EQUITY SCHOLARSHIP FOR AN INTERNSHIP WITH A LONDON LEGAL FIRM

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the ANU College of Law, in conjunction with the ANU College of Law London Committee (London Committee), may offer an award known as the Equity Scholarship for an Internship with a London Legal Firm (“the award”).

The objective of the award is to provide the selected recipient with the opportunity to gain realistic, high-level and varied legal work experience through a supervised internship of 12 weeks in London, England with a solicitor in a law firm or a barrister in a set of chambers (or a mixture of both).

Funding for this award has been provided by the ANU London legal alumni community.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the Scholarship is stated in your letter of offer. The Scholarship funds would normally be used to assist with airfares, accommodation and day-to-day living expenses to undertake the internship. The Internship itself is unpaid. The duration of the award is 12 weeks between December and February, although the particular start and end dates are flexible. The award is paid in one instalment on the acceptance of the Scholarship, unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

The successful recipient is responsible for their passport, visa and insurance as well as any other costs involved in travel and undertaking the internship.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The award is available each year to a continuing ANU student who:

a) is a domestic or international student;

b) is enrolled full time in the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) degree (whether undertaken as a single or flexible double degree) or on campus Juris Doctor (JD) degree (whether undertaken as a single or vertical double degree) in the ANU College of Law;

c) has a strong academic record and is able to demonstrate their capacity for the self-reliance which the internship demands; and

d) Fits in to one or more of the below equity components:

i) Is a female student in the LLB Hons or JD program;

ii) Has undertaken (at least) the final two years of their secondary schooling in a regional or remote area of Australia;

iii) Can demonstrate evidence of disadvantage and financial need;

iv) Is from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background; or

v) Who had or has refugee status (and hold a refugee visa (subclass 200) or a Permanent Humanitarian Visa).
4. APPLICATIONS

Applications are called for with a closing date set by the ANU College of Law. The application is submitted on the prescribed electronic form and supporting documentation forwarded to the ANU College of Law by email prior to the closing date.

5. SELECTION

Selection is made on the basis of academic merit and application

From those who apply, the ANU College of Law Scholarships Committee shortlist at least two applicants to forward to the London Committee. One recipient will be selected by the London Committee and awarded the scholarship.

The ANU College of Law and London Committee reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit. The ANU College of Law and London 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.

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.

Failure to declare and obtain permission to hold another awards or scholarship may result in the recipient being required to refund a payment or payments to the College, as determined by the Dean of the College.

7. DEFERMENT

The award cannot be deferred.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

Prior to taking up with the Internship, the selected recipient must produce proof of a valid medical insurance coverage for the duration of the Internship.

9. 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 which the recipient withdraws or ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences; or

c) If a recipient changes their program or course without permission;

d) In the event that personal circumstances beyond the control of the recipient, require that they abandon the Internship prior to the end of the 12 week period;

e) If a recipient breaks the law in England or breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Misconduct & Discipline Rules.
10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

Subject to the information available at the time, the London Committee or Dean of the ANU College of Law, may request that the payment for the Scholarship be refunded in part or full if the conditions of award are breached.

11. 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.

12. VARIATION TO CONDITIONS OF AWARD

In exceptional circumstances and on a case-by-case basis sections 6 and 7 of these conditions of award may be varied by the Dean of the ANU College of Law on the recommendation of the London Committee.

13. TAXATION & CENTRELINK

Recipients are responsible for seeking taxation and Centrelink advice regarding their own individual circumstances. Scholarship may be regarded as taxable income if a recipient is enrolled on a part-time basis.

For more information on how your scholarship may affect your Centrelink benefits, see this website: Http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enablers/income/

14. ACCOMMODATION

It is the recipient’s responsibility to obtain accommodation for the period of the internship from the scholarship that is provided. The London Committee will provide recommendations of accommodation options that is convenient for the internship.

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. Arrangement for such publicity will be made through the ANU College of Law or Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office of the University.

16. CONTACT WITH THE COLLEGE

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

ANU College of Law
Building 5, Fellows Road
The Australian National University
Canberra ACTON 2601
Australia

Email: marketing.law@anu.edu.au
17. 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 Scholarship does not carry any commitment by the University, the London Committee or firm(s) or Chamber(s) where the internship is undertaken for future employment.

The work done as part of the internship does not count toward the LLB (Hons) or JD degree. There are no guarantees as to the type or variety of experience that will be provided as part of the internship. This may vary from research and writing to observing.

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

18. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES