



SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

STUDENT RESIDENCES SCHOLARSHIP

ESSENTIALS

Student Residences Scholarship provide financial assistance to fulltime undergraduate students overcoming educational disadvantage.

If accepting an offer of this scholarship, you will:

- Maintain your enrolment and academic progress with University of Newcastle for the duration of the scholarship,
- Be residing within a University of Newcastle Residential College in the year for which the scholarship is awarded,
- Notify scholarships@newcastle.edu.au of any changes to you 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 is an annual scholarship and all applicants, including those who receive an offer, are encouraged to reapply for eligible scholarships each year.

ESTABLISHMENT

The Student Residences Scholarship was established with the aim of helping those students who are most in need who are residing within Student Living accommodation.

These scholarships support students who are academically capable but managing studies alongside educational disadvantages such as:

- Carer responsibilities
- English language difficulty
- Financial hardship
- Long term medical condition/ disability or ongoing effects of abuse
- Regional or remote disadvantage
- Sole parent responsibilities
- Additional attributes such as Indigenous Australian or having Refugee status.

It is hoped that this scholarship will provide much needed support for students living in Residential Colleges to continue to overcome disadvantage and maintain their achievements. A minimum of one scholarship will be made available to a resident of Edwards Hall.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

These are donor-funded scholarships made possible by donations within the Shaping Futures Appeal.

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be enrolled in any year of an undergraduate program with University of Newcastle;
- Be enrolled full time (min 30 units per semester or equivalent);
- Be residing in a University of Newcastle Residential College;
- 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.
- Have a GPA of 4.0 or higher if you are a continuing student, or ATAR required for entry to your program if a new student;
- 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](#).

SELECTION

Selection is based on assessment of the scholarship application. The selection committee will aim to make scholarship offers to students who are assessed as being most in need of support, however will need to give consideration to awards being evenly shared across the different Residential Colleges and locations. This includes **a minimum of one scholarship being offered to a resident of Edwards Hall**, in keeping with the funding arrangement.

Selection will be made by the relevant Selection Committee which will consist of a minimum of three members chosen by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) or PVC.

The Selection Committee will communicate the details of successful recipients to the delegated Scholarships Officer, and all applicants notified of an outcome via email. This will usually occur within 6 weeks of the scholarship close date.

For applicants not receiving an offer, this does not mean you have been assessed as ineligible. The number of applications often far exceeds the number of scholarships available so it may mean that other applicants have been assessed as being in greater need of support at this time. Do not let an unsuccessful outcome deter you from applying for other scholarships and reapplying every year you study.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

If accepting this scholarship, you agree to the following conditions:

- You will continue to meet relevant eligibility criteria for the duration of the scholarship, unless special consideration is approved (see below).
- You will be a resident in a University of Newcastle residential College for the year in which the scholarship is awarded.
- 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.
- You will not be required by the donor or the university to undertake employment as a condition of award of this scholarship.

- You agree to write a letter of thanks to the donor via email to Donor-Relations@newcastle.edu.au within 2 weeks of accepting the scholarship. You will also make reasonable efforts to 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 annual and must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded. All applicants are encouraged to reapply each year.

The scholarship provides a total benefit of \$5000, to be paid as a lump sum. Payment will be after semester one census date, usually in April.

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. Please provide appropriate documentary evidence to support your request.

A decision will be made 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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