

HunterWiSE Scholarship for Women in STEM

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

HunterWiSE will provide a \$5,000 scholarship to support a female student in the College of Engineering Science and Environment (CESE). The scholarship is available to first-year University of Newcastle CESE students studying an eligible degree (listed below) with the intention to increase the participation of females in these areas of study.

In accepting an offer of this scholarship, you will:

- Maintain your full-time enrolment and academic progress with the University of Newcastle for the duration of the scholarship.
- Notify <u>scholarships@newcastle.edu.au</u> 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/s via email to <u>Donor-Relations@newcastle.edu.au</u> within 2 weeks of accepting your offer.

This scholarship is for \$5,000.00 provided following the census date in the semester of award. The scholarship is for a period of one year, with a one-off lump sum payment.

ESTABLISHMENT

HunterWiSE would like to support female participation in STEM careers. It is intended but not required that scholars will engage in HunterWiSE initiatives. Scholars will be invited to apply for HunterWiSE mentor roles and are encouraged to participate in HunterWiSE Network events.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

This is a donor-funded scholarship from HunterWiSE.

ELIGIBILITY

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

• Be enrolled in your first year of one of the following eligible programs:

Bachelor of Aerospace Engineering (Honours)

Bachelor of Chemical Engineering (Honours)

Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Honours)

Bachelor of Computer Science

Bachelor of Computer Systems Engineering (Honours)

Bachelor of Construction Management (Building) (Honours)

Bachelor of Data Science

Bachelor of Electrical & Electronic Engineering (Honours)

Bachelor of Information Technology

Bachelor of Mathematics

Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering (Honours)

Bachelor of Mechatronics Engineering (Honours)

Bachelor of Renewable Energy Engineering (Honours)

Bachelor of Science - Major Chemistry

Bachelor of Science - Major Physics

Bachelor of Software Engineering (Honours)

Bachelor of Surveying (Honours)

- Be enrolled full-time;
- Be an Australian citizen, Australian Permanent Resident (includes New Zealand Permanent Residents).
- Not hold another University of Newcastle donor-funded or sponsored scholarship concurrently.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

No application is required for this scholarship.

SELECTION

The scholarship will be awarded automatically following the relevant semester main Admissions intakes. Available scholarships will be awarded to the highest ranked eligible student/s, with consideration given to the following, in order:

- Academic merit, namely Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR);
- Completion of Australian Year 12 in the year prior to study;
- Programs with the lowest female participation in that year;
- Relocation from a rural or remote area to study.

Selection will be made by Scholarships staff within the Academic Division, with recipients communicated to the Office of Alumni and Philanthropy prior to the award for records and communication to the donor representative.

Scholarships staff will communicate the details of successful recipients.

The university reserves the right not to award the scholarship.

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 (eg, 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 will be available to attend a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week (usually around September) where you may have the opportunity to meet with donors and/or their representatives.
- You will not be required by the donor or the University to undertake employment as a condition of the award of this scholarship but are encouraged to engage with HunterWiSE.

BENEFIT

The scholarship provides a total benefit of \$5,000 over 1-year tenure and must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded.

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.

The Scholarships Office may terminate the scholarship before the term has expired if:

- The scholarship conditions are not met, including relevant eligibility criteria and scholarship retention 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 and the donor/s 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 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 representing the donor's intent.

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.

SCHOLARSHIPS OFFICER

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