



## SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

# We Care NSW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Psychology Scholarship

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## BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

If you accept 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 [scholarships@newcastle.edu.au](mailto: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](mailto:Donor-Relations@newcastle.edu.au) within 2 weeks of accepting your offer, and
- Be available for a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week events (usually around September).

This scholarship is for a term of two years (including Honours, if applicable) provided ongoing eligibility.

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## ESTABLISHMENT

We Care NSW and TRH Psychology and Cultural Consultancy Service are Aboriginal-owned and operated businesses that work in partnership to deliver NDIS and other allied health, community, and accommodation services. We Care NSW has established this scholarship to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to enter a career in Psychology. It is the intention of We Care NSW to build ongoing relationships with scholars which may include opportunities for employment as an allied health assistant or behavior support practitioner during or after the successful completion of their studies. Applicants should be interested in being considered for a career with We Care NSW upon graduation.

## FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

This is a donor-funded scholarship from **We Care NSW**.

## ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be enrolled in your 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year of a Bachelor of Psychological Science degree program with the University of Newcastle;
- Establish your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity and heritage with the university as outlined [here](#). (for specific Indigenous scholarships only)
- 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 personal statement (approx. 1 A4 page) outlining your academic achievements, career aspirations in the relevant area of study, and how this scholarship would assist you.

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

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

Applicants for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-specific scholarship opportunities are required to provide evidence to support their Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity and heritage. For more information about this process please see the [Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander - Establishing Status Within the University Procedure](#) and [Policy](#).

## SELECTION

**No application is required for this scholarship.**

The scholarship will be automatically awarded at the start of the semester based on student progress reporting within the Admissions and Scholarships Office.

Selection of the scholarship will consider all eligible students who have established their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identity and heritage with the University of Newcastle in accordance with the current University Policy and Procedure.

Where there is more than one eligible student enrolled, selection will also consider:

- Preference to students in their second year who may benefit from the full scholarship tenure, and
- Academic merit (Cumulative GPA) may be considered.

Successful scholars will be notified via email from Admissions and Scholarships.

## CONDITIONS OF AWARD

If you accept 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 [scholarships@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@newcastle.edu.au).
- You agree to write a letter of thanks to the donor via email to [Donor-Relations@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:Donor-Relations@newcastle.edu.au) within 2 weeks of accepting your offer. You may also provide contact details and permission for them to contact you regarding the industry opportunities associated with this scholarship.
- You will be available to attend a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week (usually around September) where you may have the opportunity to meet with the donors and/or their representatives.

## BENEFIT

This scholarship is for a term of up to two years provided ongoing eligibility. This scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded.

The scholarship provides a total benefit of \$10,000 providing ongoing eligibility for the term of the scholarship.

The scholarship will be paid as \$5000 each year after the relevant census dates.

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

## PERIODS OF LEAVE

You may apply in writing to [scholarships@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@newcastle.edu.au) for consideration to reserve your scholarship if you are unable to study due to illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstances. An application must be supported by documentary evidence.

Periods of approved leave for the scholarship:

- must not exceed two consecutive semesters of study; and
- will not be counted towards the term of the scholarship.

## 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 their 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 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 [scholarships@newcastle.edu.au](mailto: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 the 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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