



SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

Judy Kennedy Research Scholarship in Mental Health.

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

If accepting an offer of this 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.
- Agree to write a message of thanks to the donor via email to Donor-Relations@newcastle.edu.au within 2 weeks of accepting your offer, and

This scholarship is a one-off lump sum payment for a term of one year.

ESTABLISHMENT

Judy Kennedy was an outstanding leader in health care in the Hunter region. Initially trained as a mental health nurse, she became a senior leader in the Hunter New England Health District as Deputy Director of the Mental Health Service, guiding that service through many major innovative developments. She was a determined advocate for improving the care for people with mental illness and was known for her compassionate approach to all those she worked with, and especially in her approach to patients and families. She had a passionate interest in social justice and was firmly dedicated to supporting the education of future health practitioners. She was especially committed to promoting educational opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, to support their careers as future leaders in health care.

The scholarship should be awarded to a student whose research aims to improve the care and outcomes for people with mental illness and their families.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

This is a donor-funded scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for this scholarship, you will need to:

- Be enrolled in a PhD at the University of Newcastle where your research aims to improve the care and outcomes for people with mental illness and their families.
- Be enrolled either full-time or part-time;
- Demonstrate high academic achievement and or accomplishments to date;
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident, full-fee paying international student; and
- Not hold another University of Newcastle donor-funded or sponsored scholarship concurrently.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

As part of your application, you will need to prepare:

- A Curriculum Vitae
- A written statement demonstrating your research progress, plans and aspirations. Written statement is to be no more than 1 X A4 page excluding documentary evidence.
- A written statement outlining how your research aims to improve the care and outcomes for people with mental illness and their families. This should include the potential impact, any engagement with service providers and input from people with personal experience of mental illness including carers.
- A supporting letter from your supervisor.

Any applicant that does not submit the required documentation, including documentary evidence, will not be considered for selection.

SELECTION

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 staff PVC nominees.

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.
- You agree to write a letter of thanks to the donor via email to Donor-Relations@newcastle.edu.au within 2 weeks of accepting your offer.
- The scholarship is tenable for 1 year. The scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it was awarded, unless otherwise specified.
- The scholar shall not be required by the donor or the University to undertake employment as a condition of award of the scholarship.

BENEFIT

This scholarship is a one-off lump sum payment of \$5,000 for a term of one year. This scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded.

The scholarship will be paid as a \$5000 lump sum after selection.

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.

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.

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 graduate research 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.

Established: Feb 2023.

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