



## SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

# HUNTER NEW ENGLAND POPULATION HEALTH INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP

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## BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

The Hunter New England Population Health (HNEPH) Indigenous Scholarships aim to raise the profile of HNEPH as a future employer for Indigenous University of Newcastle graduates and also support them in their studies while providing experience of health promotion research relevant to but outside of their tertiary studies.

If accepting an offer of this scholarship, you will:

- Maintain your **full-time enrolment** in our program as well as a **GPA of 4.0** for the duration of the scholarship.
- Have a commitment to pursuing opportunities to engage with HNEPH provided within this scholarship and an interest in paid work opportunities particularly within the Healthy Children's Initiative.
- 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.
- 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 your offer, and
- Be available for a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week events (usually around September).

The scholarship provides a benefit of \$5000 each year of eligible study to a maximum of 3 years.

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## ESTABLISHMENT

Hunter New England Population Health delivers services that support the development and maintenance of healthy environments, healthy communities and healthy people. Our mission is to protect and promote the health and well-being of people in the Hunter, New England and wider communities.

Our services include responding to environmental, emergency and communicable disease threats, and promoting policies, services, environments and behaviours that are conducive to good health. Such services incorporate the principles and strategies of epidemiology, surveillance, health protection, health promotion, behaviour and practice change, and research.

The Hunter New England Population Health (HNEPH) Indigenous Scholarship aims to raise the profile of HNEPH as a potential future employer for Indigenous students of University of Newcastle within the fields of Nutrition and Dietetics, Education, and Psychological Science. The scholarship also seeks to provide scholars with experience of health promotion research in the real world, relevant to their studies. The expected outcome is adding to the viable employee recruitment market for identified vacant positions within HNEPH health promotion.

The scholar may be offered the opportunity of paid work to join Healthy Children's Initiative – a state wide childhood obesity prevention health promotion program focused on healthy eating and physical activity, delivered through primary schools.

## FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

These are donor-funded scholarships from Hunter New England Population Health.

## ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be enrolled in your 1<sup>st</sup> year of a Bachelor of Psychological Science, Bachelor of Education, or a Bachelor of Nutrition and Dietetics (Honours) with University of Newcastle.
- Be enrolled full time (min 30 units per semester or equivalent).
- Identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and be recognised as such your community.
- 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.
- Documents for establishing Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status within the University of Newcastle. Please see a list of accepted documents [here](#).

## SELECTION

Selection is a competitive process and will be based on assessment of the scholarship application and any required supporting documents. Available scholarships will go to the most competitive applicant/s.

Selection will be made by the Wollotuka Selection Committee which will consist of a minimum of three members chosen by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic. Interviews may be held with shortlisted applicants.

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 program and maintaining a minimum GPA of 4.0.
- 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](mailto:scholarships@newcastle.edu.au).
- This scholarship may include the opportunity to undertake a period of paid work. By accepting this scholarship, you are committing to participate in this program if this becomes available. Contact details for the Industry Partner will be made available to you.
- 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 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**

The scholarship is ongoing for a maximum of 3 years with a total benefit of \$15,000 provided ongoing eligibility is met and must be taken up in the year of award.

The scholarship provides a benefit of \$5000 annually. This will be paid following semester one census date, usually in April.

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](mailto: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 shall not reduce the tenure 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/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. This includes consideration for periods of part-time study. Please apply by via email to the Scholarships Officer at [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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