



Tertiary Music Scholarship

Terms and Conditions

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

This scholarship aims to support students studying music with the University of Newcastle.

If accepting an offer of this scholarship, you will:

- 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 send a thank-you message to the scholarship donor within two weeks of accepting your offer, following the instructions in your scholarship offer letter.
- Be available for a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week (usually around August/September).

The total value of this scholarship is \$5,000 for a term of one year.

ESTABLISHMENT

These scholarships are intended to provide financial incentive for gifted students facing educational disadvantage to study at the University of Newcastle. These scholarships are open to any music student – instrumentalist, vocalist, composer or creative production major.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

This is a donor-funded scholarship from various generous donations to the University of Newcastle.

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be enrolled in any year of a Bachelor of Music and Performing Arts (including combined) at the University of Newcastle;
- Be intending to study on a full-time basis (minimum 60 units per year);
- Demonstrate academic progress 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;
- Demonstrate that your ability to study is affected, or will be affected, by an area of educational disadvantage such as carer or sole parent responsibilities, financial hardship, a long-term medical condition or disability, the ongoing effects of abuse, or regional/remote disadvantage. Equity scholarships will also consider attributes such as being an Indigenous Australian, having a Refugee background, or placement with an Out-of-Home Care (OOHC) provider. More information about the circumstances you can claim and documentation requirements is available on UAC's [equity scholarship categories and supporting documents](#) page. To view the process for establishing your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity and heritage with the university please visit the Wollotuka Institute's [study with us](#) page;

- Have demonstrated a high standard during your performance for admission to your music degree;
- 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 applying 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 to get an idea of the kinds of documents required please see UAC's [equity scholarship categories and supporting documents page](#).

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.

SELECTION

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

Selection will be made by the Music Selection Panel which will consist of a minimum of three members chosen by the Pro Vice-Chancellor – College of Human and Social Futures. An interview/audition may be arranged if required.

The Selection Panel will communicate the details of successful recipients to the Scholarships Office, and all applicants will be notified of an outcome via email within 6 weeks of the scholarship application closing date.

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).
- The scholarship is tenable for one year. The scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it was awarded, unless otherwise specified.
- This scholarship is subject to semester review. Continuation of the scholarship and payment of the scholarship benefit are subject to the scholar maintaining satisfactory academic progress, that is, GPA of 4.0 or higher, and continuing to meet the eligibility criteria of the scholarship.
- If your circumstances change in a way that impacts your eligibility (e.g., change in study load or withdrawal from study), you will notify scholarships@newcastle.edu.au.
- Agree to send a thank-you message to the scholarship donor within two weeks of accepting your offer, following the instructions in your scholarship offer letter.
- You will be available to attend a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week (usually around August/September) where you may have opportunity to meet with the donors and/or their representatives.

BENEFIT

The scholarship provides a total benefit of \$5,000, paid as one lump sum in Semester 1.

Payment is typically received 2–3 weeks after the semester census date, or 2–3 weeks after you accept your offer if the census date has already passed.

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 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.

Ongoing scholarships will not be paid out in full in instances where the recipient completes or discontinues 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 office via email to scholarships@newcastle.edu.au. Please provide appropriate documentary evidence to support your request.

A decision will be made by 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 Scholarships staff if you give permission for any short articles or newsletter items to be published. You may have the option to provide a photo, quote 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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