Dr Neville Sawyer Scholarship in Business and Law Conditions

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

The intention of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to a student who is enrolled in the Graduate Certificate of Business Administration or the Master of Business Administration at the University of Newcastle.

If accepting an offer of this scholarship, you will:

- 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 send a thank-you message to the scholarship donor within two weeks of accepting your offer, following the instructions in your scholarship offer letter, and
- Be available for a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week events (usually around September).

The total value of this scholarship is $10,000 for a term of one year.

ESTABLISHMENT

This scholarship was established by Dr Neville Sawyer to encourage graduates of the Engineering, Science, and Information Technology fields to undertake formal postgraduate studies in Business Administration, strengthening the business skills and experience required for future Industry leaders.

The successful applicant will receive payment toward up to 4 courses (40 units) in the Graduate Certificate in Business Administration or the Master of Business Administration programs.

Recipients of the scholarship are encouraged to become involved in other entrepreneurial groups, such as leading corporate accelerator Sling Shot. These groups provide mentoring and financial and key workshops. It is envisaged that future employers of these students will encourage them by providing financial support so that they may continue learning and gaining relevant experience through future studies.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

This is a donor-funded scholarship from Dr. Neville Sawyer AM.

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Be enrolled in, or have accepted an offer of admission for, the Graduate Certificate of Business Administration or the Master of Business Administration with University of Newcastle.
- Have completed an Engineering, Science, or Information technology program with either University of Newcastle or TAFE Institution.
- Be intending to study on a full-time basis (minimum 60 units per year)
- 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 (no more than 1 A4 page) outlining your academic achievements, career aspirations in the relevant area of study, and how this scholarship would assist you. This statement will cover **all** scholarships you are applying for.
- A copy of your award and transcript for your eligible Engineering, Science, or Information Technology qualifications.

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 will be made by the Scholarships Office with consideration of the eligibility criteria and any additional factors relevant to the purpose of the scholarship, including academic merit (ATAR equivalent entry rank).

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

If you accept 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 (e.g., change in study load or withdrawal from study), you agree to notify scholarships@newcastle.edu.au.
- Agree to send a thank-you message to the scholarship donor within two weeks of accepting your offer, following the instructions in your scholarship offer letter.
- Maintain a minimum academic standard of Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0 for the duration of the scholarship.
- If you do not meet this academic standard, you may apply for special consideration where there are circumstances that have affected your academic progress. Applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis
- You will be available to attend a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week (usually around August/September) where you may have opportunity to meet with the donors and/or their representatives.

BENEFIT

The scholarship provides a total benefit of $10,000 up to a maximum 1-year tenure provided ongoing eligibility for the term of the scholarship.

The scholarship will be paid as a $10,000 lump sum after the relevant census date.

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 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 or 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 scholarship payments, the scholarship may be stopped, and you may be required to repay any scholarship benefits to which you are not entitled 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 and 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 a 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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