Bushfire Support Bursary – Information Sheet – ANU Students

The Australian National University is committed to supporting students affected by the devastating bush fires over the summer; we recognise the widespread impact these fires have had and continue to have on our university community.

ANU has established the Bushfire Support Bursary to offer financial support to students directly impacted by the bushfires whose return to education has been adversely affected. The bursary will provide financial support of up to $2,000 to eligible students to support them to travel safely back to campus and ensure that have the study resources they need to resume their studies at ANU.

The fund can be used for upfront expenses including, but not limited to: accommodation, laptops, study materials, personal essentials and travel to and from affected areas. Students directly impacted by these bushfires are encouraged to apply. Each application will be assessed and the amount allocated will be determined based on its own merits.

As a general guide, students applying for the bursary will have encountered circumstances that were unavoidable and unexpected and beyond the student’s control.

To apply for support students are required to complete an online application form outlining their personal circumstances and the reason they are seeking support.

Some examples of special circumstances covered through the Bushfire Support Bursary are:

- **Medical reasons** – where you have a pre-existing medical condition, which has been exacerbated by the bushfires, or a newly diagnosed medical condition caused by the bushfires, which has adversely affected your return to study.
- **Family/personal reasons** – where bushfires have adversely affected you/family members, for example fire damage to family home, loss of earnings due to parent/carer volunteering to fight fires.
- **Employment reasons** – where bushfires have adversely affected you being able to prepare financially to return to university and purchase study materials you need

For information on the Bushfire Support Bursary, please call 135 268 or email student@anu.edu.au with the subject “Bushfire Support Bursary”

Students employed by ANU may be eligible for other support packages. To find out more please contact the Human Resources team on (02) 6125 3346 (option1) or email hrd.renumeration@anu.edu.au to discuss your situation.

**Support Available**

We understand that this has been a very challenging time for many and recognise the physical and mental health effects these devastating fires have had. We encourage you to take care of your wellbeing and seek support as needed.

If you or your family have been impacted by these recent bushfires, there is a variety of assistance available to you:
• Students can access immediate support via ANU Crisis Support Line on 1300 050 327 or via SMS Text message service on 0488 884 170.
• For counselling support, please contact the ANU Counselling Centre on (02) 6125 2442 or email counselling.centre@anu.edu.au
• For medical support, please contact the National Health Co-op on (02) 6125 3598 or email health.reception@anu.edu.au

Staying Safe
To stay informed on current bushfires and ensure you are safe we recommend that you download the “Fires Near Me” app and follow the appropriate emergency service website depending on your location.

• ACT Emergency Services Agency are providing updates regularly please check their website ACT Emergency Services Agency
• Please be sure to check the ANU homepage for up-to-date advice on health and wellbeing.

Thank you
The Australian National University would like to thank and extend our appreciation to all of the firefighters, emergency service staff and volunteers who have put themselves at risk to protect the nation, our people, homes and land and acknowledge that they continue to do so.