



SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

Hunter Water Corporation Disability Scholarship

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

This scholarship has been established by Hunter Water Corporation to provide an opportunity for a student with a disability to gain support with their studies through financial assistance. This scholarship is intended for students who are from a geographical area serviced by Hunter Water.

If accepting an offer of this scholarship, you will:

- Maintain your full-time enrolment and academic progress with a GPA of 4.0 for the duration of the scholarship.
- Notify 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 within 2 weeks of your offer, and
- Be available for a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week events (usually around September).

This is an ongoing scholarship for a maximum of 3 years of your undergraduate program, including Honours.

ESTABLISHMENT

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Hunter Water Corporation has supported student scholarships at the University of Newcastle (UON) for many years and by doing so continues to enrich its commitment to making a lasting difference to the community.

In addition to the scholarship payment, the recipient of this scholarship may also be offered paid work experience with Hunter Water Corporation.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

These are donor-funded scholarships from Hunter Water Corporation.

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be enrolled in 1st or 2nd year of a Bachelor of Business, Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Communication, Bachelor of Computer Science, Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Visual Communication Design, Bachelor of Technology (Renewable Energy Systems), Bachelor of Environmental Engineering, Bachelor of Chemical Engineering, Bachelor of Civil Engineering, Bachelor of Electrical and Electronic Engineering and Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering;
- Be enrolled full time (min 30 units per semester or equivalent);

- Demonstrate academic progress either 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;
- Demonstrate that your ability to study is affected, or will be affected by disability;
- Reside within an area serviced by Hunter Water. For more information on supply areas, check [Hunter Water's Website](#);
- Be an Australian citizen, Australian Permanent Resident or New Zealand Citizen;
- Not hold another University of Newcastle donor-funded or sponsored scholarship concurrently;
- Not have previously completed a degree.

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.
- An outline of your interest in the scholarship and associated future opportunities with this Industry partner. You will also have the option to provide documents supporting your community leadership claims and academic achievements.
- You may be required to provide documents to support your educational disadvantage claims. These will be identified when you apply based on your individual application responses, but you can get an idea of what kinds of documents are required [here](#).

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. The Selection Committee will take into account prior academic achievement, community leadership, and involvement with extra-curricular activities.

Selection will be made by the Multi-Faculty Selection Committee which will consist of a minimum of three members chosen by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) or equivalent.

The Selection Committee will communicate the details of successful recipients to the delegated Scholarships Officer, and all applicants will be notified of an outcome via email. This will occur within 6 weeks of the scholarship close date.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

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

- The scholarship is tenable for up to 3 years. The scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it was awarded, unless otherwise specified.
- This scholarship is subject to semester review. You will continue to meet relevant eligibility criteria for the duration of the scholarship, unless special consideration is approved (see below). This includes ongoing full-time enrolment in an eligible program and maintaining a minimum GPA of 4.0.
- 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.
- You will not be required by the donor or the university to undertake employment as a condition of award of this scholarship, but are encouraged to participate in learning experiences and opportunities to engage provided within this scholarship program.
- 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. 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 opportunity to meet with donors and/or their representatives.

BENEFIT

This scholarship is ongoing for up to 3 years provided ongoing eligibility is maintained and must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded.

The scholarship provides a total benefit of \$22,500 over the full 3 year tenure.

The scholarship will be paid as \$3,750 biannually each semester after the relevant census dates, usually in April and September.

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 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 shall not reduce the tenure of the scholarship.

TERMINATION

A scholarship will be finalised when the tenure is completed and full payment has been made. Early termination of the scholarship may apply if:

- The scholarship conditions are not met, including relevant eligibility criteria maintained;
- The scholar completes study and/or ceases to be a student with University of Newcastle;
- The scholar has committed serious misconduct.

When early termination is required, the Office of Alumni and Philanthropy will be advised and undertake the most appropriate action in consultation with the Donor/Sponsor and Student Central.

Ongoing scholarships will not be paid out in full in instances where the recipient completes study before the full scholarship tenure has passed.

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 to 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 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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