



**AUSTRALIAN ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY
MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY
(FACULTY OF SCIENCES)**

HONOURS SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. Up to two Honours Scholarships will be offered at Macquarie University in the Faculty of Sciences (which includes the Departments of Physics and Astronomy, Computing, Mathematics and Electronics) under a co-supervisory arrangement with the Australian Astronomical Observatory.
2. The purpose of the Honours scholarships is to encourage undergraduate students to pursue research programs in science and technology (particularly astronomical instrumentation/astrophotonics and engineering) at the Australian Astronomical Observatory/Macquarie University.
3. Applicants should have completed, or expect to complete, at least the third year of a bachelor's degree program in an appropriate science-based field of study and at a superior level. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic merit and research potential in the preferred area of study, with high distinctions/distinctions expected in core subjects. Applicants should address both academic merit and research potential in their application.
4. The Scholarships will be tenable for the honours year. First round advice that an applicant will gain a scholarship will be given prior to enrolment (November) but the actual award will not be made until a suitable AAO project has been chosen and the student has commenced study at Macquarie University (this will occur 31 March of the year of enrolment). *Thus, holders must be eligible for entry in a relevant honours degree at Macquarie University in the year of holding the scholarship.*
5. The Scholarship holder will undertake a research project, or other program, as outlined in the offer of the Scholarship and under the overall direction of the Head of Instrumentation AAO and Dean of the science faculty but under the direct co-supervision of both the relevant AAO and Macquarie University academic staff members.
6. The Scholarships will have a tax free value of \$5000 and will be paid in two instalments. The first payment equivalent to \$2500 will be paid after 31 March and the remaining \$2500 payment made after commencement of the second semester in the year of enrolment.
7. In each case, the Scholarship will be awarded by the University/AAO on an agreed basis following the recommendations of the selection committee and Director of AAO and Dean of the science faculty.



8. Applicants may apply for, or be offered, more than one Macquarie University based scholarship but will be eligible to hold only one scholarship.
9. The AAO/Macquarie University reserves the right to NOT award a scholarship should the standard of applications fall below the requisite level.
10. Completed application forms together with a covering letter, curriculum vitae, academic transcripts and contact details for referees must be lodged with the appropriate Division no later than the date announced each year. Applications lodged in 2011 must be received no later than 30th October 2011.