



SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

NSW Country Surveyors Association John McNaughton Scholarship

ESTABLISHMENT

This scholarship was established by the NSW Country Surveyors Association primarily to support a Surveying student from regional and rural NSW but importantly also to encourage the student to pursue employment in the Surveying field in a regional or rural area upon graduation. We further encourage students to look ahead to post-University Registration with the Board of Surveying and Spatial Information (BoSSI) as a valuable career path.

The scholarship recipient will be invited to attend two (2) NSW Country Surveyors Association conferences each year where they are given the opportunity to participate in industry conferences and meet key industry contacts. This is also a fantastic opportunity for students to meet future employers! All accommodation, meals and conference fees are paid for, the student only needs to make their own travel arrangements.

The NSW Country Surveyors Association recognises the importance of fostering new students without which our profession would not flourish. We see this scholarship as an important way to encourage the future generations of Surveyors to continue the important work that we do for the community at large, especially in regional and rural areas of NSW.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

This is a donor-funded scholarship from NSW Country Surveyors Association.

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be enrolled in 2nd, 3rd or 4th year of an undergraduate degree;
- Be enrolled in a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Surveying) or combined degree including Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Surveying);
- Be a NSW regional or rural student. Includes all remote NSW areas and the Hunter Region, Central Coast, Newcastle and Wollongong regions;
- Demonstrate academic achievement by having a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5.0 or higher;
- Demonstrate that the ability to study is affected, or will be affected, by an area of educational disadvantage such as carer responsibilities, sole parent responsibilities, financial hardship, English language difficulty, Indigenous Australian, long term medical condition/disability or ongoing effects of abuse, Refugee status, Regional or remote disadvantage;
- Be enrolled fulltime;
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident; and
- 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, your experience with one or more of the above-mentioned educational disadvantages and career aspirations in the relevant area of study, and how this scholarship would assist you.

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.

SELECTION

Selection is a competitive process and will be based on assessment of the scholarship application and any required supporting documents, with reference to the eligibility criteria.

Selection will be shortlisted by the College of Engineering, Science and Environment Selection Panel which will consist of a minimum of three members chosen by the relevant Pro-Vice Chancellor, College of Engineering, Science and Environment.

The Selection Panel 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 application closing date.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

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

- The scholarship is tenable for up to three (3) years. The scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it was awarded, unless otherwise specified.
- 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). This includes ongoing full-time enrolment in the program and maintaining a minimum GPA of 5.0.
- 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 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 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 engage with Oceanex Energy through opportunities throughout the research process.

BENEFIT

This scholarship is for \$5,000 per annum for up to three (3) years to be paid as two lump sums of \$2,500 after Semester One and Semester Two census dates, provided ongoing eligibility. The scholarship provides a total benefit of \$5,000 over 1-year tenure and must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded.

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
- 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 and scholarship retention criteria being maintained; or
- 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/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 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 representing the donor's intent.

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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