The Australian National University

RUTH DAROESMAN GRADUATE STUDY GRANT

Conditions of Award

1. INTRODUCTION

The Ruth Daroesman Endowment was established in 2013 in memory of Ruth Daroesman by Ruth’s family and friends.

Ruth Daroesman was born in California. At the end of World War II she married an Indonesian and briefly lived in post-war Europe before moving to Sumatra, Indonesia in 1950. She adjusted quickly to life in Indonesia, learning the language and developing enduring relationships with her in-laws. After separating from her husband, and with three young children, she lived in Malaysia and then Singapore from 1957 until 1968 when she joined ANU. She had lifelong interests in formal education, which she saw as professionally and personally transformative, and spent all of her working life from the 1950s engaged with Indonesia and South-East Asia. As Assistant Editor of the Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies at what is now the Research School of Asia and the Pacific, and in her research, she came into regular contact with graduate students from Indonesia as well as other parts of Asia. Her familiarity with the region, its languages and cultures – and her understanding of what it meant to be alone and struggling in a foreign country – made her a sympathetic figure for many students for whom she acted as informal or formal adviser and friend. She knew from personal experience how kindness and generosity could change lives. She had a particular affection for Indonesia and Indonesians and maintained her ties for many years following her formal retirement.

The aim of the grant is to assist students of The Australian National University (ANU) who are engaged in postgraduate study of Asia and the Pacific, with special emphasis on Indonesia.

2. VALUE

The value of the grant shall be determined by the annual return on the Ruth Daroesman Endowment. The value of the grant will be advised during the promotion of each application round and stated in the letter of offer.

The grant may be used for research or educational expenses (including travel) directly related to the student’s academic interests or future career aspirations.

Travel insurance will be covered by ANU for travel that has been approved by the relevant delegated authority. Students are strongly advised to consult the University’s Travel Insurance Policy and should consider seeking advice from the University’s Insurance Officer.

The grant will be paid as a lump sum once the recipient submits approval to travel documentation, or provides an outline of intended expenditure. Proof of related expenses may be requested by the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The applicant must be enrolled in a postgraduate degree program of the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific as a domestic or international student.

The applicant must be undertaking research or study that is both relevant to Asia and the Pacific and to their degree program. Preference may be given to students undertaking research or study about Indonesia.

4. APPLICATION

A call for applications shall be made each year on the prescribed form. Applicants must submit all relevant documentation by the advertised closing date.
5. **SELECTION**

The grant shall be awarded by the College’s Associate Dean (Education) on the recommendation of the Selection Committee.

When making a recommendation, the Selection Committee shall take into account:

(a) evidence that the proposed research/study is relevant to the applicant’s degree program;

(b) a written statement outlining:
   
   i. why the applicant merits the grant;
   
   ii. how the grant will assist the applicant’s academic or personal future;
   
   iii. the extent to which the applicant’s background, academic interests or future career aspirations complement Ruth Daroesman’s lifelong work and interests.

(c) the applicant’s academic record to date;

(d) the applicant’s non-academic achievements to date, including but not limited to career achievements, co-curricular achievements and community work.

The grant shall not be awarded if, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, there is no applicant of sufficient merit.

6. **SELECTION COMMITTEE**

The Selection Committee shall be chaired by the Associate Dean (Education), ANU College of Asia and the Pacific (or nominee), and shall include three other members selected by the Associate Dean (Education).

7. **CONCURRENT HOLDING OF GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS**

The Ruth Daroesman Graduate Study Grant may be held concurrently with other scholarships, bursaries, grants and awards.

8. **TENURE**

The recipient must be enrolled and remain enrolled on a full-time or part-time basis in a graduate coursework or research program in the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific while the proposed research/study activity is being undertaken.

The recipient may request permission from the College’s Associate Dean (Education) to hold the grant whilst on approved academic program leave, to undertake the proposed research/study activity.

The recipient must complete their proposed research/study activity by December 31 in the year following the date of award.

9. **REPORTING**

Upon completion of the research/study activity, the grant recipient must provide a short report on the experience (500 to 1000 words).
10. **ENROLMENT**
   If the recipient fails to maintain their enrolment in the program, withdraws from the program or is not on approved academic program leave whilst undertaking the proposed research/study activity the grant may have to be surrendered.

11. **TERMINATION**
   The grant will terminate upon completion of the proposed research/study activity.
   The grant will terminate if the recipient does not adhere to Clause 8 (Tenure), or does not complete the proposed research/study activity. The recipient may have to repay all or some of the grant back to the University. This determination will be made by the College’s Associate Dean (Education).

12. **PUBLICITY**
   It is anticipated that recipients of the Ruth Daroesman Graduate Study Grant may be requested to participate in publicity of the grant from time to time. Recipients may be contacted for an interview and photograph. The University may also publicise the grants by publishing the names of the recipients. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the Marketing and Communications Office of the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific.

13. **TAXATION**
   Recipients are responsible for seeking taxation advice regarding their own individual circumstances.

14. **DISCLAIMER**
   The recipient is subject to *The Australian National University Act 1991* as amended, to the Statutes and Rules of the University as made from time to time, and to resolutions of the Council and its Committees.
   The award of a scholarship or grant does not carry any commitment by the University for future employment.