

Excelencia Internacional Scholarship 2026

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1.0 ESTABLISHMENT

The 'Excelencia Internacional' Scholarship 2026 has been established to attract high-performing students from South and Central America to study at the University of Newcastle. This scholarship acknowledges applicants with a strong academic background and provides an ongoing incentive for continued academic achievement. Scholarships will be awarded to applicants who receive an offer to study in an eligible program and commence study with the University in Trimester 1, 2026 and beyond. A maximum of 25 scholarships will be awarded in 2026.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

2.1 "Census Date" means the date of each term on which a student enrolled in a program of study is deemed to be financially liable for that program.

"Eligible program" means an undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree program delivered at an Australian campus as specified in Section 3.1.3.

"Internal transfer students" means current University students wishing to transfer to an alternative program of study prior to completion of their original program as indicated in their letter of offer.

"International Student" means a student who is not an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen or a holder of an Australia Permanent Residency Visa (or dual citizenship holders of either Australia or New Zealand). This includes students enrolled at onshore campuses who have a student visa, provisional residency, temporary residency, or bridging visa with study permission.

"Letter of Offer" means the written offer provided to the applicant by the University of Newcastle which outlines the duration, cost, location, and associated conditions for the applicant's chosen program of study.

"Offshore campuses" means programs delivered by the University at campuses located outside of Australia and its territories.

"Program" means the program of study listed in the recipient's letter of offer that corresponds with their scholarship offer.

"Recipient" means a recipient of the 'Excelencia Internacional' Scholarship 2026.

"Scholarship" means the 'Excelencia Internacional' Scholarship 2026.

"University" means the University of Newcastle.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The successful scholar must:

- 3.1.1 Be an international full fee-paying student.
- 3.1.2 Be a citizen of the states and territories noted in Appendix 2.
- 3.1.3 Be commencing study in one of the eligible CRICOS-registered undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree programs at the University listed in Appendix 1.
- 3.1.4 Not be the beneficiary of a separate University scholarship unless prior approval or special dispensation has been obtained from the university.
- 3.1.5 Be able to meet the financial obligations of a full fee-paying international student specified by the Australian Government. Evidence of this ability must be provided if requested by the university.

3.2 The following students are not eligible to receive this scholarship, even if they meet the criteria outlined in 3.1:

- 3.2.1 Students who have not received an offer for the scholarship.
- 3.2.2 Students who are studying only ELBP, Enabling, Non-Award, Exchange or Study Abroad programs, Higher Degrees by Research programs, degrees without a CRICOS code and programs delivered at offshore campuses or via online delivery.
- 3.2.3 Internal transfer students (i.e. a student issued with a COE who subsequently requests a transfer to an alternative program of study) who are studying at an Australian campus and were not previously awarded a scholarship by the university.
- 3.2.4 Students who are in receipt of a scholarship by an external entity or are recipients of an Australia Awards scholarship, or students transferring from the University's Singapore campus.
- 3.2.5 Students who are enrolled in a program of study not listed in Appendix 1.

4.0 SELECTION

4.1 Scholarships are automatically assessed upon application to the University (where other eligibility criteria are met).

- 4.1.1 Students will receive notification of the value of the scholarship within their Letter of Offer.
- 4.1.2 Should a recipient wish to reject an offer of scholarship, it is the recipient's responsibility to inform the University.

4.2 Scholarship offers will be made based on eligibility and the number of scholarships available. A maximum of 25 scholarships will be awarded in 2026. All determinations of eligibility are aligned to the University's published entry and eligibility requirements and made at the absolute discretion of the University

4.3 The University reserves the right not to award the scholarship.

4.3.1 The University reserves the right to withdraw or amend the offer of scholarship if the applicant is subsequently deemed to be ineligible, the applicant is in breach of the terms of the scholarship offer or the scholarship is no longer offered.

5.0 CONDITIONS OF AWARD

5.1 The scholarship is payable for the number of units required to complete the eligible program as specified in the University's [program handbook](#). This excludes units awarded as credit or 'Recognition of Prior Learning,' and credit granted after the commencement of a program.

5.2 The scholarship must be taken up for the program (including master programs packaged with a graduate certificate or graduate diploma program).

5.2.1 If a recipient defers their offer to a future intake, scholarship eligibility will be reassessed prior to commencement and is not guaranteed.

5.2.2 If a recipient applies for an internal transfer to an alternative program or campus, they will be considered ineligible for the scholarship.

5.3 The scholarship provides an international tuition fee waiver and does not cover the cost of visas, Overseas Student Health Cover, travel, accommodation, medical and living expenses, amenities fees, books, study materials or any other expenses associated with studying at the University.

5.4 The recipient must pay the appropriate tuition fees within the stipulated payment deadlines and must remain in good financial standing with the University.

5.5 The recipient must remain compliant with their visa conditions, including but not limited to the requirement to maintain a full-time study load if holding a student visa, unless approval is obtained for a reduced study load (visit the University's [webpage](#) for additional details).

5.6 The recipient must maintain international student status during their enrolment at the University. The scholarship will be terminated if the recipient ceases to be an international student as defined under the Migration Regulations 1994.

5.7 The recipient must maintain a consistent level of academic achievement for the program of study. If a recipient does not maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 4.0 (pass grade) through their program, scholarship eligibility will be reassessed, and the scholarship may be cancelled. Reinstatement will be at the discretion of the University.

5.8 The recipient may be required to participate in marketing activities for and on behalf of the University, which may be published on the University's website and social media channels or used for other promotional purposes.

- 5.9** The recipient must be willing to be featured in such promotional collateral produced by the University and be involved in promotional activity arranged by the University. Recipients of this scholarship acknowledge and accept these terms and conditions and consent for their image and / or testimonial to be used for promotional purposes.

6.0 BENEFIT

- 6.1** The scholarship is based on a variable value for each year of study under a standard full-time study load (80 units) apportioned over each course taken.

Table 1 outlines the maximum scholarship value available to the recipient. It is applied on a pro-rata basis, taking into consideration approved reduced study load arrangements, credit exemptions, recognition of prior learning awards, progression or partial-year program enrolments.

Annual Scholarship Value	A dollar value equivalent to 25% of the gross annual international tuition fee.
Unit Value (based on 10 units)	Variable based on program of study

Table 1: Maximum scholarship value available.

- 6.1.1** The scholarship will be administered for each term of study in the eligible program(s) as a tuition fee reduction against the number of units required to successfully complete the program of study as specified in the University's [program handbook](#).
- 6.1.2** For programs requiring over 80 full-time study units for each year of study, the applicable unit value noted in Table 1 will be paid for each additional 10 units of study.
- 6.1.3** Where offers to a Master program are packaged with a Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma, the scholarship is payable for both programs undertaken by the recipient.
- 6.1.4** Scholarship recipients are eligible for guaranteed and fully funded on-campus accommodation for their first semester of study, up to a maximum of 13 weeks' duration. Details of the accommodation arrangements will be provided to eligible students prior to their arrival in Australia. Scholarship recipients who are provided with on-campus accommodation must adhere to the scholarship terms and conditions, and 2026 Student Occupancy License Agreement to maintain their eligibility.
- 6.1.5** Scholarship recipients are eligible to receive up to 60 hours of English Language tuition, delivered by the University, at no cost. This offer is only available to students who do not meet the English Language requirements for their chosen program of study and require additional English Language tuition to meet the conditions of their offer.

- 6.2** Should a recipient need to retake units or take additional units to complete the program that exceeds the units of study indicated in the initial COE (the scholarship benefit has been exhausted), the scholarship benefit will no longer be applied to the remaining units of study required to complete the program.
- 6.3** The scholarship benefit will be applied as tuition fee waivers directly into the recipient's University student account.
- 6.3.1 This will reduce the tuition fee liability by the scholarship benefit amount for each term of the program of study, provided the conditions of the scholarship are maintained. The benefit amount will be calculated on number of units the recipient is enrolled in at Census date for each term.
- 6.3.2 Recipients will be billed normal tuition fee rates based on enrolment load leading into census date of each eligible term for which the benefit applies. The tuition fee waiver may not be reflected on the tuition fee account until census has passed. After census date, a fee waiver will be applied to the recipient's student account.
- 6.3.3 The scholarship has no monetary value and cannot be redeemed as a cash payment in the event of a recipient's enrolment being withdrawn, deferred or cancelled.
- 6.4** Any overpayment by the recipient will remain in the tuition fee account to allocate to the next term's fees.
- 6.4.1 A recipient who has completed their full program of study can apply for a refund of unallocated fees.
- 6.4.2 If a recipient withdraws from the program of study, the scholarship value (which was applied as a fee waiver to the student account) will be retained by the University and is not refundable to the recipient.

7.0 SUSPENSION OF SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT

- 7.1** A recipient may apply in writing for a suspension of the scholarship benefit because of illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstances. All applications must be supported by appropriate documentary evidence for the request to be assessed. The University reserves the right to decline the suspension request.
- 7.2** Periods of suspension approved in writing by the University shall not reduce the tenure of the scholarship.

8.0 TERMINATION

- 8.1** A scholarship shall terminate before its due date of conclusion if the recipient:
- 8.1.1 Fails to fulfil any of the conditions of the scholarship, or
- 8.1.2 Relinquishes the scholarship, or
- 8.1.3 Ceases to be an international student at the University, whichever first occurs.

9.0 APPEALS

- 9.1** An applicant for, or recipient of, a scholarship may appeal in writing to the University, if they believe that procedures followed were deficient, defective or unfair. The University will provide a written response to the appeal within 20 business days of receipt.

10.0 VARIATION

- 10.1** The University reserves the right to vary any of the provisions of these conditions, where satisfied that circumstances warrant variation. The University, at its absolute discretion, may vary or withdraw the scholarship for commencing (i.e. not yet enrolled in their program of study) students. Written confirmation of any adjustment or cessation of the scholarship will be provided to applicants prior to the commencement of their program of study.

Appendix 1: Programs eligible for the ‘Excelencia Internacional’ Scholarship 2026

Bachelor of Chemical Engineering (Honours)
Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Honours)
Bachelor of Computer Systems Engineering (Honours)
Bachelor of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (Honours)
Bachelor of Environmental Engineering (Honours)
Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering (Honours)
Bachelor of Mechatronics Engineering (Honours)
Bachelor of Medical Engineering (Honours)
Bachelor of Renewable Energy Engineering (Honours)
Bachelor of Software Engineering (Honours)
Bachelor of Information Technology
Bachelor of Computer Science
Bachelor of Nursing
Bachelor of Business
Bachelor of Business Analytics
Bachelor of Commerce
Master of Professional Engineering (Civil)
Master of Professional Engineering (Electrical and Electronic)
Master of Professional Engineering (Geospatial Engineering and Surveying)
Master of Professional Engineering (Mechanical)
Master of Cyber Security
Master of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence
Master of Construction Management (Professional)
Master of Nursing
Master of Public Health
Master of Professional Accounting
Master of Business Administration
Master of Business Administration/Master of Fintech
Master of Business Administration/Master of Human Resource Management
Master of Business Administration/Master of International Business
Master of Business Administration/Master of Marketing and Digital Strategy
Master of Professional Accounting/ Master of Business Administration
Master of Health Management and Policy

Appendix 2: Countries and Territories eligible for the ‘Excelencia Internacional’ Scholarship 2026

Antigua & Barbuda
Argentina
Bahamas
Barbados
Bolivia
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba
Dominica
Dominican Republic
El Salvador
Ecuador
Grenada
Guatemala
Haiti
Honduras
Jamaica
Mexico
Nicaragua
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Trinidad and Tobago
Uruguay
Venezuela