



SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

Aspen Medical Foundation Scholarship

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

This scholarship has been established by the Aspen Medical Foundation Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Scholarship in 2023 to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students studying health degrees.

The Aspen Medical Foundation is committed to supporting the undertaking of life-changing healthcare through significantly reducing or eradicating key illnesses and diseases in remote Australian communities and to providing education for the sustainability of improved health practices. The Aspen Medical Foundation aligns its support to initiatives such as scholarships, which will make a practical and immediate difference in the lives of people living in these remote and medically challenged communities.

If accepting an offer of this scholarship, you will:

- Maintain your enrolment and academic progress with the University of Newcastle 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 accepting your offer, and
- Be available for a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week events (usually around September).

This scholarship is for a term of up to a maximum term of 3 years provided ongoing eligibility.

ESTABLISHMENT

This scholarship has been established by the Aspen Medical Foundation in 2023 to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students studying health-related degrees.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

This is a donor-funded scholarship from the Aspen Medical Foundation.

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be enrolled in any year of the following eligible undergraduate degree programs with the University of Newcastle; Bachelor of Nursing, Bachelor of Nursing (Honours), Bachelor of Midwifery, Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours), Bachelor of Oral Health Therapy, Bachelor of Psychological Science, Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours), Bachelor of Social Science, Bachelor of Social Work (Honours), Bachelor of Medical Science / Doctor of Medicine (Joint Medical Program), Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science (Honours) (Nuclear Medicine), Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science (Honours) (Radiation Therapy), Bachelor of Biomedical Science, Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours), Bachelor of Health Science (Honours), Bachelor of Nutrition and Dietetics (Honours), Bachelor of Podiatry, Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours);
- Establish your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity and heritage with the university as outlined here;
- Not hold another University of Newcastle donor-funded or sponsored scholarship concurrently.
- Demonstrate academic progress with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0 or higher and maintain this for the duration of the scholarship.

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. This statement will cover **all** scholarships you are submitting for.

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.

Applicants for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-specific scholarship opportunities are required to provide evidence to support their Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity and heritage. For more information about this process please see the [Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander - Establishing Status Within the University Procedure](#) and [Policy](#).

SELECTION

Selection is a competitive process and will be based on an assessment of the scholarship application and any required supporting documents, with reference to the eligibility criteria.

Selection will be made by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Selection Panel which will consist of a minimum of three members chosen by the Pro-Vice Chancellor of Indigenous Strategy and Leadership.

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.

Where there is only one eligible applicant for a scholarship, the Scholarships Officer may award without referral to a selection panel, in consultation with the Office of Alumni and Philanthropy.

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 (e.g., 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 the opportunity to meet with the donors and/or their representatives.

BENEFIT

This scholarship is ongoing for the remaining length of the program up to a maximum term of 3 years provided ongoing eligibility. This scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded.

The scholarship provides a total benefit of \$15,000 to be paid over 3 years provided ongoing eligibility for the term of the scholarship.

The scholarship will be paid in installments of 2 x \$2,500 each year 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

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 their 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 their 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 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 at 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 the 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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