



SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

MACH ENERGY RURAL COMMUNITY HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

This scholarship has been established by MACH Energy Mount Pleasant Operation to support rural students studying medicine who wish to work and live in their local communities.

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 fields of health.
- 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 \$15,000 provided in 2 sums of \$7,500 after each census date for 1 year.

ESTABLISHMENT

MACH Energy supports education and career paths within their local communities to ensure vital services such as health are available. They understand that rural students can face barriers to study and are excited to support students by funding this scholarship.

It is the intention of MACH Energy to build ongoing relationships with scholars, including opportunities for community engagement and professional networking opportunities during their degree program.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

This is a donor-funded scholarship from MACH Energy Mount Pleasant Operations.

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be enrolled in 2nd, 3rd, 4th year of the Bachelor of Medical Science/Doctor of Medicine (Joint Medical Program) with the University of Newcastle;
- Be enrolled full time (min 30 units per semester or equivalent);
- Demonstrate that your ability to study is affected, or will be affected, by regional or remote disadvantage. Preference will be given to students who reside in the Upper Hunter electorate, particularly those who would return to the region to work during and post studies;
- Have satisfactory progress in your degree with no failed units;
- Be an Australian citizen, and;
- 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 donor and/or Industry partner.
- You will also have the option to provide up to 3 documents which show your commitment to leadership within your community, such as a reference, proof of volunteering and community activities, leadership panel or club membership, articles or publications.
- 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.

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.

Applicants will be shortlisted based upon assessment of educational disadvantage. A panel interview of shortlisted candidates may then be conducted by the College of Health, Medicine and Wellbeing Selection Panel which will consist of a minimum of three members chosen by the relevant Pro-Vice Chancellor, College of Health, Medicine and Wellbeing, and which will include an external donor representative.

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).
- 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 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 the opportunity to meet with the donors and/or their representatives.
- 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 \$15,000 for a term of one year provided ongoing eligibility is maintained for the term of the scholarship. This scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded.

The scholarship will be paid as \$7,500 each semester after the relevant census dates (usually in April and September).

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

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 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 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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