



SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDIES IN EDUCATION

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

This scholarship supports an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander student enrolled with the School of Education, University of Newcastle.

If accepting an offer of this scholarship, you will:

- Maintain your enrolment and satisfactory academic progress of a GPA of 4.0 or higher 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 – 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 accepting your offer, and
- Be available for a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week events (usually around September).

This scholarship is for one year and provides a benefit of \$5000 for the year.

ESTABLISHMENT

The Friends of the University were established in 1981 to foster an awareness of the university and its place in the community and to conduct activities including fundraising that promote the interests of the university. Since that time the Friends have raised over \$1,000,000 and contributed towards scholarships, art works, music, rare books, infrastructure and more. This scholarship is to be awarded annually for an indigenous student studying an education degree.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

This scholarship is donor-funded the Friends of the University of Newcastle.

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be enrolled in any year of an undergraduate degree program in the School of Education at the University of Newcastle;
- Demonstrate academic achievement either by an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) or equivalent of a pass level or higher for commencing students, or a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0 for continuing students;
- Identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and be recognised as such your community;
- Not have previously completed a degree;
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.
- Not be the recipient of another UON 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](#).

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 with reference to the eligibility criteria and assessment of educational disadvantage.

Selection will be made by the Scholarships Officer with consideration of, in order:

- All eligibility criteria for the scholarship being met; and
- Demonstrated educational disadvantage.
- Academic merit may be considered.

Scholarships will recommend a recipient and communicate this to the Office of Alumni and Philanthropy prior to award. All applicants will be notified of an outcome via email. This will occur within 6 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 relevant eligibility criteria (see the section titled “Eligibility” above) for the duration of the scholarship, unless special consideration is approved (see below).
- Maintain your enrolment and satisfactory academic progress with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0 or higher for the duration of the scholarship.
- If your circumstances change in a way that impacts your eligibility (e.g. change in study load or withdrawal from study), you agree to notify scholarships@newcastle.edu.au.
- 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 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 for a term of one year and must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded.

The scholarship provides a total benefit of \$5000 paid in the semester of award, after the 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

You may apply in writing to scholarships@newcastle.edu.au for consideration to reserve your scholarship if you are unable to study due to illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstances. An application must be supported by 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.

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 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. 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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