



SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

# THE PARKER FELLOWSHIP

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## BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

The Parker Fellowship is a travelling scholarship supporting international travel and attendance at the Venice Biennale.

If accepting an offer of this scholarship, you will:

- Maintain your full-time enrolment;
- Be able to attend the Venice Biennale for a minimum of 7 – 14 days between May and November in the year of award where you will visually document your experiences by way of sketching – in any medium.
- 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
- Agree to deliver a presentation to the School of Architecture and The Architecture Foundation on completion of your travel program.
- Be available for a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week events (usually around September).

This scholarship is an annual scholarship, providing \$8000 to be paid as a lump sum following census date in the semester of award.

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## ESTABLISHMENT

The Parker Fellowship is an annual travelling scholarship available to students studying architecture at the University of Newcastle. The Fellowship intends to foster the development of future architects by providing students with a unique opportunity to undertake a personally significant program of international travel revolving around attendance at the Venice Biennale with a proposed topic of architectural, cultural, or historical research featured at the Venice Biennale on the year of their award to be documented by way of visual communication. The successful recipient will visually document their experiences by way of sketching – in any medium, including digital and be asked to deliver a presentation to the School of Architecture and The Architecture Foundation on completion of their travel program. Preference will be given to students that are willing to engage with The Architecture Foundation and Architecture Foundation Advisory Committee.

The Fellowship was established in memory of Eric Clarence Parker, who, in 1957 became the first permanent teacher of architecture to be appointed to the fledgling School of Architecture at the Newcastle University College. Eric Parker was head of the school from 1957 to 1965 and later, in 1974, was Professor of Architecture and Dean of the Faculty of Architecture at the University of Newcastle until his retirement in 1984.

## FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

This is a donor-funded scholarship from The Architecture Foundation.

## ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be enrolled in any year of the Bachelor of Design (Architecture) degree, or year 1 of the Master of Architecture with the Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment, University of Newcastle.

- Demonstrate academic progress either by the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) or equivalent required for entry for commencing students, or a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0 for continuing students;
- Not have previously received this scholarship; and
- 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 written statement (max 2 A4 pages) which outlines your proposed travel plans and research topic, centered on the theme of the current Venice Biennale (*La Biennale Di Venezia*). Include mention of how you will visually document this (by way of sketching in any medium including digital) and the value and relevance to architecture of your proposed travel itinerary.
- Applicants shortlisted for interview will need to provide a detailed travel itinerary and budget supporting the proposed topic of research. You will also need examples of your sketchbook or other evidence to demonstrate your ability to visually document your journey. You have the option to include this with your application as pdf or bring to interview.

Any applicant that does not submit the documentation required at application stage 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 the Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment Selection Committee which will consist of a minimum of three members chosen by the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment. Up to two representatives from the Architecture Foundation may be invited to join the Selection Committee for this scholarship. **Interviews may be arranged for this scholarship.**

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).
- You agree to use the scholarship benefit to support your proposed program of travel and attendance at the Venice Biennale for a minimum of 7 – 14 days between May and November where you will visually document your experiences by way of sketching, in any medium. This will be undertaken **in the year of the scholarship award**, unless an application for special consideration has been approved.
- You agree to deliver a presentation to the School of Architecture and The Architecture Foundation on completion of your travel program.
- You will be responsible for all travel arrangements and purchase of travel insurance. The Travel insurance must also include individual COVID related supplemental travel insurance.
- Approval must be obtained from the Pro Vice-Chancellor (CESE) prior to arranging travel.

- If your circumstances change in a way that impacts your eligibility (eg, 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 may also provide contact details and permission for them to contact you regarding the industry opportunities associated with this scholarship.

## 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 **\$8,000** to be paid as a lump sum following census date in the semester of award.

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/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. 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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