



## SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

# SHAPING FUTURES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EARLY ENTRY

## ESTABLISHMENT

The **Shaping Futures Scholarships for Early Entry** have been established to recognise and support exceptional students receiving an offer to study with the University of Newcastle via the [Early Entry Program](#) and the [Schools Recommendation Scheme \(SRS\)](#).

These scholarships provide early assurance of financial support for individuals overcoming adversity to reach their goal of university study, whilst also recognising exceptional effort in high school studies. Scholarships will be awarded to students receiving an offer of admission via the Early Entry Program and Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS).

If accepting an offer of this scholarship, you will:

- Maintain your enrolment and academic progress with 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 your offer, and
- Be available for a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week events (usually around September).

This is an annual scholarship with a one-off lump sum payment of \$5000.

**Please monitor the key admission application and offer dates for early entry.**

**For the Early Entry Program visit the University of Newcastle website [here](#).**

**For Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS), see the dates listed on the UAC website [here](#).**

You may still apply and be considered for other higher value University of Newcastle scholarships. If successful, [scholarships@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@newcastle.edu.au) can assist you with switching over or – in some cases – being able to hold both.

## FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

This is a donor scholarship funded entirely by generous donations from alumni, donors, staff, businesses and the community, and funds are continually sought via the Shaping Futures Appeal.

## ELIGIBILITY

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

- Receive an offer of admission to a University of Newcastle undergraduate program via the University's Early Entry Program or the Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS).
- Have demonstrated outstanding performance in Year 11 commensurate with a final raw ATAR of 85 or higher.
- Be completing Year 12 Higher School Certificate (HSC) in the year prior to commencement of the undergraduate program.
- Demonstrate that your ability to study is affected, or will be affected, by areas of educational disadvantage. These include being a carer and/or sole parent, experiencing financial hardship, a long-term medical condition/disability, ongoing effects of abuse, regional or remote disadvantage, or English language difficulty. It also includes attributes of being an Indigenous Australian or having Refugee status.
- Be enrolled full-time.
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.
- Not hold another University of Newcastle donor-funded scholarship or sponsorship concurrently.

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

You will need to apply for this scholarship online by the application close date.

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.
- 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](#).

## SELECTION

Selection is based on assessment of the scholarship application and the Admissions offers made via the Early Entry Program and the Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS). Preference will be given to the first rounds of offers – 07 September for Early Entry Program, and UAC November Round 1 for SRS.

Selection of the scholar will be based on academic merit, namely rankings determined during the admission application assessment, and finalised scholarship applications. Student Central scholarships staff will shortlist applicants, based on the approved eligibility criteria and a review of the relevant UAC and/or University records. Recommendations for award will be made for the candidates identified as most in need of support, who have also achieved the most competitive results in their Year 11 studies.

Available scholarships will be allocated equally to both entry pathways. For 2024 admission, this will be 12 scholarships for Early Entry Program, and 12 for SRS entry.

Recommendations will be endorsed by one of the following members:

- Senior Manager Admissions and Scholarships or nominee.

Scholars receiving this scholarship can still apply for higher value scholarships and take up an alternate offer in place of this scholarship if successful.

Scholars receiving this scholarship can change to a different undergraduate program offered in a later round and still receive this scholarship (for instance, if offered Midwifery or Medicine in January).

## 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).
- You will maintain full-time enrolment in an eligible program for the duration of the scholarship.
- If your circumstances change in a way that impacts your eligibility (e.g., 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 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 annual and must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded. All applicants are encouraged to reapply each year.

The scholarship provides a total benefit of \$5000, to be paid as a lump sum. Payment will be after semester one census date, usually in April.

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 support a period of leave, unless approved under special consideration provisions.

## TERMINATION

Unless terminated earlier, the scholarship will end when the term has expired, and the total benefit has been paid.

Student Central Scholarships staff 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 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 area funding the scholarship will be 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 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](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 and 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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