



Greater Charitable Foundation Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship

Terms and Conditions

Background and Summary of Key Conditions

To remain eligible for this scholarship, recipients must:

- accept their scholarship offer within the required timeframe;
- maintain ongoing eligibility for the scholarship and academic progress;
- notify the Scholarships Office of any changes that may affect eligibility for the scholarship.

Recipients are encouraged to participate in scholarship engagement opportunities such as donor thank-you messages and Scholars Week events.

The total value of this scholarship is \$31,818 for a term of 3 years.

Please read the full document for details.

Funding Arrangement

This is a donor-funded scholarship from the Greater Charitable Foundation

Establishment

The Greater Charitable Foundation Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship was established to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to pursue higher education at the University of Newcastle. By providing vital financial assistance, the scholarship helps reduce barriers to study, enabling recipients to focus on their education, participate fully in university life, and achieve their academic and career aspirations.

Established through the generous support of the Greater Charitable Foundation, the scholarship reflects a shared commitment to creating meaningful opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and strengthening communities through the transformative power of education.

The scholarship is available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled in eligible undergraduate degrees in STEM disciplines or within the College of Health, Medicine and Wellbeing. It is also open to students undertaking eligible diploma programs.

Eligibility

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

- be enrolled in your first year of an undergraduate degree (including Diplomas) with the College of Health, Medicine and Wellbeing or in a STEM related field;
- be intending to study on a full-time basis (minimum 60 units per year);
- demonstrate academic progress by the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) or equivalent required for entry for commencing students, or a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0 for continuing students;
- establish your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status per the process outlined on the Wollotuka Institute's [study with us page](#);
- not have previously received this scholarship;
- 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 a scholarship would assist you. This statement will cover **all** scholarships you are submitting for;
- You may be required to provide documents supporting your educational disadvantage claim(s) – document requirements (if any) will be identified when you apply based on your scholarships application responses, but to get an idea of what kinds of documents are required please see UAC's [equity scholarship categories and supporting documents page](#).

Any applicant that 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.

Information for Indigenous-Identified Scholarships

This scholarship is specifically identified for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students. To be considered for this scholarship, you'll need to complete a separate process to establish your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity and heritage with the University.

If you have already established your status, you do not need to complete this process again for scholarships (or any other university supports) as the Scholarships Office will already have the necessary information.

If you are new to this process, you can:

- find out how to establish your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status by visiting the Wollotuka Institute's [study with us page](#)
- read about the required documents in the [Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander - Establishing Status within the University Procedure](#)

We recommend you get this process underway as soon as you know you want to study with the University of Newcastle.

Important: You do not need to upload documents for establishing status within the scholarship portal.

Selection

Selection is a competitive process based on assessment of the scholarship application, supporting documentation (where required), and the eligibility criteria for the scholarship.

Selection will be made by the Scholarships Office with consideration of, in order:

- All eligibility criteria for the scholarship being met
- Demonstrated educational disadvantage
- Academic merit (cumulative GPA/ATAR or equivalent)

Applicants will be notified of the outcome via email, usually within 4–8 weeks of the scholarship closing date.

Conditions of Award

If accepting this scholarship, you agree to the following conditions:

- You will continue to meet relevant [eligibility criteria](#) outlined above for the duration of the scholarship, unless [special consideration](#) is approved (see below).
- Notify scholarships@newcastle.edu.au if your circumstances change in a way that impacts your eligibility (for example, a change in study load, program transfer, leave of absence or withdrawal from study).
- Accept and take up the scholarship in the year for which it is awarded, unless otherwise approved.
- This scholarship is subject to semester review. Continuation of the scholarship and payment of the benefit are subject to the scholar maintaining a GPA of 4.0 or higher, satisfactory academic progress and continuing to meet the eligibility criteria of the scholarship. A recipient who withdraws from all courses before completing a semester will normally not be eligible for continuation of the scholarship or payment of subsequent instalments unless an approved period of leave or special consideration has been granted.
- Complete the [Letter to your Donor form](#) within 2 weeks of accepting your scholarship offer.
- You will be available to attend a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week (usually around September) where you may have opportunity to meet with the donors and/or their representatives.
- Agree to send a letter to the scholarship donor on the completion of your scholarship.

Benefit

The scholarship provides a total benefit of \$31,818 over a period of up to three years, paid as a \$10,606 lump sum in Semester 1 each year.

Payments are typically received 2–3 weeks after the relevant census date, or 2–3 weeks after you accept your offer if the census date has already passed.

Periods of Leave

You may apply in writing to 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 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 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 experiencing circumstances that may affect your ability to meet the scholarship conditions, you may apply for special consideration. Please apply by writing to the Scholarships Office via email to scholarships@newcastle.edu.au. Please provide appropriate documentary evidence to support your request.

A decision will be made by the Scholarships Office 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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