



## SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

# CHIN Swui Sen for Singapore Alumni Scholarship in STEM or Business Studies

### ESSENTIALS

CHIN Swui Sen for Singapore Alumni Scholarship in STEM or Business Studies provides financial assistance to fulltime undergraduate students who are overcoming educational disadvantage.

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 [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 your offer, and
- Be available for a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week events (usually around September).

### ESTABLISHMENT

This scholarship has been established through the generous support of TAN Poh Kiam in memory of her husband, CHIN Swui Sen. Swui Sen was a graduate in Chemical Engineering 1974 and one of the first to graduate with an MBA from the University of Newcastle in 1980.

He was a simple, humble, and generous man who strongly believed that education is the foundation for one's future. University education gave him a start to a fulfilling IT career in the Banking Sector. It was his wish to create and fund this scholarship to help others achieve a brighter future.

The Singapore Alumni Scholarship program was established in 2011 to assist gifted and disadvantaged students with their studies at the University of Newcastle (Australia). It was initiated and funded through donations from Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents who studied at the University of Newcastle, take great pride in the achievements of Singapore, value their relationship with the University of Newcastle and hope that this scholarship will further strengthen the relationship between Singapore and Australia.

### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for this scholarship an applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled in any year of a STEM or Business Studies undergraduate program with University of Newcastle.
- Be enrolled full time (min 30 units per semester or equivalent).
- Demonstrate academic achievement of an ATAR75 or GPA of 5.0 or higher.
- Demonstrate that the ability to study is affected, or will be affected, by an area of educational disadvantage such as the exceptional financial hardship, regional or remote area disadvantage, long term medical condition/disability, refugee status, carer or sole parenting responsibilities.
- If successful, be willing to submit an essay of approximately 400 words on Singapore and one or more aspects of its people, economy, geography, history, culture, political system etc. The essay shall focus on the student's field of study, demonstrate analysis or critical thinking and be of an acceptable standard.
- Not be the recipient of another UON Donor funded or sponsored scholarship concurrently.

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

The following documentation must be submitted with the scholarship application:

- A written statement (approx. 1 A4 page) outlining your academic achievements, your experience of financial hardship, career aspirations in the relevant area of study, and discussion of how this scholarship would assist you.
- 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.
- Any applicant that does not submit the required documentation, including documentary evidence, will not be considered for selection.

## SELECTION

Selection is based on assessment of the scholarship application and suitability for the individual scholarship.

Selection will be made by the Multi-Faculty Selection Committee which will consist of a minimum of three members chosen by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic).

Successful recipients will be communicated to by the delegated Scholarships Officer and all applicants notified of an outcome via email. This will usually occur within 6 weeks of the scholarship close date.

## CONDITIONS OF AWARD

If accepting this scholarship, you agree to the following conditions:

- The scholarship is tenable for up to 2 years. The scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it was awarded, unless otherwise specified.
- You will continue to meet relevant eligibility criteria for the duration of the scholarship, unless special consideration is approved (see below).
- The successful recipient/s will provide a copy of the essay within (3) weeks of notification of scholarship offer in a MS Word document sent to [scholarships@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@newcastle.edu.au).
- 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](mailto: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 [Donor-Relations@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:Donor-Relations@newcastle.edu.au) within two weeks of receiving your scholarship and be available to attend a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week (usually around September) where you may have the opportunity to meet with the donors of your scholarship.

## BENEFIT

The scholarship currently provides a total benefit of \$10,000 to be paid as two x \$5,000 lump sums following Semester 1 census date each year.

## PERIODS OF LEAVE

A scholar may apply in writing to reserve or defer of the scholarship benefit because of illness, injury or other extenuating circumstances. An application must be supported by appropriate documentary evidence. Periods of approved leave or deferral must not exceed two consecutive semesters of study and shall not reduce the tenure of the scholarship. All applications for periods of leave must be submitted to the Scholarships Office within the affected semester of study.

## 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.

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 [scholarships@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@newcastle.edu.au). 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.

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 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](#).

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