



## SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

# Yancoal Indigenous Scholarship

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### BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

If accepting an offer of this scholarship, you will:

- Maintain your full-time enrolment and academic progress with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of **4.0 or higher** for the duration of the scholarship.
- Have an interest in the Mining and Resources Industry;
- Notify [scholarships@newcastle.edu.au](mailto: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](mailto:Donor-Relations@newcastle.edu.au) within 2 weeks of accepting your offer, and
- Be available for a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week events (usually around September).

This scholarship is ongoing for up to a maximum term of 3 years provided ongoing eligibility.

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### ESTABLISHMENT

Yancoal is Australia's largest pure play coal producer. Operating five mines and managing five others across New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia, Yancoal also has a ~50% share in the Middlemount joint venture. Yancoal currently employs approximately 3,000 people, sourcing the majority of its people from the local communities in which it operates. Yancoal's New South Wales region includes the mines of Moolarben, Hunter Valley Operations, Mount Thorley Warkworth and Stratford Duralie, with the Queensland region comprising of Yarrabee and the Middlemount Joint Venture.

The aim of this scholarship is to support students financially while encouraging them to pursue a career in the Mining & Resources Industry. It is the intention of this scholarship to build an ongoing relationship with the scholar with a view to them being considered for a career with Yancoal.

The type of student that Yancoal is seeking for this scholarship is someone who has an interest and desire to pursue a career in the Mining & Resources Industry. Desirable traits include enthusiasm, a passion for their field, motivation to make a difference and a strive for continuous improvement. The successful scholar reflects one or more of the Yancoal values of Safety, People, Excellence, Innovation and Integrity. Furthermore, the student must have a strong connection with the local community, aiming to actively contribute where possible.

This scholarship has been established to:

- Promote Yancoal's commitment to education pathways and to support access to tertiary education for Indigenous students and students from the Singleton Local Government Area.
- Support and encourage students to enrol in Engineering and / or Business disciplines and in turn provide them with a pathway through to a potential career with Yancoal.
- Demonstrate Yancoal's commitment to making a positive and lasting difference in the communities where it operates.

This scholarship is open to the following degrees (including honours and combined degrees which include one of those listed below):

- Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Chemical Engineering
- Bachelor of Civil Engineering
- Bachelor of Electrical Engineering
- Bachelor of Environmental Engineering
- Bachelor of Environmental Science and Management
- Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering
- Bachelor of Mechatronics Engineering

Preference will be given to students from **Singleton, Muswellbrook or the Upper Hunter.**

## FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

This is a donor-funded scholarship from Yancoal.

## ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be enrolled in the 2nd year of an eligible degree with the University of Newcastle;
- Have a GPA of 4.0 or higher;
- Identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and be recognised as such by your community;
- 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.
- **Documents** for establishing Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status with University of Newcastle. Please see list of accepted documents [here](#).
- An outline of your interest in the scholarship and associated future opportunities with this donor and/or Industry partner.
- You will also have the option to provide up to 3 documents which show your commitment to leadership within your community, such as a reference, proof of volunteering and community activities, leadership committee or club membership, articles or publications.

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.

Selection will be made by the Wollotuka Selection Committee which will consist of a minimum of three members chosen by the Pro Vice-Chancellor Indigenous Strategy and Leadership.

The Selection Committee 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.

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## 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).
- You will maintain your full-time enrolment and academic progress with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0 or higher for the duration of the scholarship.
- You have an interest in the Mining and Resources Industry.
- 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 participate in learning experiences and opportunities to engage provided within this scholarship program.
- 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](mailto:scholarships@newcastle.edu.au).
- You agree to write a letter of thanks to the donor via email to [Donor-Relations@newcastle.edu.au](mailto: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.
- You will be available to attend a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week (usually around September) where you may have opportunity to meet with donors and/or their representatives.

## BENEFIT

This scholarship is ongoing up to a maximum term of 3 years provided ongoing eligibility is met. This scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded.

The scholarship provides a total benefit of up to \$15,000 over the 3 year tenure provided ongoing eligibility for the term of the scholarship.

The scholarship will be \$5000 annually and paid as \$2,500 lump sums each semester after the relevant census dates (usually in April and September).

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.

Student Central Scholarships staff 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 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](mailto: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 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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