

Australia-Latin America Business Council Women in STEM Scholarship 2026

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1.0 ESTABLISHMENT

The Australia-Latin America Business Council (ALABC) Women in STEM Scholarship 2026 has been established to provide a high-performing student in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) with an opportunity to study at the University of Newcastle. The Scholarship will be awarded to an applicant who received an offer to study in an eligible program and commence study with the University in Semester 1, 2026 and beyond.

A maximum of 1 scholarship will be awarded in 2026, with the successful recipient selected by a judging panel based on criteria specified in this document.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

2.1 “Census Date” means the date of each term on which a student enrolled in a program of study is deemed to be financially liable for that program.

“Eligible program” means an undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree program delivered at an Australian campus as specified in Section 3.1.3.

“Internal transfer students” means current University students wishing to transfer to an alternative program of study prior to completion of their original program as indicated in their letter of offer.

“International Student” means a student who is not an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen or a holder of an Australia Permanent Residency Visa (or dual citizenship holders of either Australia or New Zealand). This includes students enrolled at onshore campuses who have a student visa, provisional residency, temporary residency, or bridging visa with study permission.

“Letter of Offer” means the written offer provided to the applicant by the University of Newcastle which outlines the duration, cost, location, and associated conditions for the applicant’s chosen program of study.

“Offshore campuses” means programs delivered by the University at campuses located outside of Australia and its territories.

“Program” means the program of study listed in the recipient’s letter of offer that corresponds with their scholarship offer.

“Recipient” means a recipient of the Australia-Latin America Business Council Women in STEM Scholarship 2026.

“Scholarship” means the Australia-Latin America Business Council Women in STEM Scholarship 2026.

“University” means the University of Newcastle.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The successful scholar must:

- 3.1.1 Be commencing study in one of the eligible CRICOS-registered undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree programs at the University listed in Appendix 1.
- 3.1.2 Be a citizen of one of the countries and territories noted in Appendix 2.
- 3.1.3 Not be the beneficiary of a separate University scholarship unless prior approval or special dispensation has been obtained from the university.
- 3.1.4 Be able to meet the financial obligations of an international student specified by the Australian Government. Evidence of this ability must be provided if requested by the university.
- 3.1.5 Meet the minimum academic entry requirements for their chosen program of study.

3.2 The following students are not eligible to receive this scholarship, even if they meet the criteria outlined in 3.1:

- 3.2.1 Students who have not received an offer for the scholarship.
- 3.2.2 Students who are studying only ELBP, Enabling, Non-Award, Exchange or Study Abroad programs, Higher Degrees by Research programs, degrees without a CRICOS code and programs delivered at offshore campuses or via online delivery.
- 3.2.3 Internal transfer students (i.e. a student issued with a COE who subsequently request a transfer to an alternative program of study) who are studying at an Australian campus and were not previously awarded a scholarship by the university.
- 3.2.4 Students who are in receipt of a scholarship by an external entity or are recipients of an Australia Awards scholarship, or students transferring from the University’s Singapore campus.
- 3.2.5 Students who are enrolled in a program of study not listed in Appendix 1.

4.0 SELECTION

4.1 Scholarships are assessed upon application to the University only where all other eligibility criteria are met.

4.1.1 Assessment by the appointed judging panel (comprising of representatives from ALABC, the University and external partners) will be based on a video submission (maximum 5 minutes in duration) by the applicant which directly addresses the questions below. Please submit this video in English language. Written submissions will not be considered.

- Why does the applicant wish to study at the University of Newcastle?
- Why is the applicant passionate about STEM?
- Why does the applicant believe they would be an outstanding ambassador for the University?

4.1.2 Students will receive notification of the value of the scholarship within their Letter of Offer.

4.1.3 Should a recipient wish to reject an offer of scholarship, it is the responsibility of the recipient to inform the University.

4.2 The Scholarship offer will be made based on assessment of the selection criteria noted in Section 4.1 at the discretion of the nominated judging panel. A maximum of 1 scholarship will be awarded in 2026. All determinations of eligibility are aligned to the University's published entry and eligibility requirements and made at the absolute discretion of the University

4.3 The University reserves the right not to award the scholarship.

4.3.1 The University reserves the right to withdraw or amend the offer of scholarship if the applicant is subsequently deemed to be ineligible, the applicant is in breach of the terms of the scholarship offer or the scholarship is no longer offered by the University.

5.0 CONDITIONS OF AWARD

5.1 The scholarship is payable for the number of units required to complete the eligible program of study as specified in the University's [program handbook](#). This excludes units awarded as credit or 'Recognition of Prior Learning,' and credit granted after the commencement of a program.

5.2 The scholarship must be taken up for the program (including master programs packaged with a graduate certificate or graduate diploma program) noted in the Letter of Offer.

5.2.1 If a recipient defers their offer to a future intake, scholarship eligibility will be reassessed prior to commencement and is not guaranteed.

5.2.2 If a recipient applies for an internal transfer to an alternative program or campus, they will be considered ineligible for the scholarship.

5.3 The scholarship provides an international tuition fee waiver and does not cover the cost of visas, Overseas Student Health Cover, travel, accommodation, medical and living expenses, amenities fees, books, study materials or any other expenses associated with

studying at the University.

- 5.4 The recipient must remain compliant with their visa conditions, including but not limited to the requirement to maintain a full-time study load if holding a student visa, unless approval is obtained for a reduced study load (visit the University's [webpage](#) for additional details).
- 5.5 The recipient must maintain international student status during their enrolment at the University. The scholarship will be terminated if the recipient ceases to be an international student as defined under the Migration Regulations 1994.
- 5.6 The recipient must maintain a consistent level of academic achievement for the program of study. If a recipient does not maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 4.0 (pass grade) through their program, scholarship eligibility will be reassessed, and the scholarship may be cancelled. Reinstatement will be at the discretion of the University.
- 5.7 The recipient may be required to participate in marketing activities for and on behalf of the University, which may be published on the University's website and social media channels or used for other promotional purposes.
- 5.8 The recipient must be willing to be featured in such promotional collateral produced by the University and be involved in promotional activity arranged by the University. Recipients of this scholarship acknowledge and accept these terms and conditions and consent for their image and / or testimonial to be used for promotional purposes.

6.0 BENEFIT

- 6.1 The scholarship is based on a variable value for each year of study under a standard full-time study load (80 units) apportioned over each course taken.

Table 1 outlines the maximum scholarship value available to the recipient. It is applied on a pro-rata basis, taking into consideration approved reduced study load arrangements, credit exemptions, recognition of prior learning awards, progression or partial-year program enrolments.

Annual Scholarship Value	A dollar value equivalent to 100% of gross annual international tuition fee for the specified program.
Unit Value (based on 10 units)	Variable based on program of study

Table 1: Maximum scholarship value available.

- 6.1.1 The scholarship will be administered for each term of study in the eligible program(s) as a tuition fee reduction against the number of units required to successfully complete the program of study as specified in the University's [program handbook](#).
- 6.1.2 For programs requiring over 80 full-time study units for each year of study, the applicable unit value noted in Table 1 will be paid for each additional 10 units of study.

- 6.1.3 Where an offer for a Master program is packaged with a Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma, the scholarship is payable for both programs undertaken by the recipient.
- 6.2** Should a recipient need to retake units or take additional units to complete the program that exceeds the units of study indicated in the initial COE (the scholarship benefit has been exhausted), the scholarship benefit will no longer be applied to the remaining units of study required to complete the program.
- 6.3** The scholarship benefit will be applied as tuition fee waivers directly into the recipient's University student account.
- 6.3.1 This will reduce the tuition fee liability by the scholarship benefit amount for each term of the program of study, provided the eligibility conditions of the scholarship are maintained.
- 6.3.2 Recipients will be billed normal tuition fee rates based on enrolment load leading into census date of each eligible term for which the benefit applies. The tuition fee waiver may not be reflected on the tuition fee account until census has passed. After census date, a fee waiver will be applied to the recipient's student account.
- 6.3.3 The scholarship has no monetary value and cannot be redeemed as a cash payment in the event of a recipient's enrolment being withdrawn, deferred or cancelled.
- 6.4** Any overpayment by the recipient will remain in the tuition fee account until a written refund request is received by the University.
- 6.4.1 If a recipient withdraws from the program of study, the scholarship value (which was applied as a fee waiver to the student account) will be retained by the University and is not refundable to the recipient.

7.0 SUSPENSION OF SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT

- 7.1** A recipient may apply in writing for a suspension of the scholarship benefit because of illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstances. All applications must be supported by appropriate documentary evidence for the request to be assessed. The University reserves the right to decline the suspension request.
- 7.2** Periods of suspension approved in writing by the University shall not reduce the tenure of the scholarship.

8.0 TERMINATION

- 8.1** A scholarship shall terminate before its due date of conclusion if the recipient:
- 8.1.1 Fails to fulfil any of the conditions of the scholarship, or
- 8.1.2 Relinquishes the scholarship, or

8.1.3 Ceases to be an international student at the University, whichever first occurs.

9.0 APPEALS

9.1 An applicant for, or recipient of, a scholarship may appeal in writing to the University, if they believe that procedures followed were deficient, defective or unfair. The University will provide a written response to the appeal within 20 business days of receipt.

10.0 VARIATION

10.1 The University reserves the right to vary any of the provisions of these conditions, where satisfied that circumstances warrant variation. The University, at its absolute discretion, may vary or withdraw the scholarship for commencing (i.e. not yet enrolled in their program of study) students. Written confirmation of any adjustment or cessation of the scholarship will be provided to applicants prior to the commencement of their program of study.

Appendix 1: Programs eligible for the Australia-Latin America Business Council Women in STEM Scholarship 2026

Bachelor of Computer Science including combined programs

Bachelor of Data Science including combined programs

Bachelor of Design (Architecture)

Bachelor of Engineering (all streams)

Master of Architecture

Master of Construction Management

Master of Cyber Security

Master of Data Science & AI

Master of Engineering (all streams)

Appendix 2: Countries and Territories eligible for the Australia-Latin America Business Council Women in STEM Scholarship 2026

Antigua & Barbuda
Argentina
Bahamas
Barbados
Bolivia
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba
Dominica
Dominican Republic
El Salvador
Ecuador
Grenada
Guatemala
Haiti
Honduras
Jamaica
Mexico
Nicaragua
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
St Kitts & Nevis
St Lucia
St Vincent & Grenadines
Trinidad & Tobago
Uruguay
Venezuela