



SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

Valley Industries Speech Pathology Scholarship

ESTABLISHMENT

Valley Industries is a disability service that has operated in Taree for over 50 years. To assist people with a disability access Allied Health service, a practice named Intalink was acquired in 2013 and provides speech pathology, psychiatry, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, and other allied health supports to the community.

Valley Industries have established this scholarship to support students who are interested in starting their career in Taree and its surrounds where there is a shortage of Speech Pathologists.

The successful recipient will be offered the opportunity to work within the Intalink practice in holidays or post-graduation.

ESSENTIALS

If accepting an offer of this scholarship, you will:

- Maintain your full-time enrolment and academic progress for the duration of the scholarship.
- Have an interest in engaging in industry experience opportunities provided by Valley Industries.
- 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 your offer.
- Be available for a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week events (usually around September).

FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

These are donor-funded scholarships from Valley Industries.

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be enrolled in the 4th year of the Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours) degree program.
- Demonstrate the impact of educational disadvantage such as carer and sole parent responsibilities, financial hardship, long-term medical condition, a disability, the ongoing effects of abuse, regional/remote disadvantage, English language difficulty.
- Equity scholarships will also consider applicant attributes such as being an Indigenous Australian, having a Refugee background, or placement with an Out-of-Home Care provider.
- Be an Australian Citizen, Permanent Resident, or international student.
- 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 of your interest in the scholarship and associated future opportunities with this Industry partner.
- 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. Our equity assessment is consistent with that developed by the University Admissions Centre (UAC) for equity scholarships. You can get an idea of disadvantage definitions and 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.

SELECTION

Selection is a competitive process and will be based on an assessment of the scholarship application and any required supporting documents.

Selection will be made by the College of Health Medicine and Wellbeing Selection Panel which will consist of a minimum of three members chosen by the Pro Vice-Chancellor, College of Health, Medicine, and Wellbeing.

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 close date.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

If accepting this scholarship, you agree to the following conditions:

- You will continue to meet relevant eligibility criteria for the duration of the scholarship unless special consideration is approved.
- 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 will not be required by the donor or the university to undertake employment as a condition of the award of this scholarship but are encouraged to participate in learning experiences and opportunities to engage provided within this scholarship program.
- 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 may also provide contact details and permission for them to contact you regarding the industry opportunities associated with this scholarship.

BENEFIT

This scholarship is for a duration of 1 year and must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded.

The scholarship provides a total benefit of \$5,000, paid as a lump sum after the Semester 1 census date.

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 Alumni and Philanthropy will be advised and the donor 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 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 at 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 the 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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