



SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

THE FRANK KENT EQUITY SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

This scholarship supports a University of Newcastle student studying in a Science degree program.

If accepting an offer of this scholarship, you will:

- Maintain your full-time enrolment and academic progress with the University of Newcastle for the duration of the scholarship.
- Notify 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 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 \$5,000 for a term of one year.

ESTABLISHMENT

This scholarship was established by Ms. Dianne Allen to acknowledge her grandfather, Frank Kent. Frank was born in Croydon, England in 1903. His family moved to Australia in 1910 and resided in the Singleton area. Frank received a scholarship (100 pounds) from the Northern Districts Agricultural Society in 1920 that enabled him to undertake a Diploma of Agriculture at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College. After graduating, Frank held positions at a stud and research farm in Werribee, Victoria. He then returned to Singleton and with his father, purchased a 200-acre farm (dairying and lucerne).

Frank's focus was on applying agricultural science to pasture improvement and irrigation methods, in a practical and economic manner, to achieve profitable operations.

At age 36, Frank enlisted in the army where he served in the 2/30 Battalion during World War II and was based in Darwin during the Japanese bombing in February 1942.

Frank was discharged from the army in 1946 and was appointed Farm Manager at the CSIRO Experimental Station in Katherine NT. He also served 12 years as manager of Berrimah Experimental Farm specialising in plant introduction. In 1959 he wrote the book "Introduction to Agriculture in the Upper Half of the Northern Territory". His contribution to agriculture in the Northern Territory was recognised with a street at the Katherine Experimental Station named after him as well as a pasture grass (*Andropogon gayanus Kunth (gamba grass) cv Kent*).

Frank was a community minded person. He stood for the seat of Batchelor in the Northern Territory Legislative Council election in 1947 and for the seat of Darwin in 1951. He also supported many charities and fundraising efforts.

Frank recognised the benefits of education, supporting his children and grandchildren in undertaking tertiary study. He was a lifelong advocate of the value of education and was very proud that his three granddaughters attended this University. Frank died in 1985. His final act reflected his commitment to science and education, leaving his body to research.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

This is a donor-funded scholarship from Ms. Dianne Allen.

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be enrolled in any year of an undergraduate science degree program with the University of Newcastle.
- Demonstrate that your ability to study is affected, or will be affected, by areas of educational disadvantage. These include being a carer and/or sole parent, experiencing financial hardship, a long term medical condition/disability, ongoing effects of abuse, regional or remote disadvantage, or English language difficulty. It also includes attributes of being an Indigenous Australian or having Refugee status.
- 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;
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident or New Zealand citizen; 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 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.
- You **may** be required to provide 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 the Faculty of Science Selection Panel which will consist of a minimum of three members chosen by the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Faculty of Science.

The Selection Panel 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.
- You agree to write a letter of thanks to the donor via email to Donor-Relations@newcastle.edu.au within 2 weeks of accepting your offer.
- You will be available to attend a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week (usually around September) where you may have opportunity to meet with the donors and/or their representatives.

BENEFIT

This scholarship is a one-off lump sum payment for a term of one year. This scholarship 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 after the 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.

The Scholarships office 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 the 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. 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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