NSW Country Surveyors Association John McNaughton Scholarship

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

The intention of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Surveying) or combined degree including Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Surveying) student at the University of Newcastle.

If accepting an offer of this scholarship, you will:

- 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 send a thank-you message to the scholarship donor within two weeks of accepting your offer, following the instructions in your scholarship offer letter, and
- Be available for a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week events (usually around September).

The total value of this scholarship is $15,000, $5,000 per annum up to a maximum of 3 years. Multi-year scholarships will be paid to recipients for the standard duration of the original degree program, including Honours where applicable.

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 an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Be enrolled in 3rd or 4th year of Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Surveying) or combined degree including Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Surveying) at the University of Newcastle
- Be a regional or rural student of NSW. This includes all remote NSW areas and the Hunter Region, Central Coast, Newcastle and Wollongong regions.

- 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 parents, experiencing financial hardship, a long term medical condition/disability, ongoing effects of abuse and/or regional or remote disadvantage. It also includes attributes of being an Indigenous Australian, having Refugee status and having a current or previous placement with an out-of-home care (OOHC) provider due to government agency intervention. Please see the definition and supporting documents outlined here and the process of establishing your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity and heritage with the university as outlined **here**.
- Be intending to study on a full-time basis (minimum 60 units per year)
- Have a GPA of 5.0 or higher
- 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 (no more than 1 A4 page) outlining your academic achievements, career aspirations in the relevant area of study, and how this scholarship would assist you. This statement will cover **all** scholarships you are applying for.
- 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.

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 will be made by the Scholarships Office with consideration of the eligibility criteria and any additional factors relevant to the purpose of the scholarship, including educational disadvantage assessment.

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

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

If you accept 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).
- 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.
- Agree to send a thank-you message to the scholarship donor within two weeks of accepting your offer, following the instructions in your scholarship offer letter.
- You will be available to attend a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week (usually around August/September) where you may have opportunity to meet with the donors and/or their representatives.

BENEFIT

This scholarship is ongoing up to a maximum term of 3 years provided ongoing eligibility. This scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded. Multi-year scholarships will be paid to recipients for the standard duration of the original degree program, including Honours where applicable.

The scholarship provides a total benefit of $15,000 up to a maximum 3-year tenure provided ongoing eligibility for the term of the scholarship.

The scholarship will be paid as a $2,500 lump sum each semester after the relevant census dates.

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 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 Alumni and 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 scholarship payments, the scholarship may be stopped, and you may be required to repay any scholarship benefits to which you are not entitled 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 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 a 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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