



THE SHARPE & ABEL SCHOLARSHIP

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the ANU College of Law and the ANU College of Engineering and Computer Science may offer an award known as the Sharpe & Abel Scholarship (“the award”).

The purpose of the award is to support a student who is high-achieving, goal-oriented and has experienced adversity or disadvantage.

Funding for the award has been provided by Sharpe & Abel. Sharpe & Abel is a law and strategy firm founded by ANU alumnae Melissa Kirby. Through the provision of this scholarship, Sharpe & Abel is dedicated to supporting and encouraging students with drive and commitment to overcome adversity and pursue their goals to make a positive contribution to the world.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the award is stated in the letter of offer. The duration of the award is for one year of the recipient’s studies. The award is paid in two equal instalments at the beginning of each semester, unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

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

3. ELIGIBILITY

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

- (a) is a domestic or international student;
- (b) is enrolled 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), or an undergraduate degree at the ANU College of Engineering & Computer Science;
- (c) can demonstrate a high level of academic achievement as defined by a weighted average mark of 60% and above (or equivalent GPA);
- (d) can demonstrate their ongoing commitment to achieving clear and specific goals;
- (e) can demonstrate that receiving the scholarship will significantly improve the likelihood of achieving their goals;
- (f) has experienced adversity or educational disadvantage.

4. APPLICATION

Applications are called for with a closing date set by the ANU College of Law and advertised on the ANU College of Law website and the ANU scholarships website. The application is submitted in the form of a letter.

This letter must be forwarded to the College by email (see section 16) prior to the closing date.

5. SELECTION

Selection is made on the basis of:

- (a) the application letter and how it demonstrates the student's commitment to clear, specific goals and outlines the adversity or disadvantage they have experienced;
- (b) the student's prior academic achievement.

The award is offered to a student by the Dean of the ANU College of Law on the recommendation of the Chair of a selection Committee which will include, at minimum, an academic staff member of the ANU College of Law (who will chair the committee), a professional or academic staff member of the ANU College of Engineering and Computer Science, and the donor or their nominated representative. All possible consideration will be given to the diversity of this committee with respect to gender, experience and professional background.

The selection committee reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit. This selection 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 (where funding allows).

6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS

A recipient of The Sharpe & Abel Scholarship is permitted to concurrently hold other scholarships, awards, grants and bursaries with approval from the Chair of the Selection Committee and 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 Chair of the Selection Committee.

7. DEFERMENT

The award cannot be deferred.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A recipient of this award may enrol on a full-time or part-time basis. Where a student elects or is approved to enrol part-time, payments of the award will be made on a pro-rata basis.

A recipient is expected to maintain a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of 60% each semester (with the average being across all courses taken in a particular semester).

If a recipient is unable to achieve the WAM in any semester a formal warning is sent.

If the recipient does not meet the required WAM in a subsequent semester they risk having their award suspended or terminated.

A recipient is given the opportunity to explain their performance and how their performance can be remedied before a decision on the suspension or termination of an award is made.

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 on which the recipient withdraws or ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences;
- (c) if a recipient fails to enrol as required in section 8;
- (d) if a recipient changes to a program that will not lead to the award of the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) (LLBHons), the Juris Doctor (JD) or an undergraduate degree in the ANU College of Engineering and Computer Science;
- (e) if a recipient fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements;
- (f) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Misconduct & Discipline Rules;

whichever is earliest.

10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

Subject to the information available at the time, the Dean of the ANU College of Law, may request that the payment for the semester in which the breach of conditions or withdrawal occurs be refunded in part or in full.

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 Chair of the ANU College of Law Scholarships Committee.

13. TAXATION & CENTRELINK

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

For more information on how the award 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 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/study/accommodation>

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 award and changes, issues, or further information after acceptance should be made to:

The ANU College of Law

Email: scholarships.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 award of a scholarship/grant does not carry any commitment by the University or Sharpe & Abel for future employment.

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

- ANU Coursework Scholarship Policy - https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_007803
- ANU Coursework Scholarship Procedure - https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_009607
- ANU Academic Misconduct Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2015L02025>
- ANU Discipline Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2015L02046>