



Edith Ethel Ward Perpetual PhD Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

SCHOLARSHIP INTENT

The donor established this scholarship to honour her mother, Edith Ethel Ward. Edith was a young widowed housewife during the Depression years of the nineteen thirties. There was no government aid however Edith was born with an endless supply of resilience to withstand hard times. Although untrained, she took on dress making and with the aid of a kerosene light and a treadle sewing machine supported herself and her daughter.

The donor hopes that the recipient of this scholarship will be passionate about their project and use it for work in the laboratory. To the successful student she gives the following advice;

“my hope is that you will be passionate about your project and use it for the work done in the laboratory. To successfully take your PhD to completion, you will need to be empathetic to those affected by this condition. Be persistent, do not be afraid to talk to people and be interested in who they are, so that together you can work for the best outcomes. Read widely across disciplines, and in great depth. This will be the only time in your research life that you have the true luxury of time to grow. The small details you’ll discover in your research, will take you beyond the completion of your PhD. This scholarship will help you on your journey by providing a reliable constant in an adventure that is well worth the effort.”

ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

This donor funded scholarship has been established and funded for a maximum of 3 years (full-time equivalent) for a current Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) candidate in the College of Health Medicine and Wellbeing.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for this supplementation scholarship, you must be enrolled at the University of Newcastle and meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled in a College of Health, Medicine and Wellbeing PhD degree in the research area of lung disease. Preference will be given to candidates whose research is in Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD);
- Have successfully completed confirmation by the application closing date;
- Must be enrolled and maintain full-time enrolment for the duration of the PhD candidature;
- Must currently be receiving a University of Newcastle stipend scholarship (excluding Completion Scholarship);
- Will not be in receipt of a supplementation scholarship of above \$11,000 from 1 January 2024;
- Must submit application and required documentation no later than the application closing date;
- Not be the recipient of another University of Newcastle Donor funded scholarship concurrently.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

The following documentation must be submitted with the scholarship application:

- A completed Edith Ethel Ward Perpetual PhD Supplementation Scholarship Application Form.
- A Curriculum Vitae

Any applicant that does not submit the required documentation above by the application closing date will not be considered for selection

SELECTION

Selection is a competitive process and will be based on assessment of the scholarship application and any required supporting documents. Applications will be ranked against the criteria outlined in the application form. All eligible applications will be considered by the Selection Committee for selection and sign off. The selection of the scholar will be made by a selection committee as nominated by the Pro Vice-Chancellor, College of Health Medicine and Wellbeing.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

If accepting this scholarship, you agree to the following conditions:

- Scholars are required to provide additional reports to Graduate Research as requested
- Supplementation Scholarship payments will commence in May 2024.
- The scholar must continue to meet the eligibility criteria and any other specified requirements for the duration of the scholarship.
- The scholarship is subject to annual review. Continuation of the scholarship and payment of the scholarship benefit are subject to the scholar maintaining satisfactory academic progress.
- Scholar will be required to provide an annual report outlining the impacts and outcomes of their research
- The scholar approves the disclosure of their name and details regarding their research topic, candidature progress and scholarships to the donor.

BENEFIT

- The supplementation scholarship provides a benefit of \$10,000 per annum for up to a maximum of 3 years (full-time) for a PhD program.
- This supplementation scholarship will be awarded from the date of May 2024 and until the expiry date of the candidate's stipend (excluding Completion Scholarship).
- The scholarship benefit and number of scholarships awarded may vary and will be determined by the funding available each year.

TERMINATION

A scholarship shall be retracted when:

- The scholar ceases to meet the eligibility criteria
- The University determines that the scholar has committed serious misconduct; or
- The scholar failed to maintain satisfactory academic progress.

When termination is likely due to the scholar failing to maintain satisfactory academic progress 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.

CONFIDENTIALITY

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

APPEALS

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.

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 Graduate Research 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.

VARIATIONS

The Dean of Graduate Research in consultation with the Director of Advancement, Office of Alumni and Philanthropy may vary any of the clauses of these conditions where it is satisfied that exceptional circumstances warrant such variation. In circumstances where a variation has occurred and applications have been received, then the scholarship must be re-advertised with the varied clause(s) included.

PRIVACY

If accepting a donor-funded scholarship, a summary of information provided with the application may be provided to an external donor and/or their representative. This is to inform the donor that the terms of the donation are met.

You may be asked by Graduate Research 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.

When applying, please review the Declaration and Authority at the start of your application which includes links to the University of Newcastle [Privacy Management Plan](#), and [Web Privacy Statement](#).

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