

# INDUSTRY SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIPS



## SECURING COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE THROUGH WORLD-CLASS RESEARCH

### WHAT IS AN INDUSTRY-SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIP?

At the University of Newcastle, we understand that businesses face a wide range of challenges.

Those that can access new technologies and solutions often reap a range of benefits including increased market penetration, better margins, and a stronger commercial advantage in this globally connected world.

The University of Newcastle's Industry Sponsored Scholarship (ISS) program provides an opportunity for businesses to sponsor a PhD candidate (over 3.5 years\*) to conduct research relevant to their challenges, be they economic, environmental or societal.

\*Unless otherwise approved a full-time candidate must complete their PhD studies within 3.5 years. Contact us to discuss a Masters of Philosophy option which is also available.



## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO INDUSTRY?

The benefits for industry partners include access to: quality graduates keen to conduct industry-relevant research (who are supported by highly experienced academic supervisors), world-class research centres with state-of-the-art infrastructure and facilities; and exposure to other collaborative funding opportunities (which in addition to accessing further capital for research, creates opportunities to address problems with a multi-disciplinary perspective).

The University of Newcastle, in consultation with industry, will help identify and recruit highly skilled, motivated students and match them with expert supervisors who operate at the forefront of industry innovation. This program offers students a tax-free scholarship to develop new knowledge in areas of interest to industry while also contributing to their respective sector's competitiveness\*\*.

Importantly, under our ISS Program the University is also able to offer the sponsoring industry partner an exclusive option to negotiate a commercial license to the Intellectual Property created during the student's research program.

There are also opportunities for existing industry employees to enroll in our Higher Degree Research (HDR) programs subject to the normal admission criteria, while their industry employer provides a salary-based allowance in lieu of a scholarship stipend.

\*\*For qualifying domestic students not employed by the sponsoring business

## WHY SPONSOR A PhD STUDENT?

Many students are attracted to a research experience that positions them well for securing employment after completing their HDR studies. This program offers the flexibility for students to spend time at the industry sponsor's premises and to be co-supervised by qualified industry mentors. As such, the program attracts high-quality candidates interested in boosting their prospects for future employment. While there can be no requirement that the candidate takes up a position, the program will forge relationships with life-ready graduates equipped with real-world research and industry project management skills.

## DOCTORAL TRAINING CENTRES (DTCs)

For industries operating in the advanced Mining Equipment, Technology and Services (METS) or Food and Agribusiness sectors, students receiving an ISS have the additional benefit of joining one of the two dedicated Doctoral Training Centres (DTC) administered by the Newcastle Institute for Energy and Resources (NIER). These centres bring students, academics and industry together in a multi-disciplinary model with initiatives that support meaningful connections between industry and researchers. Through this associated network, there are increased opportunities to access further collaborative projects to drive business development and innovation. Additional information about the current DTC's can be found here.

## WHAT DOES IT COST TO SPONSOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

The overall cost associated with an ISS consists of two parts:

1. The industry sponsor provides a stipend (which via the University) is allocated to a PhD student, with the base cost to support a domestic HDR student approx. \$30,500 pa and approx. \$35,500 for an international student.
2. A waiver for the University's tuition fees (\$80,000 for domestic and approx. \$172,000 for an international student for a maximum 4 years of full-time candidature including time for examination) can be requested from the University once an industry sponsorship is in place. These are assessed on a case-by-case basis, noting that only in particular circumstances would the waiver not be granted.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the benefits or to discuss any commercial aspects of the program, please contact the Office of Knowledge Exchange and Enterprise (KEE).

If you would like to discuss potential research areas with an academic expert, we will connect you with our HDR Partnerships team in Graduate Research who will assist with setting up the scholarship and explain the candidate recruitment process.

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