



## SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

# MUSWELLBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL CREATIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

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## BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

This scholarship supports a student enrolled in **CIND3003 – Creative Industries Professional Project**.

If accepting an offer of this scholarship, you will:

- Maintain your enrolment and satisfactory academic progress for the duration of the scholarship.
- Notify [scholarships@newcastle.edu.au](mailto: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.
- Undertake the Work Integrated Learning component in partnership with Muswellbrook Shire Council.
- Agree to write a message of thanks to the donor via email to [Donor-Relations@newcastle.edu.au](mailto: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 for a duration of one year and provides a payment of \$4000 after the relevant census date.

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## ESTABLISHMENT

This scholarship was established by Muswellbrook Shire Council to support students in developing collaborative creative practice through project-based initiatives. It is the intention of these scholarships to support students in the Creative Industries Professional Project course CIND3003.

The scholarships aim to support students across disciplines of communications, design, film, music, and the visual and performing arts. Muswellbrook Shire Council recognises the value in providing students with a real industry project to build skills, encourage collaborative creative work practices and provide scope for potential future projects and career insights.

This project will use a joint supervisory model with a supervisory team consisting of 1 x principal supervisor from the University of Newcastle and 1 x associate supervisor from Muswellbrook Shire Council (MSC).

Joint supervisory meetings will be held once a fortnight or as required during the period of the scholarship. Meetings may be held electronically or at University of Newcastle or Muswellbrook as needs dictate. This does not preclude any additional informal supervision, advice, guidance or instruction being provided by the principal and/or associate supervisors. The independent research / learning may occur on campus, at the site of research (MSC), and other research sites to be determined by the requirements of the Blue Heeler Film Festival timeline. Successful scholarship recipients will attend required classes and/or meetings as determined by UON and MSC.

## FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

This scholarship is donor-funded from Muswellbrook Shire Council.

## ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be enrolled in **CIND3003 – Creative Industries Professional Project**.
- Be enrolled full-time.
- Demonstrate high academic achievement of a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5.0 or higher.
- *Preference* may be given to applicants who are experiencing educational disadvantage such as carer responsibilities, sole parent responsibilities, financial hardship, English language difficulty,

Indigenous Australian, long term medical condition/disability or ongoing effects of abuse, Refugee status, Regional or remote disadvantage.

- Not be the recipient of another UON 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.
- The application includes a free text question asking you to outline your interest in completing your Professional Project with Muswellbrook Shire Council and interest in the Blue Heeler Film Festival (up to 1000 characters).
- You *may* be required to provide documents to support your educational disadvantage claims. These will be identified when you apply based on your individual application responses, but you can get an idea of what kinds of documents are required [here](#).

Any applicant that does not submit requested documentation, including documentary evidence identified in the application, 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 College of Human and Social Futures Selection Panel which will consist of a minimum of three members chosen by the Pro Vice-Chancellor, College of Human and Social Futures (or their nominee).

The Selection Panel may give preference to candidates who have demonstrated that they are impacted by one or more types of educational disadvantage, however this is not a prerequisite to apply.

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 2 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).
- Maintain your enrolment and satisfactory academic progress for the duration of the scholarship.
- 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](mailto:scholarships@newcastle.edu.au).
- You agree to write a letter of thanks to the donor via email to [Donor-Relations@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:Donor-Relations@newcastle.edu.au) within 2 weeks of accepting your offer.
- 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 for a term of one year and must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded.

The scholarship provides a total benefit of \$4000 paid after the relevant census dates (usually September for semester 2).

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 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](mailto: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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