



SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

NEWCASTLE BAR ASSOCIATION INDIGENOUS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP IN LAW

ESSENTIALS

The Newcastle Bar Association Indigenous Law Scholarship provides financial assistance to full-time Indigenous Law students overcoming educational disadvantage.

If accepting an offer of this scholarship, you will:

- Maintain your enrolment and academic progress with University of Newcastle for the duration of the scholarship,
- Notify scholarships@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,
- Agree to write a message of thanks to the donor via email to Donor-Relations@newcastle.edu.au within 6 weeks of your offer, and
- Be available for a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week events (usually around September).

ESTABLISHMENT

The Newcastle Bar Association Indigenous Student Scholarship in Law was created to assist Indigenous students realise their ambition of obtaining a degree in law from the University of Newcastle. It is intended that the financial benefit of the scholarship will offset some of the burdens and challenges that come with completing a law degree full-time.

The Newcastle Bar Association aims to foster support for, and collegiality among, barristers who work in the Newcastle and Hunter region. As well as receiving the financial benefit of the scholarship, the successful recipient will also be provided with an opportunity to connect with a local barrister as a mentor for the duration of the scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for this scholarship an applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled in the Juris Doctor program or the 4th or 5th year of a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) program at the University of Newcastle;
- Students doing a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) program must have completed the following courses: LAWS1010, LAWS1011, LAWS1020, LAWS1021, LAWS2030, LAWS3040 and LAWS3041;
- Students doing the Juris Doctor program must have completed the following courses: LAWS6000, LAWS6001, LAWS6120, LAWS6121, LAWS6130, LAWS6140 and LAWS6141,
- Demonstrate that your ability to study is affected, or will be affected, by areas of educational disadvantage. These include being a carer and/or sole parent, experiencing financial hardship, a long term medical condition/disability, ongoing effects of abuse, regional or remote disadvantage, or English language difficulty.

- Identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and be recognised as such by your community;
- Have a GPA of 5.0 or higher;
- Be enrolled full-time.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

The following documentation must be submitted with the scholarship application:

- A written statement (approx. 1 A4 page) outlining your academic achievements, your experience of financial hardship, career aspirations in the relevant area of study, and discussion of how this scholarship would assist you.
- Documents for establishing Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status with UON. Please see list of accepted documents here: <https://www.newcastle.edu.au/establishing-status-docs>
- Any applicant that does not submit the required documentation, including documentary evidence, will not be considered for selection.
- Documents to support your educational disadvantage claims. These will be identified when you apply based on your individual application responses, but you can get an idea of what kinds of documents are required [here](#).

SELECTION

Selection is based on assessment of the scholarship application and suitability for individual scholarships. The selection committee will aim to make scholarship offers to students who are assessed as being most in need of support, however will also take into account the applicant's personal statement and academic progression through their degree.

Selection will be made by the Wollotuka Selection Committee which will consist of a minimum of three members chosen by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic).

Successful recipients will be communicated to by the delegated Scholarships Officer and all applicants notified of an outcome via email. This will usually occur within around 6 weeks of the scholarship close date.

For applicants not receiving an offer, this does not mean you have been assessed as ineligible. The number of applications often far exceeds the number of scholarships available so it may mean that other applicants have been assessed as being in greater need of support at this time. Do not let an unsuccessful outcome deter you from applying for other scholarships and reapplying every year you study.

CONDITION OF AWARD

- The scholarship is tenable for one year. The scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it was awarded, unless otherwise specified.
- Maintain your enrolment and academic progress with University of Newcastle for the duration of the scholarship.
- Notify scholarships@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,
- Agree to write a message of thanks to the donor via email to Donor-Relations@newcastle.edu.au within 6 weeks of your offer.
- Be available for a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week events (usually around September).
- You will not be required by the donor or the university to undertake employment as a condition of being awarded this scholarship.

BENEFIT

The scholarship currently provides a total benefit of \$4,000 to be paid as a lump sum after the semester 1 census date (usually in April).

The scholarship is a one-off payment and must be taken up in the year of award.

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

PERIODS OF LEAVE

This scholarship does not provide a period of leave or deferral.

TERMINATION

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

Student Central Scholarships staff 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 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/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

As a scholarship recipient, if you are unable to meet the conditions of the scholarship due to illness, injury or other extenuating circumstances, you may apply for special consideration. Please apply by writing to the Scholarships Officer via email to scholarships@newcastle.edu.au. Please provide appropriate documentary evidence to support your request.

A decision will be made by Student Central Scholarships staff 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).

When applying, please review the Declaration and Authority at the start of your application which includes additional information in relation to privacy and the collection of personal information and links to the University of Newcastle [Privacy Management Plan](#), [Web Privacy Statement](#), and [UAC Privacy Policy](#).

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

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