1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the ANU College of Business and Economics ("the College") may award a scholarship known as the Mitchell Scholarship ("the Scholarship").

The Scholarship will be available to an eligible current student ("the scholar") of academic merit from a rural background who demonstrates academic ability and evidence of financial need.

The Scholarship will be offered in first semester only, as defined in the University Calendar.

2. VALUE

The value of the Scholarship shall be outlined in the formal scholarship offer letter. The scholarship is payable in two equal instalments, to be paid following the Census Date of each semester of study.

Please note, that the Scholarship does not cover any necessary admissions and deposit fees, the payment of reading and study materials, living expenses, accommodation or any other costs associated with studying.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The Scholarship shall be available to an applicant who:

- Is an Australian citizen or Australian Permanent Resident only.
- Is currently enrolled in any year of study in a single or double undergraduate degree program offered by the College as a full-time student.
- Has not previously been a recipient of the Mitchell Scholarship.
- Attended High School and/or have their permanent address in a regional area as defined by post codes that are outside of capital cities (as per the Australian Bureau of Statistics classification of Geographic Statistical Divisions).
- Has low or medium access to tertiary education from home.
- Provides a statement of motivation outlining a case for financial need.

4. APPLICATION

There will be a call for applications each year by the ANU College of Business and Economics. Applicants must complete and submit an online application form by the nominated deadline, along with any necessary written responses or documentation to support their application.

5. SELECTION

A Selection Committee will be appointed and will make a recommendation for the award of this Scholarship based on academic merit, location of schooling and/or residence, and financial need. Consideration may also be given to any other factors which the Selection Committee considers to be appropriate and in line with the College’s strategic direction and priorities.

The Selection Committee shall take into account the definition of ‘rural’ and ‘geographically isolated’ and ‘low or medium access to tertiary education’ as set out by the Department of Education,
Employment and Workplace Relations and the Australian Bureau of Statistics classification of Geographic Statistical Divisions but the Selection Committee shall make the final determination on whether an application is eligible for consideration. Financial need shall be determined by the selection committee following receipt of the completed application form and provision by the applicant of all information requested.

The Scholarship shall not be awarded if, in the opinion of the Selection committee, there is no candidate of sufficient merit. The College reserves the right to make no award of the scholarship in a given year, to vary the number of scholarships, or to make an award/s at other times in exceptional circumstances as determined by the Dean of the College (or nominee). The College reserves the right to revise the awards from time to time.

6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS

The College will permit the scholar to concurrently hold other scholarships or awards, except they must not be in receipt of an ANU National University Scholarship at the time they accept the Scholarship for their enrolment in the Bachelor degree program offered in the College.

7. CANDIDATURE

The scholar will be required to enrol full-time in a single or double undergraduate degree program offered by the College in the semester for which the offer of Scholarship was made. The scholar must remain enrolled full-time in this program for the full duration of their Scholarship.

The scholar must not have previously received the Mitchell Scholarship in a prior year of study. Unsuccessful applicants may reapply for the Scholarship in future years.

Requests to vary program choice during the scholar's first semester of study (before the relevant census date) must be referred to the Dean of the College (or nominee).

8. COMMENCEMENT & DEFERRAL

The scholar is expected to take up their Scholarship in the semester for which it was offered. The Scholarship will commence from the first day of the first teaching period the scholar is enrolled in during in the academic year for which it is offered, unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer or approved by the Dean of the College.

The Scholarship will be offered in first semester only, as defined in the University Calendar.

Any requests for deferrals of the Scholarship must be approved by the Dean of the College (or nominee). Subject to approval, the award may be deferred for a maximum of one semester.

9. SCHOLARSHIP DURATION

The Scholarship is available for two (2) semesters of study, subject to satisfactory academic progress and continued full-time enrolment in the program for which the Scholarship was awarded.

10. ATTENDANCE

The scholar is expected to be in attendance at the University at the commencement of the first teaching period and to remain enrolled during the University teaching periods or semesters. If a scholar is absent from the University for an extended period of time through illness or for any other reason, approval must have been sought and obtained from the College for ‘program leave’ from the Program. It is also essential that the Dean of the College (or nominee) be notified and, where relevant, approval for suspension of the Scholarship sought.
11. LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE

The scholar is expected to achieve a satisfactory level of performance in the first semester of the tenure of the award, in order for the Scholarship to be continued in the following semester of study. If this academic progress standard is not met then the College will terminate the Scholarship.

In the event the minimum standard of performance is not met, the scholar may appeal to the Dean of the College (or nominee) to discuss continuation of the Scholarship.

12. TERMINATION AND WITHDRAWAL FROM PROGRAM

The Scholarship will terminate at the conclusion of the scholar holding the scholarship for two semesters of enrolment in the program for which it has been awarded or on the date on which the scholar ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences, whichever is the earlier.

The University may terminate the Scholarship before this time if the scholar does not fulfill their obligations or meet the required level of performance. This determination will be made by the Dean of the College (or nominee).

If the scholar withdraws from the program in which the Scholarship was awarded, then the Scholarship will be terminated and the Dean of the College (or nominee) may determine that the value of the award should be refunded by the scholar to the College on a pro-rata basis as of the date of withdrawal.

13. INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

Permission must be obtained from the Dean of the College (or nominee) to retain the Scholarship during an international exchange. Permission should be requested in writing at the same time as the applications for exchange are made.

14. TAXATION

It is the scholar’s responsibility to determine the taxation implications of the award, if any, which apply to his/her individual circumstances.

15. ACCOMMODATION

It is the scholar’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://rcc.anu.edu.au

16. PUBLICITY

It is anticipated that scholars may be requested to participate in publicity of the Scholarship from time to time. This may include publicity in the state or territory of residence or of schooling.

On occasions, the scholar may be contacted by the College to participate in activities including, but not limited to, an interview, a photograph, and a formal Scholarship presentation ceremony. The College may also request written responses from the scholar which can include, but is not limited to, a summary of basic profile information, descriptions of University experiences, and a note of appreciation for the Donor who has funded their Scholarship.

The University may publicise the Scholarship by publishing the name of the scholar. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the ANU College of Business and Economics Marketing and Development office.
17. CONTACT WITH THE COLLEGE

All enquiries regarding the scholarship and changes, deferment and further information after acceptance should be made to:

ANU College of Business and Economics
Building 26C
The Australian National University
Canberra ACT 0200

Phone: +1800 620 032
Email: domestic.enquiry@anu.edu.au

18. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

The scholar is subject to The Australian National University Act 1991 as amended, and to the Statutes, Rules, Regulations and Resolutions of the University.

19. DISCLAIMER

The award does not carry any commitment by the University for future employment.