



## SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

# ANDREW BROWN SPORT SCHOLARSHIP

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## BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

This scholarship is to alleviate financial hardship and support participation in University of Newcastle sports for a student at any level of study.

If accepting an offer of this scholarship, you will:

- Maintain your full-time enrolment and academic progress with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0 or higher for the duration of the scholarship.
- Be a member of a University of Newcastle sporting team or represent the University in an individual or team sport.
- Notify [scholarships@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@newcastle.edu.au) of any changes to your circumstances - such as reduced study load 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 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 \$5000 in the semester of award.

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## ESTABLISHMENT

Andrew Brown is a University of Newcastle Mechanical Engineering Alumnus who completed his degree in 1991. Andrew feels lucky to have the education and support he has and realises that others were not so lucky. Andrew was highly engaged in sporting clubs during his time at university and recognises the value that the clubs had during his time at university and in developing his networks.

In recognition of the important role that sports and university sports clubs played in his own development and educational experience, Andrew would like to support a student to enjoy the same benefits where financial hardship may otherwise prevent them from participating in tertiary study and sports activities.

## FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

This is a donor-funded scholarship from Andrew Brown.

## ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be enrolled in any year of an enabling program, undergraduate, postgraduate, or graduate research degree with the University of Newcastle (excludes non-award);
- Be a member of, and play with a University of Newcastle sporting team or represent the university in an individual or team sport;
- Be enrolled full time (min 30 units per semester or equivalent);
- Demonstrate impact of personal circumstances, such as carer, sole parent, financial hardship, English language difficulty, Indigenous Australian, long term medical condition or effects of abuse, disability, refugee status, regional/remote disadvantage.

- Demonstrate that the ability to study is affected, or will be affected, by financial hardship. Must not have previously received this scholarship.

## 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.
- Financial disadvantage may be verified by providing your centrelink reference number (CRN). If additional documentation is needed, these will be detailed under the documents section of your application.
- You **may** be required to provide other documents to support your educational disadvantage claims. These will be identified when you apply based on your individual application responses, but you can get an idea of what kinds of documents are required [here](#).

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 Committee which will consist of a minimum of three members chosen by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic and which may include members external to the University of Newcastle.

The Selection Committee 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.

## 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 (e.g., change in study load or withdrawal from study), you agree to notify [scholarships@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@newcastle.edu.au).
- 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 agree to be a member of, and play for, a University of Newcastle sporting team or represent the University in an individual or team sport.
- You will 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

This scholarship is a one-off lump sum payment and must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded.

The scholarship provides a total benefit of \$5000 to be paid as a lump sum not prior to semester one census date.

The scholarship benefit and number of scholarships awarded may vary and will be determined by the funding available each year.

## 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.

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 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](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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