



SPARKE HELMORE LAW SCHOLARSHIP

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

Sparke Helmore Scholarship for 4th Year Law Students

The intention of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to a 4th year Bachelor of Laws (Honours) student with demonstrated academic excellence, who is experiencing financial hardship. The Scholarship aims to provide additional opportunities to participate in professional placement and mentorship through connection to Sparke Helmore.

If 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 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 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 \$5,000 for a period of one year, paid at the relevant census date.

ESTABLISHMENT

Sparke Helmore Lawyers today is truly national award-winning firm that covers five core areas of law and has more than 30 specialised areas of expertise. From our humble beginnings in the Hunter, we're now over 800 people strong across nine offices, servicing a loyal client base of Australian and global organisations.

Our two Hunter locations currently have a combined 13 partners who are each leaders in their fields and with their teams, service clients across diverse sectors.

We have supported many great businesses over the years and will continue to do so into the future to drive the growth and transformation of our regional economy, The future of the Hunter has never been more positive, and our aim is to continue to provide high quality legal services to enable regional businesses to participate in and profit from the continued evolution of Newcastle and the Hunter.

Since 2007 we have provided mentoring for women through our Six Degrees Network, and we've also supported the University of Newcastle Law Students Association (UNLSA) Women in Law events since 2012. We have supported the School of Law & Justice in many ways since its inception including a sponsorship of a Chair of Commercial Law in the 1990's, membership of the Faculty Advisory Board and hosting students as part of their professional workplace experience requirements. A number of our professional staff and partners are graduates of the University's law school. It gives us a great sense of purpose to nurture and encourage the next generation of talent; it speaks to who we are as a firm and to who we want to continue to be into the future.

We're also active members of the community through fundraising for local charities and not for profit organisations including as a proud sponsor of the Sparke Helmore Corporate Triathlon, held every year in November and now in its 30th year.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

This is a donor-funded scholarship from Sparke Helmore.

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be enrolled in 4th year Bachelor of Laws (Honours) with the University of Newcastle.
- Be enrolled full time (min 30 units per semester or equivalent).
- Have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5.0 for continuing students.
- Be experiencing financial hardship.
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.
- 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 submitting for.
- Up to 3 documents which demonstrate your academic achievement, such as awards and acknowledgements, participation in enrichment and travel programs or internships, academic competitions or challenges, your portfolio and/or cv.
- Proof of financial hardship as defined by [UAC](#)

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 Panel which will consist of a minimum of three members chosen by the Pro Vice-Chancellor College of Human and Social Futures.

The Selection Panel 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.

Where there is only one eligible applicant for a scholarship, the Scholarships Officer may award without referral to a selection panel, in consultation with the Office of Alumni and Philanthropy.

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).
- 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 may also provide contact details and permission for them to contact you regarding the industry opportunities associated with this scholarship.
- You will be available to attend a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week (usually around September) where you may have opportunity to meet with the donors and/or their representatives.
- You will not be required by the donor or the University to undertake Work Integrated Learning as a condition of award of this scholarship but are encouraged to participate in learning experiences and opportunities, including with the donor.

BENEFIT

This scholarship is a one-off lump sum payment of \$5,000 for a period of one year, paid at the relevant census date. This scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded.

The scholarship provides a total benefit of \$5,000.

The scholarship will be paid after the relevant census date.

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, and the donor or 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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