



SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

IKARA-FLINDERS RANGES CHALLENGE YAPUG SCHOLARSHIP

ESSENTIALS

This scholarship supports a student studying the Yapug program with University of Newcastle.

If accepting an offer of this scholarship, you will:

- Maintain your enrolment for the duration of the scholarship.
- 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 your offer.
- Be available for a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week events (usually around September).

The scholarship is a one-year scholarship for \$4000, paid as \$2000 after the semester one and two census dates (usually in April and September).

ESTABLISHMENT

The funding for this scholarship was raised by 25 volunteer trekkers in a University led peer-to-peer fundraising challenge, the 2019 Ikara-Flinders Ranges Challenge. The volunteer trekkers encompassed staff (including Professor Alex Zelinsky AO), alumni and community members. It is the intention that these scholarships will support Yapug students who are dedicated, but in need of financial support.

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be enrolled in the Yapug Program;
- Be enrolled full time or part-time;
- Identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and be recognised as such by your community;
- 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.

- Documents for establishing Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status with University of Newcastle. Please see list of accepted documents [here](#). You will also have the option to provide documents supporting your community leadership claims and academic achievements.
- **Optional:** 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 committee or club membership, articles or publications.

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 may take into account your ability to demonstrate Community Leadership.

Selection will be made by the Wollotuka Selection Committee which will consist of a minimum of three members chosen by the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Indigenous Strategy and Leadership.

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

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 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 a one-year scholarship and must be taken up in the academic year for which it is awarded.

The scholarship provides a total financial benefit of \$4000, paid as \$2000 after the semester one and two 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

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

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 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 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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