



SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

Sir William Tyree Foundation Scholarship Program in Power Engineering

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

The Sir William Tyree Foundation established this scholarship to support a commencing student for the duration of their four-year degree. The scholarship is available to commencing engineering students experiencing financial hardship from a regional or remote background.

If accepting an offer of this scholarship, you will:

- Maintain your full-time enrolment and academic progress with the University of Newcastle for the duration of the scholarship.
- Have an interest in gaining industry engagement and experience in electrical and mechanical power engineering.
- 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.

The scholarship provides a total benefit of \$64,000 over the full 4-year tenure of the program, including Honours, for a maximum term of 4 years, provided ongoing eligibility.

The scholarship will be paid as \$16,000 annually, \$8,000 each semester after the relevant census dates (usually in April and September).

ESTABLISHMENT

The Sir William Tyree Foundation would like to support the development of a future skilled workforce in Power Engineering through the provision of scholarships to regional and remote undergraduate students to overcome some of the financial hurdles faced by these students.

It is intended but not required, the scholars will integrate with the Tyree company businesses through industry engagement and Work Integrated Learning opportunities provided, such as internship placements and final year projects. The University will endeavour to find work placements in the power industry for students who hold scholarships from the Sir William Tyree Foundation. The University will also seek to ensure that a diverse cohort of students is created as the program evolves.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

This is a donor-funded scholarship from the Sir William Tyree Foundation

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be commencing in your first year of a Bachelor of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (Honours) program within the School of Engineering at the University of Newcastle;
- Undertake the power engineering electives in the program, specifically Principles and Design of Off-Grid Power Systems (ELEC3160), Power Electronics and Renewable Energy Systems (ELEC3251), Electrical Systems (ELEC4100) and Advanced Drives and Power Electronics (ELEC4160). From time to

time, curricula are updated in which case students will be required to take the relevant successor courses.

- Be enrolled fulltime;
- Demonstrate that your ability to study is affected, or will be affected, by areas of educational disadvantage including your **inner regional, outer regional, remote or very remote background and financial hardship**;
- Have achieved a minimum ATAR of 80 and admittance to an eligible Bachelor course within the School of Engineering;
- Have completed secondary school (Year 12 or equivalent) within the two years prior to the year of commencing tertiary study.
- Be undertaking a single or double degree program that includes a Bachelor of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (Honours);
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident;
- 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 interest in associated future opportunities with this donor and/or Industry partner.
- You **may** be required to provide documents to support your educational disadvantage claims. These will be identified when you apply based on your individual application responses, but you can get an idea of what kinds of documents are required [here](#).
- Up to 3 documents which demonstrate your academic achievement, such as awards and acknowledgements, participation in enrichment and travel programs or internships, academic competitions or challenges, your portfolio and/or cv.

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 shortlisted by the College of Engineering, Science and Environment Selection Panel which will consist of a minimum of three members chosen by the relevant Pro-Vice Chancellor, College of Engineering, Science and Environment. This shortlist will be forwarded to the Donor and/or representative for selection and outcomes communicated back to the panel within the advised timeframe. Interviews may be arranged, if required.

The Selection Panel 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.

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). This includes ongoing full-time enrolment in the 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 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 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.

BENEFIT

This scholarship is paid as \$16,000 annually, \$8,000 each semester after the relevant census dates (usually in April and September) ongoing for the length of the program up to a maximum term of 4 years provided ongoing eligibility. The scholarship provides a total benefit of \$64,000 over the full 4-year tenure and must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded.

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.

The Scholarships office may terminate the scholarship before the term has expired if:

- The scholarship conditions are not met, including relevant eligibility criteria and scholarship retention criteria being maintained;
- The scholar completes study and/or ceases to be a student with the 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. 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 representing the donor's intent.

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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