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2026 AINSE Pathway Scholarship

Terms and Conditions

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The following terms and conditions establish the rules which govern the administration of the 2026 AINSE Pathway Scholarship, hereafter referred to as the **Award**.
- 1.2 Applicants must read these terms and conditions before filling out an application.
- 1.3 The Award is open to application from any students who are, or intend to be, enrolled by a financial member institution of AINSE, subject to the eligibility criteria as outlined in Section 3.
- 1.4 Individuals employed by AINSE or ANSTO on a full-time or part-time basis at the time of application are not eligible to apply.
 - 1.4.1 Applicants who take up employment with AINSE or ANSTO on a full-time or part-time basis are required to withdraw their application upon commencement of their ANSTO or AINSE employment.
 - 1.4.2 Award recipients who take up employment with AINSE or ANSTO on a full-time or part-time basis are required to relinquish their Award upon commencement of their ANSTO or AINSE employment.
 - 1.4.3 Casual employees of AINSE or ANSTO are exempt from Sections 1.4, 1.4.1, and 1.4.2.
- 1.5 Enquiries regarding these terms and conditions should be directed to the AINSE Secretariat by email (enquiries@ainse.edu.au) or phone (+61 2 9717 3376).

2. Definitions

- 2.1 **AINSE**: the [Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering](#). AINSE offices are co-located with ANSTO's Lucas Heights campus.
- 2.2 **ANSTO**: the [Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation](#). ANSTO has two campuses: one Sydney-based campus at Lucas Heights, and one Melbourne-based campus at Clayton.
- 2.3 **Project**: a supervised research undertaking that will be submitted for the award of an Honours degree or a Masters degree.
- 2.4 **University**: The financial member institution of AINSE at which the recipient is enrolled in an Honours degree or a Masters degree.
- 2.5 **ANSTO Employee**: a person directly employed by ANSTO (paid directly by ANSTO; not a contractor or working for ANSTO under another relationship through an agent with ANSTO).

3. Eligibility Criteria

3.1 AINSE Pathway Scholarships may be offered to scholars who:

3.1.1 for some period between 1st January 2026 and 31st March 2026, have been enrolled at a financial member university of AINSE in either:

3.1.1.1 an Honours degree, or

3.1.1.2 a Masters degree by coursework with a thesis component, or

3.1.1.3 a Masters degree by research.

AND

3.1.2 as part of their degree requirements, must submit a thesis on a research Project as defined in Section 5.

3.2 Prior recipients: eligible categories (Honours/Coursework Masters → Research Masters)

- 3.2.1 Scholars enrolled in a **Masters degree by research**, who have previously received an AINSE Pathway Scholarship or AINSE Honours Scholarship while enrolled in an Honours degree or a Masters degree by coursework with a thesis component, may apply for the AINSE Pathway Scholarship.

3.3 Prior recipients: ineligible categories

- 3.3.1 Scholars enrolled in an **Honours degree** or a **Masters degree by coursework with a thesis component**, who have previously received an AINSE Pathway Scholarship or AINSE Honours Scholarship, are not eligible to apply.
- 3.3.2 Scholars enrolled in a **Masters degree by research**, who have previously received an AINSE Pathway Scholarship while enrolled in a Masters degree by research, are not eligible to apply.

3.4 Scholars enrolled in a **Doctoral degree** are ineligible to apply (such scholars are advised to refer to the [AINSE Postgraduate Research Award](#)).

3.5 Scholars must meet the security clearance requirements to access ANSTO campuses.

4. Tenure

4.1 AINSE may terminate an Award at any time if it is not satisfied with the progress or conduct of a recipient, or if the recipient fails to meet any security clearance requirements at ANSTO, or the recipient withdraws from their degree program at their university of enrolment, or if the university at which the recipient is enrolled ceases to be a financial member of AINSE.

4.2 Tenure of an Award is conditional upon the recipient meeting access requirements at ANSTO, including security clearance requirements at the ANSTO Lucas Heights and ANSTO Clayton campus.

5. Project

5.1 The Project must involve the use of ANSTO facilities, and/or the analysis of data previously collected from ANSTO facilities, and/or be undertaking a collaboration with a nominated primary collaborator that is an ANSTO Employee.

5.2 All visits by the Recipient to an ANSTO campus must be arranged through the [ANSTO User Office](#) in consultation with the nominated primary collaborator of Section 5.1.

6. Stipend

6.1 Amount:

6.1.1 The stipend will be at rates announced by AINSE. The rate applicable from 1st January 2026 will be A\$5,000 excluding GST.

6.1.2 The stipend is for the exclusive use of the recipient only and is not transferable to another party.

6.2 Payment:

6.2.1 The stipend will be paid directly to the University upon receipt of a tax invoice and is then paid to the recipient in accordance with the University policy. Any transaction fees incurred in paying the stipend to the recipient must be borne by the University.

6.2.2 Responsibility for any potential taxation liability lies with the Award recipient. Independent tax advice should be sought by the recipient where required.

6.3 Return of Funds:

6.3.1 Should the recipient relinquish, or AINSE terminate the Award for any reason, the University will be required to refund the remaining stipend to AINSE as calculated on a monthly pro-rata basis. This may require reimbursement of the remaining stipend to the University by the recipient as calculated on a monthly pro-rata basis.

6.3.2 Should the University cease to be a financial member of AINSE, the University will be required to refund the remaining stipend to AINSE as calculated on a monthly pro rata basis. In such a scenario, the recipient is advised to contact AINSE for guidance.

7. Reports

7.1 The recipient must supply AINSE with the following documents no later than 31st March 2027, or in cases where thesis submission occurs after 1st March 2027, no later than two weeks after the thesis is accepted by their University for the award of their degree:

7.1.1 an electronic copy of the recipient's thesis as accepted by their University for the award of their degree; and

7.1.2 a list of all publications, presentations, and any other disseminated material arising from the Project or expected to arise within the next 12 months, on a form provided for that purpose.

7.2 The deadlines in Section 7.1 can be extended, for recipients who are enrolled part-time, or in exceptional circumstances, at the discretion of AINSE.

8. Publications

8.1 Appropriate acknowledgement to AINSE and ANSTO must be included by the recipient when any material embodying the results of work undertaken during tenure of the Award is submitted for publication.

8.1.1 Any publications embodying the results of work undertaken during tenure of the Award, including but not limited to journal publications, conference publications, research theses, and media articles, must include the following statement:

“This research was supported by an AINSE Ltd. Pathway Scholarship.”

8.1.2 Any variations to the statement in Section 8.1.1 must be approved in writing by AINSE prior to submission of the material for publication.

8.1.3 Any visual media embodying the results of work undertaken during tenure of the Award, including but not limited to posters, presentation slides, and video productions, must include the official AINSE logo and must adhere to the usage guidelines for the official AINSE logo. Please email the AINSE Secretariat at award@ainse.edu.au to request the AINSE logo files and usage guidelines.

8.2 Any material arising from work undertaken at ANSTO facilities, or the analysis of data previously collected from ANSTO facilities, must be approved by both the recipient's primary research supervisor and the nominated primary collaborating ANSTO staff member of Section 5.1 prior to submission of the material for publication.

9. Intellectual Property Rights

- 9.1 As a general rule, intellectual property rights in the results of an AINSE Award involving ANSTO personnel shall be the joint property of the University accepting the Award and ANSTO, however such rights may, in all cases, be subject to negotiation between those parties.
- 9.2 Where it is anticipated that intellectual property rights of commercial value will be generated by a project which is the subject of an AINSE Award, applicants are advised to consult their legal representatives.
- 9.3 Intellectual property rights which exist, or may exist, in any AINSE Award project must be identified and steps taken to ensure that whatever protection is required is put into place before disclosure of the subject matter is made to any outside parties.