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Indigenous Place and Property Pathways Scholarship Conditions

Terms and Conditions

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

Through this Scholarship, Property, Workplace and Development (PWD), a Group within the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, seeks to support Indigenous learners to complete their property related studies. Property, Workplace and Development would also intend to offer scholarship recipients opportunities for practical workplace experience within PWD when practicable, to support employment pathways to property related roles in PWD or in Local Aboriginal Land Councils.

If accepting an offer of this scholarship, you will:

- Maintain your enrolment and 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 - that 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 (as per the instructions in your offer email);
- Be available for a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week (usually around August/September);
- You will have the opportunity to meet with the donor during any planned visits to the University of Newcastle, for example, at events like Scholars' Week.

The total value of this scholarship is $5,000. The scholarship is awarded for the duration of the academic year. However, the total scholarship value will be paid as a single lump sum during the financial year in which the scholarship is offered. Two places are available for this scholarship in this period.

ESTABLISHMENT

Property, Workplace and Development (PWD) is a group within the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI).

The PWD group leverages public and private sector expertise to improve place-based outcomes and maximise community benefit from government-owned land and property.

This scholarship provides financial support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students studying property-related disciplines, enabling them to complete their studies. Applicants with an interest in applying their knowledge to land management, development, and planning within Aboriginal land councils and relevant government agencies are strongly encouraged to apply.

Scholars are encouraged to engage with the donor throughout their studies.

The University will facilitate contact between DPHI representatives and scholarship recipients regarding professional development and engagement opportunities to support professional development and future employment pathways with NSW Government or Local Aboriginal Land Councils. Work placements which PWD may offer may be suitable for fulfilling work placement or work experience requirements for your program of study, if applicable.

Work placement opportunities will be discussed individually with scholarship recipients to find an opportunity that best suits their field of study and can be tailored to suit their schedules or requirements of their program of study.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

This scholarship is funded by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Establish your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status per the process outlined on the Wollotuka Institute's study with us page.

- Be enrolled in, or intending to enrol, in the 2nd, 3rd or 4th year of an undergraduate degree or in any year of a master's program, within one of the following eligible programs (including combined) at the University of Newcastle:
    - Bachelor of Business
    - Bachelor of Commerce
    - Bachelor of Business Analytics
    - Bachelor of Science
    - Bachelor of Coastal and Marine Science
    - Bachelor of Environmental Science and Management
    - Bachelor of Environmental Engineering (Honours)
    - Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Honours)
    - Bachelor of Construction Management (Building)(Honours)
    - Bachelor of Design (Architecture)
    - Bachelor of Development Studies
    - Bachelor of Global Indigenous Studies
    - Master of Architecture
    - Master of Construction Management (Professional)
    - Master of Disaster Risk and Resilience
    - Master of Environmental Management and Sustainability
    - Master of Professional Engineering (Civil)
    - Master of Professional Engineering (Geospatial Engineering and Surveying)

- This scholarship is open to both part-time and full-time students.

- Be an Australian citizen or an Australian permanent resident (including holders of a permanent humanitarian visa and New Zealand citizens with permanent residency).
- Students may 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 than1 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.

- The application will include a free text question asking you to outline your aspirations to apply your degree to a career within a Local Aboriginal Land Council or government agency. If applicable, you may relate your aspirations, to knowledge you have gained through work experience, community involvement, cultural knowledge, volunteering, lived experience, professional training, or other learning outside of your formal degree.

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.

INFORMATION FOR INDIGENOUS-IDENTIFIED SCHOLARSHIPS

This scholarship is specifically identified for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students. To be considered for this scholarship, you'll need to complete a separate process to establish your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity and heritage with the University.

If you have already established your status, you do not need to complete this process again for scholarships (or any other university supports) as the Scholarships Office will already have the necessary information.

If you are new to this process, you can:

- find out how to establish your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status by visiting the Wollotuka Institute's study with us page
- read about the required documents in the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander - Establishing Status within the University Procedure

We recommend you get this process underway as soon as you know you want to study with the University of Newcastle.

Important: You do not need to upload documents for establishing status within the scholarship portal.

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, in this order:

- All eligibility criteria for the scholarship being met
- Equity score and demonstrated educational disadvantage
- Academic merit
- Gender balance.

Preference may be given to students enrolled in a master's degree or in the 3rd or 4th year of an undergraduate degree, however 2nd year undergraduate students are also encouraged to apply.

All applicants will be notified of an outcome via email within 4-10 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 all relevant criteria in the Eligibility section above for the duration of the scholarship, unless special consideration (see below) is approved.
- If your circumstances change in a way that impacts your eligibility (e.g., change in study load or withdrawal from study), you will notify scholarships@newcastle.edu.au.
- The scholarship is tenable for 1 year and must be taken up in the year for which it was awarded.

- You will remain enrolled in one of the eligible programs for the duration of the 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 email.
- You will be available for a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week events (usually around August/September each year) where you may have opportunity to meet with the donors and/or their representative.
- You will have the opportunity to meet with the donor during any University of Newcastle-arranged visits (may be online or in-person).

BENEFIT

The scholarship provides a total benefit of $5,000 paid as a lump sum in the term of scholarship award. Payments are typically received 2–3 weeks after the semester census date, or 2–3 weeks after you accept your offer if the census date has already passed.

The scholarship benefit and number of scholarships awarded may vary and will be determined by the funding available each year.

PERIODS OF LEAVE

This scholarship does not provide a period of leave or deferral.

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 Philanthropy will be advised and the donor notified.

Ongoing scholarships will not be paid out in full in instances where the recipient completes or discontinues 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 Office via email to scholarships@newcastle.edu.au. Please provide appropriate documentary evidence to support your request.

A decision will be made by the Scholarships Office in consultation with the Office of 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 Scholarships staff if you give permission for any short articles or newsletter items to be published. You may have the option to provide a photo, quote 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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