Future Horizons Scholarship

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1.0 ESTABLISHMENT

The Future Horizons Scholarship has been established to attract academically gifted students to study at the University of Newcastle. This scholarship acknowledges applicants with a strong academic background and provides an incentive for continued academic achievement.

Scholarships will be awarded to applicants deemed eligible who complete an eligible postgraduate program (subject to the Conditions of Award being met) and who commence study with the University in Trimester 1, 2027 or Semester 1, 2027 only.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

2.1 The “Census Date” means the date of each term on which a student enrolled in a program of study is deemed to be financially liable for that program.

“Eligible program" means a postgraduate coursework degree program of at least 160 units delivered at an Australian campus as specified in Section 3.1.2.

“Internal transfer students” means current University students wishing to transfer to an alternative program of study prior to completion of their original program as indicated in their letter of offer.

“International Student” means a student who is not an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen or a holder of an Australia Permanent Residency Visa (or dual citizenship holders of either Australia or New Zealand). This includes students enrolled at onshore campuses who have a student visa, provisional residency, temporary residency, or bridging visa with study permission.

“Letter of Offer” means the written offer provided to the applicant by the University of Newcastle’s Admissions Team, which outlines the duration, cost, location, and associated terms for the applicant’s chosen program of study.

“Offshore campuses” means programs delivered by the University at campuses located

outside of Australia and its territories.

"Program" means the program of study listed in the recipient's letter of offer that corresponds with their scholarship letter.

"Recipient" means a recipient of the Future Horizons Scholarship.

"Scholarship" means the Future Horizons Scholarship.

"University" means the University of Newcastle.

"Fully Graded Date" means the date when the University releases final course results to students after all grading and approvals are complete.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The successful scholar must:

3.1.1 Be an international full fee-paying student.

3.1.2 Complete an eligible CRICOS-registered postgraduate coursework degree program of at least 160 units at the University commencing in Trimester 1 of 2027 or Semester 1 of 2027.

3.1.3 Not be the beneficiary of a separate University scholarship unless prior approval or special dispensation has been obtained from the university.

3.1.4 Be able to meet the financial obligations of a full fee-paying international student specified by the Australian Government. Evidence of this ability must be provided if requested by the university.

3.1.5 Complete the program of study within the CRICOS-registered duration.

3.1.6 Reside within 50km of the campus location specified on their Confirmation of Enrolment (COE). The University reserves the right to request evidence of an applicant's residential address. Documents accepted for the purpose of address verification are listed in Appendix 2. Students providing false or misleading information and / or documents will be deemed ineligible for the scholarship, and their COE may be cancelled.

3.1.7 Be a recipient of one of the scholarships noted in Appendix 1.

3.2 The following students are not eligible to receive this scholarship, even if they meet the criteria outlined in 3.1:

3.2.1 Students who have not received an offer for a scholarship noted in Appendix 1.

3.2.2 Students who are eligible to get a higher benefit amount from the scholarship noted in Appendix 1 as compared to Future Horizons Scholarship during their final term of studies.

3.2.3 Students enrolled in a postgraduate coursework degree program comprising of less than 160 units, Undergraduate, ELBP, Enabling, Non-Award, Exchange or Study Abroad, Higher Degrees by Research programs, degrees without a CRICIOS code and programs delivered via offshore campuses or online delivery.

3.2.4 Internal transfer students who are studying at an Australian campus and were not previously awarded a scholarship by the university.

3.2.5 Students who are sponsored by an external entity or are recipients of an Australia Awards scholarship, or students transferring from the University's Singapore campus, unless with the express written consent of the University.

3.2.6 Students who fail to complete the eligible course.

4.0 SELECTION

4.1 Scholarships are automatically assessed at Fully Graded Date in the final term of study.

4.1.1 Students will receive notification of the value of the scholarship within the Letter of Offer.

4.1.2 Should a recipient wish to reject an offer of scholarship, it is the recipient's responsibility to inform the University.

4.2 All determinations of eligibility are aligned to the University's published entry and eligibility processes and made at the discretion of the University.

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

4.3.1 The University reserves the right to withdraw or amend the offer of scholarship if the applicant is subsequently deemed to be ineligible, the applicant is in breach of the terms of the scholarship offer, the number of available scholarships has been exhausted, or the scholarship is no longer offered.

5.0 CONDITIONS OF AWARD

5.1 The scholarship is payable to students who complete an eligible postgraduate program, as specified in the University's program handbook.

5.2 The scholarship must be taken up for the program (including master programs packaged with a graduate certificate or graduate diploma program) noted on the Letter of Offer.

5.2.1 If a recipient defers their offer to a future intake, scholarship eligibility will be lost.

5.2.2 If a recipient applies for an internal transfer to an alternative program or campus, scholarship eligibility will cease. Students will not be eligible for a scholarship with a higher benefit than the original scholarship granted.

5.3 The scholarship provides an international tuition fee waiver and does not cover the cost of visas, Overseas Student Health Cover, travel, accommodation, medical and living expenses, amenities fees, books, study materials or any other expenses associated with studying at the University.

5.4 The recipient must pay the appropriate tuition fees within the stipulated payment deadlines and must remain in good financial standing with the University.

5.5 The recipient must remain compliant with their visa conditions, including but not limited to the requirement to maintain a full-time study load if holding a student visa, unless approval is obtained for a reduced study load (visit the University's webpage for additional details).

5.6 The recipient must maintain international student status during their enrolment at the University. The scholarship will be terminated if the recipient ceases to be an international student as defined under the Migration Regulations 1994.

5.7 The recipient must have maintained a consistent level of academic achievement for the program of study. If a recipient has not maintained an accumulated Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 4.0 (pass grade) throughout their enrolment, eligibility for the scholarship will be reassessed and the scholarship may be cancelled. Reinstatement of the scholarship will be at the discretion of the University.

5.8 The recipient may be required to participate in marketing activities for and on behalf of the University, which may be published on the University's website or used for other promotional purposes.

5.9 The recipient must be willing to be featured in such promotional collateral produced by the University and be involved in promotional activity arranged by the University. Recipients of this scholarship acknowledge and accept these terms and conditions and consent for their image and / or testimonial to be used for promotional purposes.

6.0 BENEFIT

6.1 The scholarship benefit is based on a fixed Australian dollar value as outlined in Table 1 below.

One-Off Scholarship Value	$5,750 AUD fixed value

Table 1: Maximum scholarship value (AU$).

6.1.1 Students completing an eligible program of study who are recipients of a scholarship noted in Appendix 1 will be upgraded automatically to the Future Horizons scholarship (subject to meeting the Conditions of Award), with the scholarship being reflected on their student account and invoice.

6.1.2 If the original scholarship noted in Appendix 1 is deemed to be of higher value than $5,750 AUD in the final term of study, the recipient will not be upgraded to the Future Horizons Scholarship. The original scholarship will be applied to the student account after Census of the final term of study.

6.1.3 Students must enrol in and complete the number of units required to complete their program of study (i.e. successfully attain 160 units) to be eligible for the scholarship benefit.

6.2 Should a recipient need to retake units or take additional units to complete the program that exceeds the units of study indicated in the initial COE, eligibility for the scholarship benefit will be reassessed.

6.3 The scholarship benefit will be retrospectively applied as a tuition fee waiver directly into the recipient's University student account.

6.3.1 Recipients will be billed for normal tuition fee rates based on enrolment load leading into census date of each eligible term for which the benefit applies. The tuition fee waiver will not be reflected on the tuition fee account until Fully Graded Date has passed. After the Fully Graded Date, a fee waiver will be applied to the recipient's student account.

6.3.2 Upon successful completion of the program with the CRICOS-registered duration, the eligible recipient can apply for a refund of unallocated fees, including the value of the tuition fee waiver payable under the scholarship.

6.3.3 The scholarship has no monetary value and cannot be redeemed as a cash payment in the event of a recipient's enrolment being withdrawn, deferred or cancelled. Any refund of overpaid tuition fees to a student upon withdrawal before the completion of their program will not include any scholarship benefit originally offered by the University.

6.3.4 If a recipient withdraws from the eligible program of study prior to completion, the scholarship will be cancelled

7.0 SUSPENSION OF SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT

7.1 A recipient may apply in writing for a suspension of the scholarship benefit because of illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstances. All applications must be supported by appropriate documentary evidence for the request to be assessed. The University reserves the right to decline the suspension request.

7.2 Periods of suspension approved in writing by the University shall not reduce the tenure of the scholarship.

8.0 TERMINATION

8.1 A scholarship shall terminate before its due date of conclusion if the recipient:

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 an international student at the University, whichever first occurs.

9.0 APPEALS

9.1 An applicant for, or recipient of, a scholarship may appeal in writing to the University, if they believe that procedures followed were deficient, defective or unfair. The University will provide a written response to the appeal within 20 business days of receipt.

10.0 VARIATION

10.1 The University reserves the right to vary any of the provisions of these conditions, where satisfied that circumstances warrant variation. The University, at its absolute discretion, may vary or withdraw the scholarship for commencing (i.e. not yet enrolled in their program of study) students. Written confirmation of any adjustment or cessation of the scholarship will be provided to applicants prior to the commencement of their program of study.

Appendix 1 - Eligible Scholarships

International Excellence Scholarship 2027
Vice Chancellor’s Academic Merit Scholarship 2027
Excelencia Internacional Scholarship 2027

Appendix 2 - Documents accepted as proof of residential address

Utility Bill

Electricity, Gas, Water or Local Council Rates, internet or landline phone (not mobile) bills, issued within the last 3 (three) months.

Bank Statements

Statements or transaction summaries from an Australian bank recognized and licensed by APRA, issued within the last 3 (three) months.

Government-issued notices

Tax notices, Medicare statements, Centrelink statements or other official Government correspondence issued within the last 6 (six) months.

Mortgage statements

Home loan statements issued by an Australian lender recognized and licensed by APRA, issued within the last 6 (six) months.

Lease Agreements

Rental contracts issued by an appropriately registered and licensed Australian real estate agent, for a duration of at least 6 (six) months, issued within the last 3 (three) months.

Documents must be in English, fully legible, and will be verified at source if certified copies are not provided. Documents other than those detailed in this appendix will not be accepted for the purpose of address verification.