

## India International Excellence Scholarship

### Terms and Conditions

#### 1. ESTABLISHMENT

The International Excellence Scholarship (India) has been established to attract high-performing students to study at the University of Newcastle. This will be a merit-based scholarship that recognises Indian students with a strong academic background and incentivises them to continue striving to be the best that they can be.

#### 2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. "Scholarship" means the International Excellence Scholarship;  
 "Scholar/s" means a recipient of a scholarship;  
 "Program" means the program of study in which the scholar is enrolled;  
 "University" means University of Newcastle  
 "Our" means University of Newcastle  
 "International Student" means a student who is not an Australian Citizen, a New Zealand Citizen or a holder of an Australia Permanent Residency Visa.

#### 3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. The scholarship benefit is available to successful University of Newcastle applicants who, at the commencement of the academic year, will meet the following criteria
- 3.1.1. Hold an Indian passport.
- 3.1.2. Be studying in a CRICOS-registered undergraduate or postgraduate coursework University of Newcastle degree program (excluding ELICOS, Non-Award, Masters by Research, or PhD programs).
- 3.1.3. Be an international full-fee paying student.
- 3.1.4. Be enrolled on-campus at any University of Newcastle Australian campus.
- 3.1.5. Be commencing in an eligible program.
- 3.1.6. Not be the beneficiary of a separate University scholarship unless prior approval for special dispensation has been obtained from the university.
- 3.1.7. Be able to meet all of the financial obligations of a full-fee paying international student, including the full tuition fee and other expenses, for the purpose of obtaining a student visa for study in Australia and in the event that continued eligibility for the scholarship is not maintained.
- 3.2. The following students are not eligible to receive this scholarship, even if they meet the eligibility criteria outlined in Clause 3.1.
- 3.2.1. Students who have not received an offer for the scholarship.
- 3.2.2. Current University of Newcastle students who are transferring from one program to another prior to successful completion of their program of study (internal transfer students).
- 3.2.3. Students studying in quota-limited programs are not eligible, with the exception of the following (subject to quota on a first-come-first-serve basis):
- 3.2.3.1. Bachelor of Pharmacy
- 3.2.3.2. Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science

#### 4. SELECTION

- 4.1. Scholarships will be awarded automatically to eligible students upon application. Students will receive notification of the value of their scholarship with their offer.
- 4.2. Scholarship offers will be made on the basis of academic merit. All academic merit determinations are determined according to the University's procedures for determining ATAR and GPA.
- 4.2.1. Tier 1: Up to AU\$15,000 per year of full-time equivalent study payable as tuition fee waiver for applicants with a minimum equivalent ATAR of 93 for undergraduate programs or University-determined grade point average (GPA) of 6.5 out of 7.0 for postgraduate coursework programs.
- 4.2.2. Tier 2: Up to AU\$10,000 per year of full-time equivalent study payable as tuition fee waiver for applicants with a minimum equivalent ATAR of 75 for undergraduate programs or University-determined grade point average (GPA) of 5.25 out of 7.0 for postgraduate coursework programs.
- 4.2.3. Tier 3: Up to AU\$5,000 per year of full-time equivalent study payable as tuition fee waiver for applicants with a minimum equivalent ATAR of 65 for undergraduate programs or University-determined grade point average (GPA) of 4.5 out of 7.0 for postgraduate coursework programs.

Tier	Undergraduate Programs (Minimum equivalent ATAR)	Postgraduate Coursework Programs (Minimum UON-determined GPA)	Scholarship Amount
1	93	6.5/7.0	Up to AU\$15,000 per year
2	75	5.25/7.0	Up to AU\$10,000 per year
3	65	4.5/7.0	Up to AU\$5,000 per year

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

## **5. CONDITIONS OF AWARD**

- 5.1. The scholarship is tenable for the duration of the program. This tenure may be reduced if the scholar has completed units of study in the eligible program prior to the scholarship offer.
- 5.2. The scholarship must be taken up for the program, and in the year, for which it was awarded.
- 5.3. The scholarship provides a tuition fee waiver and does not cover the costs of visas, Overseas Student Health Cover, travel, accommodation, living expenses, SSAF, books and study materials or any other expenses associated with studying at the University of Newcastle.
- 5.4. The scholar must pay their tuition fees within the stipulated payment deadlines, and must remain in good financial standing with the University.
- 5.5. The scholar must remain compliant with the conditions of their student visa (if applicable), including but not limited to the requirement to maintain a full time study load unless approval is obtained for a reduced load.
- 5.6. The scholar must maintain international student status for the duration of their enrolment in the University. The scholarship will be terminated if a student ceases to be an international student.
- 5.7. Continuation of the scholarship and benefits is subject to the scholar maintaining satisfactory academic progress, that is, a cumulative GPA of 4.5/7.0 or a success rate of 66% throughout their studies.
- 5.8. The scholar may be required to participate in a photo shoot and complete a testimonial for the University, which may be published on our website or used for other promotional purposes. The scholar must be willing to be featured in such promotional collateral produced by the University and be involved in promotional activity arranged by the University. Accepting the terms and conditions of this scholarship confirms a scholarship holders' consent to be used for promotional purposes.

## **6. BENEFIT**

- 6.1. The scholarship benefit received will vary depending on the tier (Clause 4.2.1 to Clause 4.2.3) and is applied pro-rata, based on student's course enrolment and rounded to the nearest dollar.
  - 6.1.1. Tier 1 (Clause 4.2.1) – AU\$1875 per 10-units
  - 6.1.2. Tier 2 (Clause 4.2.2) – AU\$1250 per 10-units
  - 6.1.3. Tier 3 (Clause 4.2.3) – AU\$625 per 10-units
- 6.2. The scholarship payment will be made in the form of a tuition fee waiver directly into the scholar's tuition fee account thereby reducing the tuition fee liability by the scholarship amount for each term during the program of study. The tuition fee waiver may not be reflected on the tuition fee account until the census date has passed.
- 6.3. Any overpayments by the scholar will be left on the tuition fee account to allocate to the next term's fees.
  - 6.3.1. A scholar who has completed their program can apply for a refund of unallocated fees.

## **7. SUSPENSION OF SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT**

- 7.1. A scholar may apply in writing for a suspension of the scholarship benefit because of illness, injury or other extenuating circumstances. An application must be supported by appropriate documentary evidence.
- 7.2. Periods of approved suspension shall not reduce the tenure of the scholarship.

## **8. TERMINATION**

- 8.1. A scholarship shall terminate before its due date of conclusion if the scholar:
  - 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 a student of the University, whichever first occurs.

## **9. APPEALS**

- 9.1. An applicant for a scholarship, or a scholar may appeal in writing to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), on the grounds that the procedures followed were deficient or defective.