



## DIGITAL AGRICULTURE PHD SUPPLEMENTARY SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS OF AWARD

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the ANU College of Science (CoS) and the ANU College of Engineering, Computing & Cybernetics (CECC) may offer a limited number of awards known as the *Digital Agriculture PhD Supplementary Scholarship (Award)*.

Funding for this Award has been provided by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) Data61 powerhouse. CSIRO's Data61 is Australia's leading data innovation group which was officially formed in 2016 from the integration of CSIRO's Digital Productivity flagship and the National ICT Australian Ltd (NICTA). Their mission is to create Australia's data driven future by building the world's leading data focused research and innovation powerhouse.

The objective of this Award is to provide funding for outstanding domestic\* or international† students to enable them to pursue a PhD program in Science, Engineering or Technology at the University, where the focus of their research is on a collaborative project between CSIRO and the Australian National University (ANU) in the field of information science relevant to the agriculture domain.

### 2. BENEFITS

**Value:** The value of the Award will be stated in the letter of offer. The Award will be paid in fortnightly instalments unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

- A. Stipend Scholarship** The stipend will normally be provided as a supplementary scholarship to a candidate who holds an AG RTP or similar scholarship.
- B. Research Support Allowance:** to fund incidentals such as office equipment, professional development and research, industry-engagement or conference travel. The recipient may seek approval from the Delegated Authority for the reimbursement of up to \$5,000, upon receipt of appropriate invoices and receipts.

### 3. DURATION

The duration of the full-time Award will be:

- a) For Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) 3 years less:
  - i. periods of enrolment already undertaken for the degree; and/or

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\* A student who is an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen, the holder of an Australian Permanent Resident visa or the holder of an Australian humanitarian visa

† A student who is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen or the holder of Australian permanent resident status, and is required to hold a visa to study in Australia and liable for international student fees (ISF) payable to the University either by the student or a sponsor

- ii. such shorter period as is stated in the letter of offer.
- b) Extension of up to six months
  - i. A recipient may apply for an extension of the scholarship by completing the ISIS [Manage my Degree - HDR](#) form.

#### **4. PROGRAM LEAVE**

Periods of program leave must be taken in accordance with the Research Awards Rule.

##### **a) Unpaid Program Leave**

A recipient may apply for unpaid program leave on personal grounds. If the leave does not exceed a total period of 12 months during the duration of the Award, the recipient may resume the Award at the completion of the leave.

Program leave exceeding a total of 12 months will only be considered where there are exceptional circumstances beyond the control of the recipient and must be approved by the Delegated Authority in the College.

Unpaid program leave is aggregated and awarded only in one-week blocks for a full-time recipient and two-week blocks for a part-time recipient.

A recipient must apply for unpaid program and scholarship leave by completing the relevant section of the Manage my Degree - HDR form in ISIS.

#### **5. ELIGIBILITY**

The Award will be available each year to a prospective or continuing, (within 6 months of enrolment), domestic or international student who:

- a) is enrolled or enrolling full-time in a program of study for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the field of Information Science relevant to the Agriculture domain, based in either the ANU College of Science or the ANU College of Engineering, Computing & Cybernetics; and
- b) will be undertaking research for CSIRO / ANU projects under a Collaboration Agreement; and
- c) has demonstrated First class honours (H1), or equivalence; and
- d) have signed a Student Agreement with CSIRO, unless otherwise agreed in writing with CSIRO; and
- e) must not be in full-time employment; and
- f) is the recipient of an AG RTP or equivalent base stipend, or is approved to hold this Award as a bridging scholarship.

#### **6. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Applications shall be called for with a closing date as set by the ANU. The closing date, and application instructions will be advertised on the ANU scholarship webpage.

#### **7. SELECTION**

Selection will be made on the basis of:

- a) Academic merit; and

- b) Research potential – with support from the prospective supervisor and location in which the research will be undertaken; and
- c) Referee reports; and
- d) Alignment of the proposed research with the Objectives.

The selection committee will be chaired by an ANU representative with rotation of the Chair of Committee between CECC and CoS. The Selection Committee will include the Associate Dean, or delegate, from both CECC and CoS, and a CSIRO representative from both Data61 and Agriculture & Food.

The Selection Committee may make no Award if it considers there is no student of sufficient merit. Where funds permit, the selection committee may also:

- a) vary the number of Awards; and/or
- b) offer the Award at other times.

## **8. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS**

A recipient is permitted to hold other scholarships, awards, grants and bursaries concurrently with this Award, provided the terms of the other scholarship permits this also.

## **9. DEFERMENT**

The Award must be taken up no later than the date specified in the letter of offer, unless otherwise approved.

## **10. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY**

A recipient is required to remain enrolled full-time in an eligible program of study for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the Australian National University.

An award cannot be transferred to another institution.

An award can only be transferred to another program, research project or supervisor if the new arrangement continues to meet the Objectives of the Award and on the Approval of the Associate Dean.

A part-time Award may be offered or approved if the recipient has reasons acceptable to the University which preclude full-time study for part or all of the program of study. In such cases the University must be satisfied that the reasons relate to caring commitments, a medical condition, a disability or other circumstance which limits the recipient's capacity to undertake full-time study.

## **11. SUSPENSION OF AWARD**

A recipient may apply to the College for suspension of their Award. 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; or
- b) an outstanding debt with the University; or
- c) outstanding HDR program milestone/s; or
- d) been found to be in breach of a statute, rule or policy or procedure of the University.

The Award will be suspended when at least 5 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.

## **12. END OF AWARD**

The Award ends:

- a) at the conclusion of the period outlined in section 3; 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) may be terminated if a recipient is found to be in breach of a statute, rule, policy or procedure of the University.

## **13. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS**

A recipient who is taking leave from their program, or changing their enrolment intensity from full-time to part-time, must submit the prescribed ISIS 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, these will be recovered in accordance with the ANU Procedure - Overpayments.

## **14. PROVIDING FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION**

The offer of the Award is based on the information provided by the student 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 of the Award.

## **15. VARIATION TO CONDITIONS OF AWARD**

In exceptional circumstances, these Conditions of Award may be varied by agreement of the Deans of CoS and CECC on the recommendation of the Chair of the Selection Committee.

## **16. TAXATION AND CENTRELINK**

Recipients are responsible for seeking taxation and Centrelink advice regarding their own individual circumstances. Scholarships, grants or awards may be regarded as taxable income in some circumstances.

For information on how the Award may affect Centrelink benefits, please refer to:  
<http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enablers/income/>

#### **17. 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 at:  
<http://www.anu.edu.au/students/services/accommodation>

#### **18. PUBLICITY**

A recipient may be invited to participate in publicity for the Award from time to time, including an interview and photograph.

#### **19. CONTACT WITH THE COLLEGE**

All enquiries regarding the Award should be made to either:

College of Science  
Australian National University  
[science.hdr.sa@anu.edu.au](mailto:science.hdr.sa@anu.edu.au)

College of Engineering, Computing & Cybernetics  
Australian National University  
[research.cecs@anu.edu.au](mailto:research.cecs@anu.edu.au)

#### **20. NOTE**

A recipient of this Award is subject to *The Australian National University Act 1991* and to the Statutes, Rules, policies and procedures of the University as amended from time to time.

Receipt of this Award does not indicate any commitment by the University for conferral of the recipient's award, or of future employment.

#### **21. IMPORTANT POLICIES, PROCEDURES, RULES & RESOURCES**

HDR legislation, policies and procedures  
<https://www.anu.edu.au/students/program-administration/assessments-exams/hdr-policies-procedures>

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