Patricia Jensen English and History Scholarship

Terms and Conditions

Background and Summary of Key Conditions

The intention of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to a student enrolled in any year of a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Newcastle.

To remain eligible for this scholarship, recipients must:

- accept their scholarship offer within the required timeframe;
- maintain ongoing eligibility for the scholarship and satisfactory academic progress;
- notify the Scholarships Office of any changes that may affect your eligibility for the scholarship.

Recipients are also encouraged to participate in scholarship engagement opportunities such as donor thank-you messages and Scholars Week events.

The total value of this scholarship is $5,000 for a term of one year.

Please read the full document for details

Funding Arrangement

This is a donor-funded scholarship from Michael Griffiths.

Establishment

This scholarship was established from the estate of Patricia Jensen, nee Smith. Born in Muswellbrook, Patricia discovered a love for Literature early in her formal schooling.

Having attained formal qualifications at the Old Tighes Hill Campus, she had a long and distinguished teaching career in English History. She was a valued member of the English staff at the secondary schools of Scone, Taree and Whitebridge. Literature, Arts, Music and Politics all exerted major influences at various stages of her life. Patricia was a resident of Cooks Hill for many years and was an avid patron and supporter of the nearby cultural institutions. Her interest in politics saw her serve a term as secretary for the Newcastle branch of the Labor Party. Her traits as a mentor, confidant and friend were much valued by all close associates.

Eligibility

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

- be enrolled in any year of a Bachelor of Arts degree (including combined programs) with the University of Newcastle;

- be intending to study on a full-time basis (minimum 60 units per year);
- demonstrate academic achievement either by an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) or equivalent of 75 or higher for commencing students, or a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5.0 for continuing students;
- demonstrate that your ability to study is affected, or will be affected, by educational disadvantage such as carer or sole parent responsibilities, financial hardship, a long-term medical condition or disability, the ongoing effects of abuse, regional/remote disadvantage or applicant attributes such as being an Indigenous Australian, having a Refugee background, or placement with an Out-of-Home Care (OOHC) provider. More information about the circumstances you can claim and the associated documentation requirements is available on UAC's equity scholarship categories and supporting documents page.
- be an Australian citizen;
- 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 a scholarship would assist you. This statement will cover **all** scholarships you are applying for;
- You may be required to provide documents supporting your educational disadvantage claim(s) – document requirements (if any) will be identified when you apply based on your scholarships application responses, but to get an idea of what kinds of documents are required please see UAC's equity scholarship categories and supporting documents page.

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 based on assessment of the scholarship application, supporting documentation (where required), and the eligibility criteria for the scholarship.

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
- Demonstrated educational disadvantage
- Academic merit

Preference will be given to students majoring in English and Writing major or History.

Meeting the eligibility criteria does not guarantee receipt of a scholarship. Scholarship selection is competitive and is based on the relevant selection criteria, the number of eligible applicants, and the scholarships available.

Applicants who are unsuccessful in one offer round may still be considered for later rounds within the same scholarship year, where applicable, and are encouraged to apply for future opportunities

All applicants will be notified of their application outcome via email, usually within 6–10 weeks of the scholarship closing date.

Ongoing Conditions of Your Scholarship

Eligibility

To remain eligible for this scholarship, you must:

- Accept and take up the scholarship in the year for which it was awarded, unless otherwise specified.
- Continue to meet the eligibility criteria outlined above for the duration of the scholarship, unless special consideration is approved (see below).
- Notify scholarships@newcastle.edu.au if your circumstances change in a way that may impact your eligibility (for example, a change in study load, withdrawal from units after the census date, program transfer, leave of absence, discontinuation of study).
- Remain enrolled in a Bachelor of Arts program for the duration of the scholarship.
- Maintain a GPA of 5.0 and satisfactory academic progress for the duration of the scholarship.

Scholarship Reviews and Payment

- This scholarship is subject to semester review.
- Continuation of the scholarship and payment of the scholarship funds are subject to ongoing eligibility and satisfactory academic progress being maintained.
- If you withdraw from all courses before completing a semester you will normally not be eligible for continuation of the scholarship or payment of subsequent instalments unless an approved period of leave or special consideration has been granted.
- If you have units with Incomplete (I), Special Consideration (S), or Incomplete Placement (IP) grades your payment may be put hold until these are resolved and your ongoing eligibility for the scholarship can be confirmed.

Scholarship engagement opportunities

As part of the scholarship community, recipients are encouraged to:

- Complete the Letter to your Donor form within 2 weeks of accepting your scholarship offer.
- Attend a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week events (usually August–September), where possible.
- Participate in approved industry engagement, networking, or placement opportunities associated with the scholarship, if offered.

Payment

This scholarship provides a total benefit of $5000 paid as $2500 in each semester.

Payments are typically received 2–3 weeks after the relevant 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.

Leave and Special Consideration

Deferral and Leave

If you are unable to study due to illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstances, you may apply in writing to scholarships@newcastle.edu.au to request that your scholarship be reserved. Applications must be supported by appropriate 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.

Please note an approved University Leave of Absence does not automatically reserve your scholarship. You must also contact scholarships@newcastle.edu.au to request that your scholarship be placed on hold.

Special Consideration

If illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstances have affected your ability to meet the ongoing conditions of your scholarship (including the GPA, progression or study load requirements), you may contact the Scholarships Office to discuss available support options. This may include requesting that your scholarship be placed on hold or applying for special consideration to continue your scholarship where ongoing conditions have not been met.

Requests for special consideration must be submitted to the Scholarships Office at scholarships@newcastle.edu.au and include the following:

- a statement explaining your circumstances and how these affected your ability to meet the ongoing conditions of your scholarship; and
- appropriate supporting documentation

A decision will be made by the Scholarships Office in consultation with the Office of Philanthropy.

Termination

Unless terminated earlier, the scholarship will end when the term has expired and the total benefit has been paid.

The scholarship may be suspended or terminated if:

- the scholarship conditions are no longer met;
- you discontinue or complete your studies;
- you cease to be a student at the University of Newcastle; or
- serious misconduct has occurred in accordance with University policies and rules.

Where appropriate, relevant University stakeholders and donors may be advised of changes to a scholarship.

Ongoing scholarships will not be paid out in full in instances where the recipient completes study before the full scholarship term has expired.

If false or misleading information has been provided, and as a result the scholarship was awarded or continued incorrectly, the scholarship may be terminated, and repayment of any ineligible scholarship payments may be required.

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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