

South Asia Excellence Scholarship

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1.0 ESTABLISHMENT

The South Asia Excellence Scholarship has been established to attract high-performing students to study at the University of Newcastle. This is a merit-based scholarship that recognises applicants with a strong academic background and incentivises them to continue striving to be the best that they can be.

Scholarships will be automatically awarded to students who have received an offer to study in an eligible, non-quota program and who will commence studying with the University of Newcastle.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

2.1 “Census Date” means the date in each term on which a student enrolled in a course is deemed to be financially liable for the course.

“Internal transfer students” means current University students wishing to transfer programs prior to completion of their original program of study as indicated in their letter of offer.

“International Student” means a student who is not an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen or a holder of an Australia Permanent Residency Visa.

“Offshore campuses” means programs delivered by the University at campuses located outside of Australia and its territories.

“Program” means any programs of study listed in the recipient’s letter of offer that corresponds with their scholarship letter.

“Quota-limited programs” means programs excluded from this scholarship, as below:

- [Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science \(Honours\) \(Diagnostic Radiography\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science \(Honours\) \(Nuclear Medicine\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science \(Honours\) \(Radiation Therapy\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine](#)
- [Bachelor of Nursing](#)
- [Bachelor of Nutrition and Dietetics \(Honours\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Occupational Therapy \(Honours\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Oral Health Therapy](#)
- [Bachelor of Pharmacy \(Honours\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Physiotherapy \(Honours\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Podiatry](#)

“Recipient” means a recipient of the South Asia Excellence Scholarship.

“Scholarship” means the South Asia Excellence Scholarship.

“South Asia” means citizens of

- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- India
- Maldives
- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Sri Lanka

“University” means the University of Newcastle.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The successful scholar must:

- 3.1.1 Hold a passport from one of the countries listed under definition of “South Asia”
- 3.1.2 Be commencing study in an eligible undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree program at the University (excluding ELICOS, Enabling, Non-Award, Higher Degrees by Research programs and programs delivered at offshore campuses).
- 3.1.3 Be an international full-fee paying student.
- 3.1.4 Be commencing in an eligible program at an Australian or Online campus as indicated in your Letter of Offer.
- 3.1.5 Not be the beneficiary of a separate University scholarship unless prior approval for special dispensation has been obtained from the university.
- 3.1.6 Be able to meet all of the financial obligations of a full-fee paying international student, including the full tuition fee and other expenses.

3.2 The following students are not eligible to receive this scholarship, even if they meet the criteria outlined in 3.1:

- 3.2.1 Students who have not received an offer for the scholarship.
- 3.2.2 Students studying in quota-limited programs.
- 3.2.3 Internal transfer students who are studying at an Australian or Online campus and were not previously awarded the scholarship.

4.0 SELECTION

4.1 Scholarships are automatically applied for upon application to the University (where eligibility criteria is met).

- 4.1.1 Students will receive notification of the value of their scholarship with their offer.
- 4.1.2 Should an applicant wish to reject this offer of scholarship, it is the recipient’s responsibility to inform the International Admissions team of the University.

- 4.2** Scholarship offers will be made on the basis of academic merit. All academic merit determinations are determined according to the University's procedures for determining ATAR and GPA.
- 4.3** The University reserves the right not to award the scholarship.

5.0 CONDITIONS OF AWARD

- 5.1** The scholarship is tenable for the amount of credits requiring completion as specified in your letter of offer. This excludes units have been awarded as credit or Recognition of Prior Learning, and credits that extend beyond those issued at commencement of the eligible program(s) of study.
- 5.2** The scholarship must be taken up for the program, and in the intake for which it was awarded.
- 5.2.1 If a recipient desires to defer their offer to a future intake, scholarship eligibility will be reassessed and not guaranteed.
- 5.3** The scholarship provides a tuition fee waiver and does not cover the costs of visas, Overseas Student Health Cover, travel, accommodation, living expenses, SSAF, books and study materials or any other expenses associated with studying at the University.
- 5.4** The recipient must pay their tuition fees within the stipulated payment deadlines and must remain in good financial standing with the University.
- 5.5** The recipient must remain compliant with the conditions of their visa, including but not limited to the requirement to maintain a full-time study load if holding a student visa, unless approval is obtained for a reduced study load (visit the University's [webpage](#) for additional details).
- 5.6** The recipient must maintain international student status for the duration of their enrolment at the University. The scholarship will be terminated if a recipient ceases to be an international student.
- 5.7** The recipient may be required to participate in a photo shoot and complete a testimonial for the University, which may be published on the University's website or used for other promotional purposes. The recipient must be willing to be featured in such promotional collateral produced by the University and be involved in promotional activity arranged by the University. Recipients of this scholarship are bound by these terms and conditions and confirms a scholarship holders' consent to be used for promotional purposes.

6.0 BENEFIT

- 6.1** The scholarship is valued at AU\$10,000 for each year of study under full-time study load, apportioned over each course taken (pro-rata with an approved load reduction on program plan, credits exemptions, progression or wellbeing grounds).
- 6.1.1 This equates to AU\$1250 per 10-units of study
- 6.1.2 This will be administered for each term of study in your eligible program(s) as a tuition fee reduction against the amount of credits initially issued in your letter of offer (see 5.1)

- 6.2** Should a recipient need to retake courses or take additional courses to complete the program that exceeds the units of study as indicated in the letter of offer (i.e. the scholarship benefit has been exhausted), then the scholarship benefit will no longer be applied to the remaining units of study to complete the program.
- 6.3** The scholarship benefit will be applied in the form of tuition fee waivers directly into the recipient's University student account.
- 6.3.1 This will reduce the tuition fee liability by the scholarship benefit amount for each term per 10-units of study enrolled during the program of study based on enrolment for that term, and maintaining the conditions of the scholarship.
- 6.3.2 Recipients will be billed normal tuition fee rates based on their enrolment loads leading into the census date of each eligible term in which the benefit applies. The tuition fee waiver may not be reflected on the tuition fee account until the census date has passed. After census has passed, a fee waiver will be applied to the recipient's student account.
- 6.4** Any overpayments by the recipient will be left on the tuition fee account to allocate to the next term's fees.
- 6.4.1 A recipient who has completed their final program can apply for a refund of unallocated fees.

7.0 SUSPENSION OF SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT

- 7.1** A recipient may apply in writing for a suspension of the scholarship benefit because of illness, injury or other extenuating circumstances. An application must be supported by appropriate documentary evidence.
- 7.2** Periods of approved suspension shall not reduce the tenure of the scholarship.

8.0 TERMINATION

- 8.1** A scholarship shall terminate before its due date of conclusion if the recipient:
- 8.1.1 Fails to fulfil any of the conditions of the scholarship, or
- 8.1.2 Relinquishes the scholarship, or
- 8.1.3 Ceases to be an international student of the University, whichever first occurs.

9.0 APPEALS

- 9.1** An applicant for a scholarship, or a recipient may appeal in writing to the International Admissions team, on the grounds that the procedures followed were deficient or defective.

10.0 VARIATION

- 10.1** The relevant Deputy Vice Chancellor may vary any of the provisions of these conditions, where satisfied that circumstances warrant variation.