

SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

CSIRO WOMEN IN ENERGY SCHOLARSHIP

ESSENTIALS

If accepting an offer of this scholarship, you will:

- Maintain your full-time enrolment and academic progress with a GPA of 5 for the duration of the scholarship.
- Notify <u>scholarships@newcastle.edu.au</u> of any changes to you 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 <u>Donor-Relations@newcastle.edu.au</u> within 2 weeks of your offer, and
- Be available for a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week events (usually around September).

This is an ongoing scholarship for the duration of your undergraduate program, including Honours.

ESTABLISHMENT

The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) is Australia's national science research agency. We solve the greatest challenges using innovative science and technology. At CSIRO, we shape the future. We do this by using science to solve real issues to unlock a better future for our community, our economy, our planet. To be a truly diverse organisation we need to reflect the diversity that we see in society. We need the skills and knowledge to innovate for tomorrow and an understanding of today's big questions and how they affect everyone. However, women still hold far fewer leadership positions than men particularly in STEM fields where only 18 per cent of leadership positions are held by women. We're addressing gender equity through our work with the Science in Australia Gender Equity (SAGE) pilot and the Male Champions of Change (MCC) initiative. This scholarship is one way for us to address gender diversity.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

These are donor-funded scholarships from CSIRO.

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be enrolled in 1st year of an eligible degree program (including combined degrees). Eligible degree programs include:
 - Bachelor of Aerospace Systems Engineering (Honours)
 - Bachelor of Chemical Engineering (Honours)
 - Bachelor of Computer Systems Engineering (Honours)
 - Bachelor of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (Honours)
 - Bachelor of Environmental Engineering (Honours)
 - Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering (Honours)

- Bachelor of Mechatronics Engineering (Honours)
- Bachelor of Renewable Energy Engineering (Honours)
- Bachelor of Software Engineering (Honours)
- Be enrolled full time (min 30 units per semester or equivalent)
- Demonstrate academic achievement either by an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) or equivalent of 75 or higher.
- Be Female;
- 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 this scholarship would assist you.
- An outline of your interest in the scholarship and associated future opportunities with this Industry partner. You will also have the option to provide documents supporting your community leadership claims and academic achievements.
- A current curriculum vitae

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 assessment of the scholarship application and any required supporting documents. The Selection Committee will consider prior academic achievement, interest in the relevant career sector, community leadership, and involvement with extra-curricular activities.

Selection will be made by the College of Engineering, Science and Environment which will consist of a minimum of three members chosen by the Pro Vice-Chancellor, College of Engineering, Science and Environment and one CSIRO representative.

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 close date.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

By 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 (see below). This includes ongoing full time enrolment in an eligible Engineering program and maintaining a minimum GPA of 5.0 (credit average).
- 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 award of this scholarship.
- You agree to write a letter of thanks to the donor via email to <u>Donor-Relations@newcastle.edu.au</u> 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 for the duration of your undergraduate program (including Honours) up to 4 years provided ongoing eligibility** is maintained and must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded. An additional year will be considered for combined Engineering degrees.

The scholarship provides a total benefit of up to \$40,000 over the full 4 year tenure.

The scholarship will be paid as \$5000 lump sum payments each semester after first and second semester census dates.

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

A scholarship will be finalised when the tenure is completed and full payment has been made. Early termination of the scholarship may apply if:

- The scholarship conditions are not met, including relevant eligibility criteria maintained;
- The scholar completes study and/or ceases to be a student with University of Newcastle;
- The scholar has committed serious misconduct.

When early termination is required, the Office of Alumni and Philanthropy will be advised and undertake the most appropriate action in consultation with the Donor/Sponsor and Student Central.

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

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 <u>scholarships@newcastle.edu.au</u>. Please provide appropriate documentary evidence to support your request.

A decision will be made in consultation with the Office of Alumni & Philanthropy.

PRIVACY

If accepting a donor-funded scholarship, a summary of information provided with the application may be provided to an external donor and/or their representative. This is to inform the donor that the terms of the donation are met.

In accepting this scholarship, you consent to the University and CSIRO disclosing to each other personal information about them for the purposes related to the Scholarship, industry placements and the Program.

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.

When applying, please review the Declaration and Authority at the start of your application which includes links to the University of Newcastle Privacy Management Plan, Web Privacy Statement, and UAC Privacy Policy.

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