



## SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

# Dr Geoffrey Leonard AM Scholarship Conditions

### BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

This scholarship was established by Dr Geoffrey Leonard in 2009 to assist eligible students from rural and remote areas who are studying a Business, Commerce or Accounting program within the Faculty of Business and Law. Dr Geoffrey Leonard is a recipient of the UoN 1999 Newton-John Award and named as one of the 'Magnificent Seven', one of the most successful owner-operated businesses in the Hunter in 25 years. He was a graduate of the University of Newcastle and has given his service on the University Council and the UoN

If accepting an offer of this scholarship, you will:

- Maintain full-time or part-time enrolment and academic progress with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of **5** 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.
- Agree to write a message of thanks to the donor via the form link provided with your offer letter or by 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).

The scholarship provides \$5,000 for a period of 1 year/s.

### FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

This is a donor-funded scholarship from Dr Geoffrey Leonard.

### ESTABLISHMENT

This scholarship was established in 2009.

### ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be enrolled in the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year of an undergraduate degree program with the University of Newcastle in a Bachelor of Business, Bachelor of Commerce or a combined degree where both degrees are offered.
- Be enrolled full-time.
- Any academic criteria for ATAR 75/GPA 5
- Demonstrate the impact of educational disadvantage such as carer and sole parent responsibilities, financial hardship, long-term medical condition, a disability, the ongoing effects of abuse, regional/remote disadvantage, and English language difficulty.
- Equity scholarships will also consider applicant attributes such as being an Indigenous Australian, having a Refugee background, or placement with an Out-of-Home Care provider.
- Not have previously completed a degree.
- Be an Australian Citizen.
- Not be the recipient of another University of Newcastle donor-funded or sponsored scholarship concurrently.

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

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

- A written statement demonstrating/outlining your academic achievements to date, career aspirations in the relevant area of study/research, and how this scholarship would assist you
- You *may* be required to provide documents to support your educational disadvantage claims. These will be identified when you apply based on your application responses.

Any applicant who does not submit the required documentation, including documentary evidence, will not be considered for selection.

Other examples of supporting documents may include a CV, evidence of sporting achievements, evidence of community involvement, an essay/proposal, a driver's license, a health care card, etc.

## SELECTION

Selection is a competitive process and will be based on an assessment of the scholarship application and any required supporting documents.

Selection will be made by the relevant Selection Committee which will consist of a minimum of three members chosen by the College of Human and Social Futures.

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.

For applicants not receiving an offer, this does not mean you have been assessed as ineligible. The number of applications often far exceeds the number of scholarships available so it may mean that other applicants have been assessed as being in greater need of support at this time or were more competitive for the scholarship. Do not let an unsuccessful outcome deter you from applying for other scholarships and reapplying every year you study.

## CONDITIONS OF AWARD

If accepting this scholarship, you agree to the following conditions:

- The scholarship is tenable for up to 1 year. The scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it was awarded unless otherwise specified.
- The scholar shall continue to meet all eligibility criteria specified in these conditions and any other specified requirements for the duration of the scholarship unless special consideration is approved (see special consideration section below).
- This scholarship is subject to semester review. Continuation of the scholarship and payment of the scholarship benefit is subject to the scholar maintaining satisfactory academic progress, that is, a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5 or higher and continuing to meet the eligibility criteria of the scholarship. Documentary evidence may be requested to confirm ongoing eligibility.
- The scholar shall not be required by the donor or the University to undertake employment as a condition of the award of the scholarship.
- The scholar will make themselves available for an official presentation ceremony and meeting with the scholarship donor in Scholars Week.

## BENEFIT

The scholarship currently provides a total maximum benefit of \$5,000. This will be paid in two annual installments of \$2,500 made after the Semester one and Semester two census dates.

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
- 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; or
- The scholar completes their study and/or ceases to be a student with the University of Newcastle; or
- The scholar has committed serious misconduct (as determined following 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 or their representative will be 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 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 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 the 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 permit 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 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 about 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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