



Dr Paul Chong PhD Scholarship for Alternative Energy

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

The intention of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to encourage today's young researchers working in the field of renewable energy, including those in search for alternative energy resources.

If accepting an offer of this top-up scholarship, you will:

- Maintain your enrolment and academic progress with the University of Newcastle for the duration of the scholarship.
- Notify graduate-research@newcastle.edu.au of any changes to your circumstances - such as reduced study load, change in program, or withdrawal from study – which may impact your eligibility for this scholarship.

The total value of this scholarship is \$30,000, \$10,000 per annum up to a maximum of 3 years.

ESTABLISHMENT

After relocating from Korea to Australia in the late 1970s, Dr Paul Chong never forgot the vital support he received from the University of Newcastle and the scholarships that enabled him to complete both his Master of Science and PhD in Chemistry. In a heartfelt gesture of gratitude, alumnus Dr Chong generously donated to establish this scholarship, aimed at supporting the College of Engineering, Science and Environment. His gift is intended to inspire and empower the next generation of researchers - particularly those exploring innovative solutions in alternative energy.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

This is a donor-funded scholarship from Dr Paul Chong.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for this scholarship, applicants must:

- Be enrolled in your first year of a PhD program at the University of Newcastle, conducting research related to alternative energy resources.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

As part of the application process, applicants must submit:

1. A Curriculum Vitae (CV) detailing academic and research achievements.
2. A written statement (maximum one A4 page, excluding documentary evidence) outlining:
 - Research progress, plans, and aspirations.
3. A supporting letter from the applicant's supervisor.

Applications that do not include all required documentation will not be considered.

As part of your application, you will need to agree to the terms and conditions regarding privacy and collection of personal information set out in the Declaration and Authority at the start of your application.

SELECTION

Scholarship selection is a competitive process based on:

1. Assessment of the application and supporting documentation in reference to the eligibility criteria.
2. Interviews may be conducted if required.

Selection Panel

Selection is a competitive process and will be based on assessment of the scholarship application and any required supporting documents, with reference to the eligibility criteria.

Selection Panel will be made up of a minimum of 3 academic staff members nominated by the Dean of Graduate Research.

Interviews may be arranged, if required.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

If accepting this scholarship, you agree to the following conditions:

- You will continue to meet relevant eligibility criteria (see the section titled “Eligibility” above) for the duration of the scholarship, unless special consideration is approved (see below).
- If your circumstances change in a way that impacts your eligibility (eg, change in study load or withdrawal from study), you agree to notify graduate-research@newcastle.edu.au.
- The scholarship is tenable for 3 years. The scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it was awarded, unless otherwise specified.
- This scholarship is subject to annual review. Continuation of the scholarship and payment of the scholarship benefit are subject to the scholar maintaining satisfactory academic progress and continuing to meet the eligibility criteria of the scholarship. Documentary evidence may be requested to confirm ongoing eligibility.
- The scholar shall not be required by the donor or the University to undertake employment as a condition of award of the scholarship.
- A Scholarship holder enrolled in a PhD program may apply for a maximum extension of up to 12 months, subject to satisfactory progress, provided the grounds are related to study and are beyond the control of the candidate. Any extension is subject to the approval of the Pro Vice-Chancellor nominee and the availability of funding.

BENEFIT

This scholarship is ongoing up to a maximum term of 3 years provided ongoing eligibility.

The scholarship provides a total benefit of \$30,000, \$10,000 up to a maximum 3-year tenure provided ongoing eligibility for the term of the scholarship.

The scholarship benefit and number of scholarships awarded may vary and will be determined by the funding available each year.

PERIODS OF LEAVE

A scholar may apply in writing to reserve or defer the scholarship benefit due to illness, injury or other extenuating circumstances. An application must be supported by appropriate documentary evidence. Periods of approved leave or deferral must not exceed two consecutive semesters of study and shall not reduce the tenure of the scholarship. All applications for periods of leave must be submitted to the UON Graduate Research Office prior to the affected semester of study.

TERMINATION

Unless terminated earlier, the scholarship will end when the term has expired and the total benefit has been paid.

The Scholarships office may terminate the scholarship before the term has expired if:

- The scholarship conditions are not met, including relevant eligibility criteria being maintained;
- The scholar completes study and/or ceases to be a student with the University of Newcastle; or
- The scholar has committed serious misconduct (as determined in accordance with the University's relevant policies and rules).

If the scholarship is terminated early, the Office of Alumni and Philanthropy will be advised and the donor or sponsor notified.

Ongoing scholarships will not be paid out in full in instances where the recipient completes study before the full scholarship term has expired.

If you have provided false or misleading information and as a result you were awarded or continued to receive the scholarship, the scholarship may be stopped, and you may be required to repay any scholarship benefits to which you are not entitled to within 14 days of being requested to do so by the University.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

Where a scholar cannot meet the conditions of the scholarship due to illness, injury or other extenuating circumstances, they may apply in writing to the scholarships office. Applications must be supported by appropriate documentary evidence and a decision will be made in consultation with the Office of Alumni & Philanthropy.

PRIVACY AND COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

If applying for a donor-funded scholarship, the application or a summary of information provided with the application may be provided to an external donor and/or their representative. This is for the purpose of scholarship selection and otherwise to inform the donor that the terms of the donation are met.

You may be asked by the Scholarships Officer if you give permission for any short articles or newsletter items to be published. You may have the option to provide a photo, quote and or short paragraph about yourself for this.

The University of Newcastle is committed to the protection of your personal information and privacy. The University will only disclose your personal information to the extent necessary for the purpose of the provision of this scholarship (including scholarship selection and assessing ongoing eligibility requirements).

Please review the University of Newcastle [Privacy Management Plan](#).

The University reserves the right to make amendments to these terms and conditions without prior notice.

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