



The Simon Fenwick Award for Indigenous Research at NCIS

GUIDELINES and CONDITIONS OF AWARD

Background and Purpose

The Simon Fenwick Award for Indigenous Research is made possible by a generous donation from Mr. Simon Fenwick to the NCIS Philanthropic Research Fund. The value of the Award is \$4,500 and shall be made once a year. The purpose of the Award is the support either of individual HDR research or of the HDR program as a whole. Examples might include additional fieldwork for an individual project or travel for a guest academic to visit NCIS whose work would be of interest to many HDR students.

Guidelines

1. Eligibility

- 1.1 All HDR scholars at NCIS will be eligible for The Simon Fenwick Award for Indigenous Research.

2. Timing, Reporting and Outputs

- 2.1 The Award will be made on a competitive basis upon application, and as far as possible at the same time each year. \$4,500 will be available per annum. Only one award will be given per annum.
- 2.2 The award period will be 12 months.
- 2.3 The recipient must provide a report to the Director and Donor at the end of the award period. A detailed financial acquittal may also be required.
- 2.4 Any outputs must be 'badged' as NCIS products and any publications must have an ANU byline.
- 2.5 Any outputs must acknowledge the support of The Simon Fenwick Award for Indigenous Research.
- 2.6 ANU must be the 'administering organisation' for any grant applications which may arise from support of the award.

3. Application and Assessment

- 3.1 Applications will be submitted to the Research Manager at ncis.research@anu.edu.au. Assessment will be made by a Grant Panel which will normally comprise four members: two members of academic staff from NCIS, the Research Manager, and one external representative. The application should address the Conditions and Criteria stipulated below, and must include a short statement of support from the scholar's supervisor.

- 3.2 Applications must be submitted by the advertised closing date.
- 3.3 The Grant Panel will assess applications and make a recommendation to the NCIS Delegate/Director.
- 3.4 The NCIS Delegate/Director will have final discretion and no appeal will be entertained.
- 3.5 The award will become available to the successful applicant in December.

4. Financial Arrangements and Oversight

- 4.1 Financial arrangements will be made through the ANU Finance Office as per all other NCIS grants and subject to the University's usual conditions of probity and audit.
- 4.2 The Award will be subject to all ANU policy and procedures including Intellectual Property arrangements, as directed by the Research Manager.

Conditions and Criteria

5. Quality of application

- 5.1 The Grant Panel will assess each application on its merits.
- 5.2 The application will be assessed on the quality, overall design, feasibility and innovation of the proposal. It will consider:
 - Are the proposal and its intended outcomes clearly defined?
 - Is the proposal timeframe realistic?
 - Is the costing of the proposal realistic?
- 5.3 The Grant Panel will also consider the contribution of the proposal and its outputs to supporting either individual HDR research or the HDR program as a whole.
- 5.4 The Grant Panel reserves the right to provide constructive feedback and request changes to the final project.

6. Referee reports from supervisors

- 6.1 In addition to a written statement of support, the Panel may seek oral reports from the HDR supervisor and/or referees as nominated by the applicant.