



# SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

## GHD Foundation Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship in STEM

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### BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

The GHD Foundation has established this scholarship to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander undergraduate STEM students.

If you accept an offer of this scholarship, you will:

- Maintain your full-time enrolment and academic progress with the University of Newcastle for the duration of the scholarship.
- Notify [scholarships@newcastle.edu.au](mailto: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.
- As a multi-year scholarship, the recipient agrees to write a message of thanks to the donor via email to [Donor-Relations@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:Donor-Relations@newcastle.edu.au) within 2 weeks of accepting your offer and provide a letter at the start of each subsequent year that highlights the impact and benefit the support has provided to them over the duration of the disbursement and any potential flow-on effects that they may have on their career and life trajectory.
- Be available for a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week events (usually around September).

This scholarship is available for up to 3 years provided that the conditions described below are met.

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### ESTABLISHMENT

The GHD Foundation has established this scholarship to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander undergraduate students to undertake a course leading to a degree at the University of Newcastle. Preference will be given to applicants who are studying a STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics-related) course.

An opportunity may be provided to the student to receive mentoring by a Young Professional from the organisation. Scholarship recipients may also be offered the opportunity of non-compulsory casual or holiday work.

### FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

This is a donor-funded scholarship from GHD Foundation.

### ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be enrolled in 1<sup>st</sup> year of an undergraduate degree program with the University of Newcastle;
- Be enrolled full-time (min 30 units per semester or equivalent).
- Be enrolled in a Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics program (STEM).
- Establish your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity and heritage with the university as outlined [here](#).
- Have an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) or equivalent of 75 or higher for commencing students, **or** a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5.0 for continuing students.
- Be an Australian citizen; and
- 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. This statement will cover **all** scholarships you are submitting for.
- You **may** be required to provide documents to support your educational disadvantage claims. These will be identified when you apply based on your application responses, but you can get an idea of what kinds of documents are required [here](#).
- The application will include a **free text question** asking you to outline your interest in associated future opportunities with this donor and/or Industry partner.

Any applicant who 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 Indigenous Selection Panel which will consist of a minimum of three members chosen by the Pro-Vice Chancellor 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 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](mailto:scholarships@newcastle.edu.au).
- As a multi-year scholarship, you agree to write a message of thanks to the donor via email to [Donor-Relations@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:Donor-Relations@newcastle.edu.au) within 2 weeks of accepting your offer and provide a letter at the start of each subsequent year which highlights the impact and benefit the support has provided you throughout the disbursement and any potential flow-on effects that they may have on your career and perceived life trajectory.
- 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.
- You will not be required by the donor or the University to undertake employment as a condition of the award of this scholarship but are encouraged to participate in learning experiences and opportunities to engage provided within this scholarship program.

## 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 providing ongoing eligibility for the term of the scholarship.

The scholarship will be paid \$2,500 each semester 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

This scholarship does not provide a period of leave or deferral.

## 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 by 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 the scholarship, the scholarship may be stopped, and you may be required to repay any scholarship benefits to which you are not entitled to 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](mailto: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.

## DONOR REPORTING

The University of Newcastle will provide the donor with a report on the use of the funds following the conclusion of the term of the scholarship being funded, and not less than annually for multi-year scholarships.

Where the donor provides a scholarship that is, a multi-year scholarship, the University of Newcastle, in addition to the annual reports, will provide a closure report to the donor on the conclusion of the multi-year scholarship.

For the avoidance of doubt, at a minimum, the report should confirm that the donation has been allocated to the scholarship, that the recipient of the scholarship has maintained the required GPA, and that the recipient was a full-time student during the period covered in the report.

## **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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