

ELBP Start Now Scholarship

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1.0 ESTABLISHMENT

1.1 The English Language Bridging Program (ELBP) Start Now Scholarship has been established to encourage and support international students from the regions of Southeast Asia, South Asia, and Africa to study ELBP plus Undergraduate or Postgraduate programs with the University of Newcastle (Australia).

1.2 The ELBP Start Now Scholarship will be available to eligible international students commencing their ELBP in 2023 and 2024.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

2.1 "UON" means The University of Newcastle;
"ELBP" means English Language Bridging Program;
"ELBP session" means one of the 9 nominated ELBP study periods and each consists of 5 weeks as advertised on the UON website and the promotional materials;
"Scholarship" means the ELBP Start Now Scholarship;
"Scholar/s" means a recipient of a scholarship;
"Program" means the ELBP program in which the scholar is enrolled;
"Our" means University of Newcastle;
"International Student" means a student who is not an Australian Citizen, a New Zealand Citizen or a holder of an Australia Permanent Residency Visa;

3.0 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The successful scholar must:

- 3.1.1 Be an international full-fee paying student from South East Asia, South Asia or Africa.
- 3.1.2 Be enrolled full-time.
- 3.1.3 Be commencing 10 weeks ELBP plus a UON destination program.
- 3.1.4 Meet all of the financial obligations of a full-fee paying international student, including the full tuition fee and other expenses for the purpose of obtaining your student visa, and in the event that eligibility for the scholarship is not maintained.

4.0 SELECTION

- 4.1** No application is required for this scholarship.
- 4.2** Eligibility for this scholarship will be assessed alongside your application for admission to the University of Newcastle and you may be automatically awarded this scholarship.
- 4.3** Scholarships will be awarded where criteria are met and the quota has not been exceeded. Where funding permits, English Language Pathways will aim to support all eligible scholars.
- 4.4** English Language Pathways reserves the right not to award a scholarship.

5.0 CONDITIONS OF AWARD

- 5.1** The scholarship is tenable for the scholar's ELBP duration as listed on their letter of offer.
- 5.2** The scholarship must be taken up for the program and in the ELBP sessions for which it was awarded.
- 5.3** The scholar shall continue to fulfil the relevant eligibility criteria specified in clause 3, for the duration of the scholarship.
- 5.4** The scholarship provides a tuition fee waiver and does not cover the costs of visas, Overseas Student Health Cover, travel, accommodation, living expenses, SSAF, books and study materials or any other expenses associated with studying at the University of Newcastle.
- 5.5** The scholar must pay their tuition fees within the stipulated payment deadlines and must remain in good financial standing with the University.
- 5.6** The scholar must remain compliant with the conditions of the student visa, including but not limited to the requirements to maintain a full-time study load and satisfactory attendance and academic progress.
- 5.7** The scholar must maintain international student status for the duration of their enrolment in the University. The scholarship will be terminated if a student ceases to be an international student.

6.0 BENEFIT

- 6.1** The scholarship benefit is payable as a tuition fee waiver for the ELBP duration listed on the scholar's letter of offer.
 - The scholar's ELBP tuition will be \$421 per week for 2023 and \$434 per week for 2024. This is a reduction of approximately 15%.
- 6.2** The scholarship will be applied directly to the recipient's UON Student Account at the beginning of each relevant ELBP session.
- 6.3** The advertised number of scholarships available is indicative only and subject to funding.

7.0 SUSPENSION OF SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT

7.1 There is no provision for leave or deferral of this scholarship.

8.0 SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

8.1 Where a scholar is not meeting the conditions of the scholarship due to illness, injury or other extenuating circumstances, they may apply in writing to English Language Pathways for special consideration. Applications must be supported by appropriate documentary evidence for the decision process.

9.0 TERMINATION

9.1 A scholarship shall terminate before its due date of conclusion if the scholar:

- 9.1.1. fails to fulfil any of the conditions of the scholarship; or
- 9.1.2. relinquishes the scholarship; or
- 9.1.3. ceases to be a student of the University, whichever first occurs.

10.0 VARIATION

10.1 The Director, Centre for Pathways and Learning Support, may vary any of the provisions of these conditions, where satisfied that exceptional circumstances warrant variation.