



SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY SPORT SCHOLARSHIP

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

This scholarship was established in 1994 to support students with demonstrated sporting ability to contribute to the sporting achievements of University of Newcastle.

If accepting an offer of this scholarship, you will:

- Maintain your full-time enrolment and academic progress with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0 or higher for the duration of the scholarship.
- Be a member of a University of Newcastle sporting team or represent the University in an individual or team sport.
- Notify scholarships@newcastle.edu.au of any changes to your circumstances - such as reduced study load 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).

This scholarship is a one-off lump sum payment of \$5000 in the semester of award.

ESTABLISHMENT

This scholarship was established in 1994 to support students with demonstrated sporting ability and encourage their contribution to the sporting achievements of the university. The purpose of this scholarship is to improve the quality of our sporting teams, raise the university's profile through sport, and establish a standard of excellence to complement our academic achievements.

Students are able to represent the university in a wide range of sports as members of sporting clubs or at inter-university competitions. Student participation in sport is facilitated by the broad range of sporting facilities which are among the best in the region.

It is the intention of this scholarship that the successful recipient will be active on campus and/or participate in inter-university competitions, representing the university at local, district, and national levels in their chosen sport.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

This is a donor-funded scholarship from the Friends of the University.

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be enrolled in any year of an undergraduate degree or enabling program at the University of Newcastle;
- Be a member of, and play with a University of Newcastle sporting team or represent the University in an individual or team sport;
- Be enrolled full time (min 30 units per semester or equivalent);
- Demonstrate that your ability to study is affected, or will be affected, by areas of educational disadvantage. These include being a carer and/or sole parent, experiencing financial hardship, a long-

term medical condition/disability, ongoing effects of abuse, regional or remote disadvantage, or English language difficulty. It also includes attributes of being an Indigenous Australian or having Refugee status.

- Have a GPA of 4.0 or higher for continuing students;
- Have attained an equivalent sporting standard in the previous 2 years of selection at district representative level in the sport for an Under 17 or older age district team as a minimum;
- Must not be a Professional Sports Person;
- Must not have previously received this scholarship.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

As part of your application, you will need to prepare:

- A personal statement detailing your sporting achievements, your goals while studying with University of Newcastle, and how this scholarship will assist you.
- A written reference which can confirm your sporting achievements, including selection for and participation in highlight events if applicable.
- Evidence of selection in a representative team or participation in a highlight event, including web links to details of selection and participation, published articles and results. You can also include your cv, club memberships etc.

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 a Selection Committee which will consist of a minimum of three members chosen by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic and which may include members external to the University of Newcastle.

The Selection Committee 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.

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 (e.g., 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 agree to be a member of, and play for, a University of Newcastle sporting team or represent the University in an individual or team sport.
- You will 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 a one-off lump sum payment and must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded.

The scholarship provides a total benefit of \$5000 to be paid as a lump sum not prior to semester one census date.

The scholarship benefit and number of scholarships awarded may vary and will be determined by the funding available each year.

PERIODS OF LEAVE

You may apply in writing to scholarships@newcastle.edu.au for consideration to reserve your scholarship if you are unable to study due to illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstances. An application must be supported by documentary evidence.

Periods of approved leave for the scholarship:

- must not exceed two consecutive semesters of study; and
- will not be counted towards the term of the scholarship.

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 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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