AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

ANU COLLEGE OF LAW

YUILL SCHOLARSHIP TO SUPPORT THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE TRAINEESHIP PROGRAM

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

The ANU College of Law, in conjunction with the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague (the Netherlands), has developed a scholarship program to support a current student or recent graduate of the ANU College of Law to spend nine months undertaking a traineeship with the Court.

The scholarship will contribute to covering expenses while the ICJ trainee works as an associate to a judge of the ICJ.

The successful applicant will be required to assist the judges of the ICJ in their day-to-day working tasks that will include carrying out research, preparing case files, and drafting documents and judgments.

The scholarship is named after the late Justice Gordon Yuill of the Family Court of Australia.

2. DURATION

The scholarship will apply for the duration of the traineeship program (nine months in total).

3. COMMENCEMENT

The selected candidate must take up the scholarship at the date provided from the ICJ, usually in September of each year.

4. VALUE

The value of the scholarship shall be outlined in the formal scholarship offer letter and will contribute towards the applicant’s expenses (e.g. airfare, accommodation, insurance) for the nine-month period while undertaking the traineeship. It is anticipated that the value of the scholarship should cover most of the costs, but any excess will need to be funded by the successful applicant.

5. ELIGIBILITY

The scholarship applicant must be:

(a) a final year student in a Bachelor of Laws program in the ANU College of Law; or
(b) a final year student in a Juris Doctor program in the ANU College of Law; or
(c) enrolled in a Master of Laws program in the ANU College of Law; or
(d) a recent graduate of the Bachelor of Laws, Juris Doctor or Master of Laws program from the ANU College of Law.

The Bachelor of Laws program may be undertaken as a single or a combined degree.

6. APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process and closing date for applications for the Yuill Scholarship will be advertised each year on the ANU College of Law webpage and in other media to be determined by the College.

Subject to variation by the ICJ or the ANU from time to time, scholarship applicants must provide:

(a) a letter of application;
(b) a curriculum vitae;
(c) an academic transcript;
(d) references (at least two); and
(e) a sample of your scholarly writing.
7. CRITERIA

The primary criteria for award of the traineeship and scholarship are an excellent academic record in courses relating to public international law, and proven research and writing skills.

The secondary criteria for award of the traineeship and scholarship are any other related achievements or experience, including work experience, international engagement, or contribution to the wider community.

Thirdly, the ICJ also requires proficiency in one of the Court’s official languages (either French or English) and a very good working knowledge of the other.

8. SELECTION

The ANU College of Law will call for applications from current students and recent graduates and advertise the scholarship on the ANU College of Law webpage and in other media as determined.

From those who apply, the College will generally select at least two candidates to forward to the Court, from which the ICJ will choose one candidate to be offered the traineeship. The scholarship is awarded to the candidate selected by the ICJ to undertake the traineeship program in any given year. In choosing its trainees from around the world, the ICJ reserves the right not to award a traineeship to a candidate or candidates from any given country in any given year. If a traineeship is not awarded to a candidate from the ANU College of Law, the scholarship will not be awarded.

The decision to forward candidates for consideration for the traineeship is made by the Yuill Scholarship Selection Committee of the College, the composition of which is determined by the Dean of the College. The Chair of the Yuill Scholarship Committee has the casting vote should such a decision be required. The final decision of award of the traineeship rests with the ICJ.

9. NOTIFICATION

The Yuill Scholarship Selection Committee will notify the outcome to applicants in a timely manner.

10. ACADEMIC CREDIT/STATUS

The work done at the ICJ may count towards a postgraduate coursework degree at the ANU College of Law under conditions determined by the College from time to time.

11. REPAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP

If the scholarship is suspended or terminated the Yuill Scholarship Selection Committee shall take into account the information available and shall determine whether any refund of scholarship monies is payable by the scholarship holder and may determine the amount of the refund.

12. TAXATION

Scholars are responsible for determining the taxation implications of their scholarship (if any) based upon their own individual circumstances.

13. PUBLICITY

It is anticipated that ANU 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 or through the ANU College of Law.

14. DISCLAIMER

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