



SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

Greater Charitable Foundation Equity Scholarship

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

The Greater Charitable Foundation Equity Scholarship will support students facing financial and/or regional and remote disadvantage, allowing them an opportunity to study at the University, focus on their education and excel in their chosen field. If accepting an offer of this scholarship, you will:

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

This scholarship is up to a maximum term of 3 years provided ongoing eligibility is maintained.

ESTABLISHMENT

This scholarship has been established by the Greater Charitable Foundation to make meaningful differences to students' lives and advance our community through the power of education. The equity scholarships are designed to support students with financially disadvantaged backgrounds and those from rural and remote regions in accessing educational experiences that might otherwise be out of reach.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

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

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be enrolled in any year in any of the following undergraduate degree programs with the University of Newcastle:
 - Bachelor of Aerospace Systems Engineering
 - Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Laws (Honours)
 - Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Innovation and Entrepreneurship
 - Bachelor of Biomedicine / Bachelor of Laws
 - Bachelor of Biotechnology
 - Bachelor of Biotechnology (Honours)
 - Bachelor of Business
 - Bachelor of Business (Honours)
 - Bachelor of Business / Bachelor of Laws (Honours)
 - Bachelor of Business / Innovation and Entrepreneurship
 - Bachelor of Business / Bachelor of Commerce
 - Bachelor of Business / Bachelor of Business Analytics
 - Bachelor of Climate Science and Adaptation
 - Bachelor of Coastal and Marine Science
 - Bachelor of Commerce
 - Bachelor of Commerce (Honours)
 - Bachelor of Commerce / Bachelor of Business Analytics
 - Bachelor of Commerce / Bachelor of Laws (Honour)
 - Bachelor of Communication

- Bachelor of Communication (Honours)
 - Bachelor of Communication / Bachelor of Laws
 - Bachelor of Computer Science
 - Bachelor of Computer Systems Engineering (Honours) / Bachelor of Computer Science
 - Bachelor of Construction Management (Building) (Honours)
 - Bachelor of Chemical Engineering (Honours)
 - Bachelor of Civil Engineering
 - Bachelor of Computer Systems Engineering
 - Bachelor of Data Science
 - Bachelor of Development Studies
 - Bachelor of Electrical and Electronic Engineering
 - Bachelor of Engineering (Mining Transfer Program)
 - Bachelor of Environmental Engineering
 - Bachelor of Environmental Science
 - Bachelor of Environmental Science and Management
 - Bachelor of Engineering
 - Bachelor of Information Technology
 - Bachelor of Mathematics
 - Bachelor of Mathematics / Bachelor of Science
 - Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering
 - Bachelor of Mechatronics Engineering
 - Bachelor of Medical Engineering
 - Bachelor of Media and Communications
 - Bachelor of Science
 - Bachelor of Science / Bachelor of Innovation and Entrepreneurship
 - Bachelor of Science / Bachelor of Laws (Honours)
 - Bachelor of Software Engineering
 - Bachelor of Surveying (Honours)
 - Bachelor of Visual Communications
- Demonstrate that your ability to study is affected by financial hardship and/or regional or remote disadvantage.
 - Not hold another University of Newcastle donor-funded or sponsored scholarship concurrently.
 - Demonstrate academic progress with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0 or higher and maintain this for the duration of the scholarship.

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. This statement will cover **all** scholarships you are submitting 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 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 made by the auto-award process.

The auto-award process 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.

Where there is only one eligible applicant for a scholarship, the Scholarships Officer may award without referral to a selection panel, in consultation with the Office of Alumni and Philanthropy.

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).
- 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 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.

BENEFIT

This scholarship is ongoing for the remaining length of the program 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.

The scholarship provides a total benefit of up to \$30,000 to be paid over the full 3-year tenure provided ongoing eligibility for the term of the scholarship.

The scholarship will be paid in 2 x \$5000.00 installments each year 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
- 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 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.

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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