



SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group's HunterWiSE Scholarship for Women in STEM

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group (NCIG) will provide an \$8,000 scholarship to support a second-year female student in the College of Engineering Science and Environment (CESE). The scholarship is available to University of Newcastle CESE students studying one of the eligible degrees listed below, with preference given to students studying fields with the lowest percentage of female participation that year.

If accepting an offer of this scholarship, you will:

- Maintain your full-time enrolment and academic progress with the University of Newcastle for the duration of the scholarship.
- Have an interest in gaining industry engagement with Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group.
- 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.

This scholarship is for \$8,000 provided in equal lump-sum payments of \$4,000 following the census date for semester 1 and semester 2. The Scholarship is ongoing for the period of the scholarship, provided ongoing eligibility.

ESTABLISHMENT

Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group and HunterWiSE would like to support female participation in STEM careers. It is encouraged that the scholars will engage in HunterWiSE initiatives and industry experience opportunities with Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group. Scholars will be invited to apply for HunterWiSE mentor roles and are encouraged to participate in HunterWiSE Network events.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

This is a donor-funded scholarship from Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group. Two scholarships will be available each year this scholarship is offered.

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be enrolled fulltime in second year of one of the following targeted degrees:
 - B Software Engineering (Honours)
 - B Electrical & Electronic Engineering (Honours)
 - B Mechanical Engineering (Honours)
 - B Mechatronics Engineering (Honours)
 - B Mining Engineering (Transfer)
 - B Computer Systems Engineering (Honours)
 - B Renewable Energy Engineering (Honours)
 - B Civil Engineering (Honours)
 - B Chemical Engineering (Honours)
 - B Science - major Chemistry
 - B Science - major Physics
 - B Computer Science
 - B Surveying (Honours)
 - B Mathematics
 - B Mathematics (Advanced)
 - B Construction Management (Building) (Honours)
 - B Information Technology
 - B Data Science
 - Combined degrees will also be targeted.
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.
- 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, career aspirations in the relevant area of study, and how this scholarship would assist you.
- An outline (approx. 200 words) of your interest in the scholarship, your interest and availability to accept industry experience opportunities with this donor and your intention to engage with HunterWiSE.

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.

In awarding the scholarship, the Selection Panel will give consideration to the following:

- The applicant's equity score (if applicable)
- Programs with the lowest female participation in that year
- GPA.

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. This shortlist will be forwarded to the Program Convenor for a nominated relevant Discipline within the College of Engineering, Science and Environment for selection with outcomes communicated back to the panel within the advised timeframe.

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:

- 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 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 through opportunities provided with the donor and HunterWiSE.

BENEFIT

This scholarship is for \$8,000.00 provided in equal lump-sum payments of \$4,000.00 per semester following the census, provided ongoing eligibility. The scholarship provides a total benefit of \$8,000 over 1-year tenure and must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded.

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;
- 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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