



SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

The Dylan Alcott Foundation Scholarship

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

The purpose of the Scholarship is to help young Australians with disabilities gain confidence, fulfill their potential, and achieve their dreams through education.

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).
- Invited to participate in engagement opportunities between the Dylan Alcott Foundation and the University of Newcastle.

As a multi-year scholarship for 1 x student, up to \$10,000 pa in the form of tuition fees will be available for up to 3 years (provided that the conditions are met). This scholarship will be offered in conjunction with a university scholarship of \$5,000 pa. The total benefit will be \$45,000 over 3 years.

ESTABLISHMENT

The Dylan Alcott Foundation is committed to providing equal educational opportunities for people living with disability. Dylan Alcott AO established the Foundation with a mission to help enrich the lives of young people with disability by eliminating the barriers of entry to get involved in sport and study through mentoring, grants and scholarships.

This scholarship has been established in partnership with the University to help young Australians with disabilities gain confidence, fulfill their potential, and achieve their dreams through education.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

This is a donor-funded scholarship from the Dylan Alcott Foundation.

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be enrolled in any year of an undergraduate degree with a preference for 1st-year students with the University of Newcastle.
- Aged 26 or under.
- Demonstrate that your ability to study is affected, or will be affected, by the area of educational disadvantage: Long term medical condition/disability*.
- Demonstrate academic progress either by the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) or equivalent required for entry for commencing students, or a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0 for continuing students.

- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.

* Long-term medical condition/disability or ongoing effects of abuse

Definition

- A person whose ability to study at university is being affected, or is likely to be affected, by the long-term and ongoing effects of one of the following:
- a severe and long-term (or a severe and recurrent) medical/psychiatric condition or illness
- a learning, sensory, physical, psychological or other disability/disorder
- trauma or abuse

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.

You **may** be required to provide documents to support your educational disadvantage claims. These will be identified when you apply based on your individual application responses, but you can get an idea of what kinds of documents are required [here](#).

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.

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 **Multi College** Selection Panel which will consist of a minimum of three members chosen by the **Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)**.

Selection may give preference to eligible applicants in their first year of study.

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 (eg, 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

The Dylan Alcott Foundation Scholarship will be paid as tuition fees applied directly to student course fees via the University.

The Dylan Alcott Foundation Scholarship will contribute up to \$10,000 towards your course fees per annum (3 years total).

In addition to the Dylan Alcott Foundation Scholarship the selected beneficiary will also be provided a \$5,000 cash scholarship by the University per annum (3 years total).

This scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded.

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.

PUBLICITY

All Scholarship applicants must be aware that:

- The Dylan Alcott Foundation's prior written approval is required for any public communication in connection with the Scholarship or any other communication that makes use of the Dylan Alcott Foundation's name or logo.
- The Dylan Alcott Foundation may produce public communications in connection with the Scholarship. The Scholarship recipient will be invited to tell their story and share their image for the Foundation's internal and external communications.
- The recipient will be invited to represent the Dylan Alcott Foundation in media surrounding educational opportunities they've been provided.

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 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 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 & 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 permit 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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