6 and/or 7 of these Conditions of Award may be varied by the Dean on the recommendation of RSES.

14. TAXATION & CENTRELINK

Recipients are responsible for seeking taxation and Centrelink advice regarding their own individual circumstances. Scholarships/grants/awards 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, please refer to this website: <http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enablers/income/>

15. 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/students/services/accommodation>

16. 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. ANU 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 or the ANU Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office.

17. CONTACT WITH THE ANU COLLEGE

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

Research School of Earth Sciences
ANU College of Science
Email: student.admin.RSES@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 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 Research Awards Rule and Candidature and Supervision Policies.

19. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES, RULES & RESOURCES

ANU Research Awards Rule - <https://www.anu.edu.au/about/governance/legislation>

ANU Overpayments Procedure – https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_000599

ANU Academic Misconduct Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2015L02025>

ANU Discipline Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2015L02046>

Research Scholarship Information (including reimbursement and claim forms) - <http://www.anu.edu.au/students/scholarships-support/research-scholarship-information>

Policy: Higher degree by research – candidature - https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_012808

Policy: Higher degree by research – supervision - https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_012812