

# International Excellence Scholarship

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **1.0 ESTABLISHMENT**

The International Excellence Scholarship has been established to attract high-performing students to study at the University of Newcastle. This merit-based scholarship acknowledges applicants with a strong academic background and provides an ongoing incentive for continued academic achievement.

Scholarships will be awarded to applicants who receive an offer to study in an eligible program and who will commence study with the University of Newcastle in Trimester 2, 2024 and beyond.

### **2.0 DEFINITIONS**

**2.1** “Census Date” means the date in each term on which a student enrolled in a program of study is deemed to be financially liable for that program.

“Eligible program” means an undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree program delivered at an Australian campus as specified in Section 3.1.2.

“Internal transfer students” means current University students wishing to transfer to an alternative program of study prior to completion of their original program as indicated in their letter of offer.

“International Student” means a student who is not an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen or a holder of an Australia Permanent Residency Visa (or dual citizenship holders of either Australia or New Zealand). This includes students who will be studying at onshore campuses and have a student visa, provisional residency, temporary residency, or bridging visa with study permission.

“Letter of Offer” means the written offer provided to the applicant by the University of Newcastle’s Admissions Team which outlines the duration, cost, location, and associated terms for the applicant’s chosen program of study.

“Offshore campuses” means programs delivered by the University at campuses located outside of Australia and its territories.

“Program” means the program of study listed in the recipient’s letter of offer that corresponds with their scholarship letter.

“Recipient” means a recipient of the International Excellence Scholarship.

“Scholarship” means the International Excellence Scholarship.

“University” means the University of Newcastle.

### **3.0 ELIGIBILITY**

#### **3.1 The successful scholar must:**

- 3.1.1 Be an international full fee-paying student.
- 3.1.2 Be commencing study in an eligible CRICOS-registered undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree program at the University.
- 3.1.3 Not be the beneficiary of a separate University scholarship unless prior approval or special dispensation has been obtained from the university.
- 3.1.4 Be able to meet the financial obligations of a full fee-paying international student specified by the Australian Government. Evidence of this ability must be provided if requested by the university.

#### **3.2 The following students are not eligible to receive this scholarship, even if they meet the criteria outlined in 3.1:**

- 3.2.1 Students who have not received an offer for the scholarship.
- 3.2.2 Students who are studying ELBP, Enabling, Non-Award, Exchange or Study Abroad, Higher Degrees by Research programs, degrees without a CRICOS code and programs delivered at offshore campuses or via online delivery are not eligible for the scholarship.
- 3.2.3 Internal transfer students who are studying at an Australian campus and were not previously awarded a scholarship by the university.
- 3.2.4 Students who are sponsored by an external entity or are recipients of an Australia Awards scholarship, or students transferring from the University’s Singapore campus.

### **4.0 SELECTION**

#### **4.1 Scholarships are automatically assessed upon application to the University (where other eligibility criteria are met).**

- 4.1.1 Students will receive notification of the value of the scholarship within the Letter of Offer.
- 4.1.2 Should an applicant wish to reject this offer of scholarship, it is the recipient’s responsibility to inform the University.

#### **4.2 Scholarship offers will be made based on academic merit. All determinations of academic merit are aligned to the University’s published entry and eligibility processes and made at the discretion of the University.**

#### **4.3 The University reserves the right not to award the scholarship.**

- 4.3.1 The University reserves the right to withdraw or amend the offer of scholarship if the applicant is subsequently deemed to be ineligible, the applicant is in breach of the terms of the scholarship offer or the scholarship is no longer offered.

## **5.0 CONDITIONS OF AWARD**

- 5.1** The scholarship is payable for the number of units required to complete the eligible program as specified in the University's [program handbook](#). This excludes units awarded as credit or 'Recognition of Prior Learning,' and credit granted after the commencement of a program.
- 5.2** The scholarship must be taken up for the program (including master programs packaged with a graduate certificate or graduate diploma program).
- 5.2.1 If a recipient defers their offer to a future intake, scholarship eligibility will be reassessed prior to commencement and is not guaranteed.
- 5.2.2 If a recipient applies for an internal transfer to an alternative program or campus, scholarship eligibility will be reassessed and is not guaranteed. Students will not be eligible for a scholarship with a higher benefit than the original scholarship granted.
- 5.3** The scholarship provides a tuition fee waiver and does not cover the costs of visas, Overseas Student Health Cover, travel, accommodation, living expenses, amenities fees, books, study materials or any other expenses associated with studying at the University.
- 5.4** The recipient must pay the appropriate tuition fees within the stipulated payment deadlines and must remain in good financial standing with the University.
- 5.5** The recipient must remain compliant with the conditions of their visa, including but not limited to the requirement to maintain a full-time study load if holding a student visa, unless approval is obtained for a reduced study load (visit the University's [webpage](#) for additional details).
- 5.6** The recipient must maintain international student status during their enrolment at the University. The scholarship will be terminated if the recipient ceases to be an international student as defined under the Migration Regulations 1994.
- 5.7** The recipient must maintain a consistent level of academic achievement for the program of study. If a recipient does not maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 4.0 throughout their enrolment, eligibility for the scholarship will be reassessed and the scholarship may be cancelled. Reinstatement of the scholarship will be at the discretion of the University.
- 5.8** The recipient may be required to participate in marketing activities for and on behalf of the University, which may be published on the University's website or used for other promotional purposes. The recipient must be willing to be featured in such promotional collateral produced by the University and be involved in promotional activity arranged by the University. Recipients of this scholarship acknowledge and accept these terms and conditions and consent for their image and / or testimonial to be used for promotional purposes.

## 6.0 BENEFIT

- 6.1** The scholarship is based on a fixed value for each year of study under a standard full-time study load (80 units) apportioned over each course taken.

Table 1 outlines the maximum scholarship value available to the recipient dependent on region. Appendix A identifies the countries included in each region for this scholarship. It is applied on a pro-rata basis, taking into consideration approved reduced study load arrangements, credit exemptions, recognition of prior learning awards, progression or partial-year program enrolments.

Region	Asia Pacific	Africa & Middle East	Rest of World
Annual Scholarship Value	AU \$8,000	\$AU 4,000	AU \$0.00
Unit Value (based on 10 units)	AU \$1,000	AU \$500	AU \$0.00

**Table 1: Maximum scholarship value (AU\$) available per region.**

- 6.1.1** The scholarship will be administered for each term of study in the eligible program(s) as a tuition fee reduction against the number of units required to successfully complete the program of study as specified in the University's [program handbook](#). (see section 5.1).
- 6.1.2** For programs requiring over 80 full-time study loads for each year of study, the applicable unit value noted in Table 1 will be paid for each additional 10 units.
- 6.1.3** Where offers to a Master program are packaged with a Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma, the scholarship value is payable for both programs undertaken by the recipient.
- 6.2** Should a recipient need to retake units or take additional units to complete the program that exceeds the units of study indicated in the initial COE (the scholarship benefit has been exhausted), the scholarship benefit will no longer be applied to the remaining units of study required to complete the program.
- 6.3** The scholarship benefit will be applied as tuition fee waivers directly into the recipient's University student account.
- 6.3.1** This will reduce the tuition fee liability by the scholarship benefit amount for each term of the program of study, provided the conditions of the scholarship are maintained. The benefit amount will be calculated on the number of units the recipient is enrolled in at Census date for each term.

6.3.2 Recipients will be billed normal tuition fee rates based on enrolment load leading into census date of each eligible term for which the benefit applies. The tuition fee waiver may not be reflected on the tuition fee account until census has passed. After census date, a fee waiver will be applied to the recipient's student account.

**6.4** Any overpayment by the recipient will remain in the tuition fee account to allocate to the next term's fees.

6.4.1 A recipient who has completed their full program of study can apply for a refund of unallocated fees.

6.4.2 If a recipient withdraws from the program of study, the scholarship value (which was applied as a fee waiver to the student account) will be retained by the University and is not refundable to the recipient.

## **7.0 SUSPENSION OF SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT**

7.1 A recipient may apply in writing for a suspension of the scholarship benefit because of illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstances. All applications must be supported by appropriate documentary evidence for the request to be assessed.

7.2 Periods of suspension approved by the University shall not reduce the tenure of the scholarship.

## **8.0 TERMINATION**

8.1 A scholarship shall terminate before its due date of conclusion if the recipient:

8.1.1 Fails to fulfil any of the conditions of the scholarship, or

8.1.2 Relinquishes the scholarship, or

8.1.3 Ceases to be an international student at the University, whichever first occurs.

## **9.0 APPEALS**

9.1 An applicant for, or recipient of, a scholarship may appeal in writing to the University, if they believe that procedures followed were deficient, defective or unfair. The University will provide a written response to the appeal within 20 business days of receipt.

## **10.0 VARIATION**

10.1 The University reserves the right to vary any of the provisions of these conditions, where satisfied that circumstances warrant variation.



## APPENDIX A – Countries by region for the purpose of this scholarship

Asia Pacific	Africa and Middle East	
Bangladesh	Afghanistan	Madagascar
Bhutan	Algeria	Malawi
Brunei	Angola	Mali
Cambodia	Bahrain	Mauritania
China (including SAR's)	Benin	Mauritius
Fiji	Botswana	Morocco
India	Burkina Faso	Mozambique
Indonesia	Burundi	Namibia
Japan	Cabo Verde	Niger
Kiribati	Cameroon	Nigeria
Kazakhstan	Central African Republic	Oman
Kyrgyzstan	Chad	Palestinian Territories
Laos	Comoros	Qatar
Malaysia	Cote D'Ivoire	Republic of the Congo
Maldives	Democratic Republic of the	Rwanda
Mongolia	Congo	São Tomé and Príncipe
Myanmar	Djibouti	Saudi Arabia
Nepal	Egypt	Senegal
North Korea	Equatorial Guinea	Seychelles
Pakistan	Eritrea	Sierra Leone
Palau	Eswatini	Somalia
Papua New Guinea	Ethiopia	South Africa
Philippines	Gabon	South Sudan
Samoa	Gambia	Sudan
Singapore	Ghana	Swaziland
Solomon Islands	Guinea	Syria
South Korea	Guinea-Bissau	Tanzania
Sri Lanka	Iran	Togo
Taiwan	Iraq	Tunisia
Tajikistan	Israel	Türkiye
Thailand	Jordan	Uganda
Timor-Leste	Kenya	United Arab Emirates
Tonga	Kuwait	Yemen
Turkmenistan	Lebanon	Zambia
Tuvalu	Lesotho	Zimbabwe
Uzbekistan	Liberia	
Vanuatu	Libya	
Vietnam		

### Rest of World

Any country or territory not listed above.