



SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

DST FEMALES IN STEM SCHOLARSHIP

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

These Defence Science Technology Scholarships for women are aiming to increase diversity in the STEM field with a view to developing a diverse, high performing, skilled future workforce.

If accepting an offer of this scholarship, you will:

- Maintain your full time enrolment and academic progress with a GPA of 5.0 for the duration of the scholarship.
- Have an interest in a career in Defence and commitment to participating in the opportunities to engage with DST scientists and programs provided throughout this scholarship.
- **Agree to obtain and maintain an Australian Government security clearance at the level of Baseline, to be in place by August in the year of award.**
- 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 your offer, and
- Be available for a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week events (usually around September).

This is an ongoing scholarship for a maximum of 4 years of your undergraduate program, including Honours.

ESTABLISHMENT

Defence Science & Technology (DST) is the Australian government's lead agency responsible for applying science and technology to safeguard Australia and its national interests.

As one of Australia's largest employers of scientists and engineers, DST delivers expert, impartial advice and innovative solutions for Defence and national security. DST supports every aspect of Australia's national defence capability. If a soldier eats it, wears it, thinks it, uses it or has to fight against it, there's every chance that DST has done the research behind it.

The Defence Science Technology Scholarships for Women in Science Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) are part of DST's strategic plan to increase diversity in the STEM field. DST has a requirement to develop an appropriately skilled STEM workforce and a diverse, high performing talent pipeline is key to that. These scholarships will be awarded to women who not only are studying STEM subjects, but also have an interest in a career in Defence. There will be multiple opportunities to engage with DST scientists and programs throughout the period of the scholarship.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

These are donor-funded scholarships from Defence, Science, and Technology, Department of Defence.

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be enrolled in the 2nd year of B Science, B Biotechnology, B Biomedical Science, B Computer Science, B Engineering, B Mathematics, B Information Technology, or B Exercise and Sports Science (Honours and combined degrees included) with University of Newcastle;
- Be enrolled full time (min 30 units per semester or equivalent);
- Have a GPA of 5.0 or higher;
- Be Female;
- Be an Australian Citizen;
- Be willing to obtain and maintain an Australian Government security clearance at the level of Baseline, to be in place by August in the year of award;
- 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.
- An outline of your interest in the scholarship and associated future opportunities with this Industry partner. You will also have the option to provide documents supporting your community leadership claims and academic achievements.

SELECTION

Selection is a competitive process and will be based on assessment of the scholarship application and any required supporting documents. The Selection Committee will take into account prior academic achievement, interest in a career in Defence, community leadership, and involvement with extra-curricular activities.

Selection will be made by the Multi-Faculty Selection Committee which will consist of a minimum of three members chosen by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic. Two representatives from DST will also be included.

The Selection Committee will communicate the details of successful recipients to the delegated Scholarships Officer, and all applicants notified of an outcome via email. This will usually occur within 6 weeks of the scholarship close date.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

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

- You will continue to meet relevant eligibility criteria for the duration of the scholarship, unless special consideration is approved (see below). This includes ongoing full time enrolment in an eligible STEM program and maintaining a minimum GPA of 5.0 (credit average).
- 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 will apply for and maintain an Australian Government security clearance at the level of Baseline, to be in place by August in the year of award. The scholarship may be withdrawn if this requirement is not met.
- You will not be required by the donor or the university to undertake employment as a condition of award of this scholarship, but are encouraged to participate in learning experiences and opportunities to engage provided within this scholarship program.
- 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 may also provide contact details and permission for them to contact you regarding the industry opportunities associated with this scholarship.

- You will also make reasonable efforts to be available to attend a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week (usually around September) where you may have opportunity to meet with donors and/or their representatives.

BENEFIT

This scholarship is ongoing for up to 4 years provided ongoing eligibility is maintained and must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded.

The scholarship provides a total benefit of \$40,000 over the full 4 year tenure.

The scholarship will be paid as \$5000 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.

Student Central Scholarships staff 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 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 and the donor/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 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 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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