Financial Wellbeing

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

Student Name

Student Number

Eligibility: Applications for financial assistance will only be considered for students who:

- Are currently enrolled
- Have completed at least one semester of study
- · Must be currently residing in Australia
- Demonstrate financial hardship
- Loans demonstrate their ability to meet the required loan repayments without experiencing financial hardship.
- · Loans ensure that a loan will not put them in further financial difficulty

To apply for financial assistance, please email completed form to the Financial Wellbeing Officer.

Please apply by providing the following:

A completed copy of the Financial Assistance Application Form

Two forms of identification including your Student Card

Current Bank Statement (all accounts you hold, full month of transactions)

Centrelink Income Statement and/or payslips or payment advice from employers

Valid evidence of costs (bills, rent receipts, housing bonds, textbook quote etc. - we cannot provide funds without valid evidence of costs)

Placement Grant

Evidence of placement (screenshots of SONIA, placement letter or placement email)

Placement accommodation costs (screenshot of fuel calculator, screenshot of travel or quote for transport tickets)

Other placement related costs i.e. uniform, certificates and/or placement related equipment

Laptop Grant

Quote of computer you wish to purchase (screenshot, quote or repair costs)

Work Development Orders

Valid evidence of fine (Work Development Order can only cover NSW Revenue fines)

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Student Hardship Grants

Domestic Students

Student Hardship Grants are available for students experiencing extreme financial hardship. Hardship Grants are provided to help with accommodation costs, basic living costs (including medical), textbook and course material/equipment costs and transport costs.

Student Placement Grants

Domestic Students

Student Placement Grants are available for those required to complete a practical component as part of their degree. These grants are provided to cover costs directly associated with placements. Students may be granted \$300, \$500, or \$750. This may also include grocery and/or petrol vouchers. To apply please email completed documentation to financialwellbeing@newcastle.edu.au

Student Laptop Grants

Domestic and International Students

Student Laptop Grants are available to students who do not have access to a personal computer. These grants are provided to cover costs directly associated with purchasing a personal computer.

Student Loans

Domestic and International Students

Student loans are interest-free loans that are available on a short term basis to students who demonstrate genuine need and whose continued study might be placed in jeopardy without additional assistance.

Work Development Orders (WDO)

Domestic and International Students

Work and Development Orders (WDO) are a way to help people who can't pay their NSW Revenue fines through unpaid work, courses and treatment programs. The University can sponsor domestic and international students in financial hardship with WDO by recording attendance at face-to-face class as payment towards students' fines. To apply please email completed documentation to financialwellbeing@newcastle.edu.au

For more information regarding WDO please go to revenue.nsw.gov.au/fines-and-fees/cant-pay-your-debt

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APPLICATION

Financial assistance is only available to students in genuine financial hardship. We define **Financial Hardship** as a student being in a state of more than immediate financial disadvantage that results in them being unable to meet their or their dependant's basic living needs.

Q1 Do you b Yes	Pelieve your fi	nancial circumstance Unsure	es meet the defi	nition of financial hardsh	ip?
About you Q2 Current a					
Q3 Contact 1	telephone				
Address Q4 Please p	rovide your te	erm-time address:			
Q5 Please p	rovide your h	ome address (if differ	ent from term-time	address)	

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Residential status

Q6 Do you pay for your accommodation costs?

No

Yes

Q7 If yes, are you

Living with family

Paying Mortgage

Homeowner

Renting

Other (please specify)

Q8 Residency status

Please select:

Domestic Student

Australian Citizen

Permanent Resident/Permanent Humanitarian Visa

International student

Q9 Your study details

Faculty:

Program:

Year of Study: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th Other

Award level: Enabling Undergraduate Postgraduate Course Work HDR

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Q10 Do you ha	ve other people	who are dependent on your inco	me?
Yes	No		
Q11 Purpose o	f financial assista	ance	
Q12 How much	n assistance do yo	ou require (Please note: you must ent	er a monetary sum)
Amount \$	·		
Q13 What type	of financial assis	stance are you seeking?	
Student Ha	rdship Voucher	Student Hardship Loan	Development Order (WDO)
Student Ha	rdship Grant	Student Placement Grant Work	Student Laptop Grant

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Please fill out the budget below:

ESTIMATED ANNUAL INCOME AND EXPENS	_
(This information remains confidential and is used only as a guide in the app	
Income	\$ per 2 weeks
Employment (Casual / Part time / Full time)	
Partner's Income	
Allowance from Parents/Carers	
Centrelink Payments	
Other Income (e.g. maintenance, rent, scholarship)	
TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME	\$
Expenses	\$ per 2 weeks
Rent/Board/Mortgage	
Food/Groceries	
Phone	
Internet	
Public Transport (e.g. bus, train tickets)	
Car expenses & fuel (e.g. registration, insurance, repairs, maintenance)	
Electricity/Gas/Water	
Budgeting (e.g. placement, birthday gifts, festive holidays)	
Education expenses (e.g. books, stationery, equipment)	
Childcare costs	
Medical expenses (e.g. GP visits, regular medication)	
Subscriptions/Membership costs (e.g. gym, Foxtel, Netflix)	
Recreation costs (e.g. sport, entertainment, socialising)	
Alcohol/cigarettes	
Clothes / personal effects	
Debt repayments – store cards/ credit cards/ other loans	
Buy now pay services (e.g. Afterpay, Zip Pay)	
Other	
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES	\$
Total Estimated Income	\$
Less	<u> </u>
Total Estimated Expenses	\$
BALANCE	\$