

Odyssey Travel Scholarship

1. ESTABLISHMENT

One of the great challenges for Australian-based students of Classics and Ancient History is the cost of travel to the sites of Greek and Roman influence and habitation. While there is much that can be learned from literary sources, visiting the places referred to in the literature provides a deeper understanding of and facilitates new insights into ancient culture, myth and history. Hence the Odyssey Travel Scholarship provides students with the opportunity to increase their knowledge and understanding of the Greek and/or Roman world through experiencing the landscape, geography, culture and artefacts of the countries and regions bordering the northern Mediterranean.

2. DEFINITIONS

"Donor" or "Sponsor" means individuals who supported this scholarship through a donation/sponsorship to the University of Newcastle;

"Program" means the program of study in which the scholar is enrolled;

"Scholar" means a recipient of a scholarship;

"HDR" means Higher Degree by Research;

"Scholarship" means Odyssey Travel Scholarship;

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 To be eligible to apply for this scholarship an applicant must be enrolled at the University of Newcastle and meet the following criteria:

3.1.1 Be Australian citizen or Permanent Resident of Australia

3.1.2 Be enrolled in a PhD degree in the research areas of Classics or Ancient History;

3.1.3 Must be enrolled on a full-time or part-time basis at the time of travel;

3.1.4 Have successfully completed confirmation by the application closing date;

3.1.5 The principal supervisor deems the applicant's academic progress to be satisfactory;

3.1.6 Must not have received this scholarship previously;

3.1.7 Must submit application and required documentation no later than the application closing date;

4. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

4.1 The following documentation must be submitted with the scholarship application:

4.1.1 A completed Odyssey Travel Scholarship Application Form

4.1.2 A Curriculum Vitae

4.2 Any applicant that does not submit the required documentation, will not be considered for selection.

5. SELECTION

- 5.1 Selection is a competitive process and will be based on assessment of the scholarship application and any required supporting documents. All eligible applications will be considered by the Selection Committee for selection and sign off.
- 5.2 The selection of the scholar will be made by a selection committee as nominated by the Pro Vice-Chancellor, College of Human and Social Futures.

6. CONDITIONS OF AWARD

- 6.1 The scholarship must be utilised to travel to one of the following destinations; sites of Greek and/or Roman inhabitation and influence in Greece, Italy, Spain, Southern France, Turkey, and those countries and islands between (eg Croatia, Albania, Crete, Cyprus, Malta)
- 6.2 The scholarship must be utilised within one year of award.
- 6.3 The scholarship funding must only be used to cover travel expenses and any other associated expenses for the scholar.
- 6.4 The scholar will be responsible for all travel arrangements and purchase of travel insurance. The Travel insurance must also include individual COVID related supplemental travel insurance.
- 6.5 Approval must be obtained from the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Human and Social Futures prior to arranging travel.
- 6.6 The scholar is required to provide a written account (500-1000 words) and present an account of their journey to their school or department within one month of their return, identifying ways in which their thinking and understanding about their PhD research has been affected by their experience. The written account must be submitted to Graduate-Research@newcastle.edu.au and Donor-Relations@newcastle.edu.au
- 6.7 The scholar must continue to meet the eligibility criteria and any other specified requirements for the duration of the scholarship.
- 6.8 Scholars are required to provide additional reports to Graduate Research as requested.
- 6.9 The scholar approves the disclosure of their name and application and written account of their journey to the donor.

7. BENEFIT

- 7.1 The scholarship provides a once-off, lump sum benefit of \$5,000.
- 7.2 The scholarship benefit and number of scholarships awarded may vary and will be determined by the funding available each year.

8. TERMINATION

- 8.1 A scholarship shall be retracted when:
 - 8.1.1 the scholar ceases to meet the eligibility criteria in clause 3;
 - 8.1.2 the University determines that the scholar has committed serious misconduct; or
 - 8.1.3 the scholar failed to maintain satisfactory academic progress.

When termination is likely due to clause 8.1.3, the Office of Alumni & Philanthropy will be advised prior to termination occurring and will undertake the most appropriate action in consultation with the Donor/Sponsor and Graduate Research.

9. CONFIDENTIALITY

- 9.1 The deliberations and decisions of the Selection Committee and/or delegated officers relating to allocation, selection and award of scholarships are confidential.

10. APPEALS

- 10.1 An applicant for a scholarship may appeal in writing to the Dean of Graduate Research on the grounds of procedural deficiency only. Written appeals must be received within 20 working days of notification of the application outcome.

11. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

- 11.1 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 Graduate-Research@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.

12. PRIVACY

- 12.1 By applying for this scholarship the student understands that this is a donor-funded scholarship and as such an external donors (or representatives) may view their application and supporting documents evidencing their eligibility.

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