



## **DR TAN CHIN NAM AND COLLEEN INNOVATION AWARD**

### **1. ESTABLISHMENT**

This award has been established through the generous donations of Dr TAN Chin Nam and his wife Colleen through the Dr TAN Chin Nam and Colleen Excellence Fund. The fund aims to support the University's vision and strategies to foster innovation and entrepreneurship.

The Dr TAN Chin Nam and Colleen Innovation Award aims to recognise exceptional academic performance of an honours student and in doing so, support, recognise and encourage original thinkers who demonstrate impactful contribution to the field of innovation in their chosen discipline.

This award is open to UON students or Alumni who have completed an Honours program the year prior. There is no requirement to be currently enrolled for this award.

### **2. DEFINITIONS**

"Donor" or "Sponsor" means Dr Tan Chin Nam

"Scholar" means a recipient of an Award;

"Award" means Dr Tan Chin Nam and Colleen Innovation Award;

"UON" means the University of Newcastle.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY**

3.1 To be eligible to apply for this award an applicant must

- 3.1.1 Have achieved at least a Class 2 Division 1 in your Honours year in the previous year and completed a research dissertation as part of your Honours program.
- 3.1.2 Have a distinction average or WAM of 75 for their Honours year.
- 3.1.3 Not have previously received this Award.

### **4. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION**

4.1 The following documentation must be submitted with the Award application:

- 4.1.1 Submit a statement of no more than 500 words demonstrating how your research demonstrates original thought and provides the greatest impact and contribution to the field of innovation in your chosen discipline. This may include how your research has contributed towards: a new approach or a better understanding; the development and/or application of a new technique or process; and/or how this new application, technique, finding or understanding helps society or may be applied to strengthen our creative and knowledge economy.
  - 4.1.2 Provide your research Honours abstract summarising your Honours dissertation and any key findings.
- 4.2 Any applicant that does not submit the required documentation, including documentary evidence, will not be considered for selection.

## **5. SELECTION**

- 5.1 Selection is a competitive process and will be based on assessment of the Award application and any required supporting documents. Applications will be ranked against the criteria outlined in clauses 3.0 and 4.0 and a recommendation schedule sent to the nominated University staff member from clause 5.2 (and any other person(s) nominated) for selection and sign off.
- 5.2 Selection will be made by the Multi-Faculty Selection Committee which will consist of a minimum of three members chosen by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) who may also nominate specialist academics or researchers working in the field of innovation to join the Selection committee.
- 5.3 Equal weighting will be given to academic performance and innovative thought and potential impact regardless of whether it is social, business or technological innovation. The successful recipient will best demonstrate original thinking and the most impactful contribution to the field of innovation in their chosen discipline.
- 5.4 Where two students are of equal weighting based on their Honours year, the student with the highest overall WAM across their entire current undergraduate degree program will be selected.
- 5.5 Where there are no eligible applicants after a maximum of two rounds per year then the Award will not be offered for that year.

## **6. CONDITION OF AWARD**

- 6.1 The Award is tenable for 1 year. The Award must be taken up in the year for which it was awarded, unless otherwise specified.
- 6.2 The scholar shall not be required by the donor or the University to undertake employment as a condition of award of the Award.
- 6.3 The scholar will make themselves available for an official presentation ceremony and meeting with the scholarship donor in Scholars week.

## **7. BENEFIT**

- 7.1 The Award currently provides a benefit of \$2,000 to be paid as a lump sum following Semester 1 census date.
- 7.2 The Award benefit and number of Awards awarded may vary and will be determined by the funding available each year.

## **8. VARIATION**

- 8.1 The Director of Advancement, Office of Alumni & Philanthropy may vary any of the clauses of these conditions where it is satisfied that exceptional circumstances warrant such variation. In circumstances where a variation has occurred and applications have been received, then the scholarship must be re-advertised with the varied clause(s) included.

## **9. PRIVACY**

- 9.1 By applying for this Award the student understands that this is a donor-funded Award and as such an external donor (or representative) may view their application, supporting documents evidencing their eligibility, and academic progression.

Establishment date: 2016

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