



SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

MA & MORLEY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE CATEGORY

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

The aim of the Ma & Morley Scholarship Program is to create an impactful program that aims to inspire, educate and cultivate the next generation of globally aware and socially conscious Australian leaders.

Scholars will reflect the values of the program, have access to an enrichment program that will help them become leaders in their chosen field, and develop global awareness, connections and opportunities.

If accepting an offer of this scholarship, you will:

- Continue to meet the eligibility criteria of the scholarship,
- Maintain your ongoing enrolment and academic progress with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5.0 for the duration of the scholarship,
- Participate in the core enrichment program activities as outlined before the start of each year,
- Demonstrate conduct appropriate for a recipient of flagship University scholarship, and
- Notify mamorley@newcastle.edu.au of any changes to your circumstances which may impact your eligibility for this scholarship.

This scholarship is ongoing for the remaining length of your undergraduate program (including Honours, if applicable) up to a maximum term of 5 years full time study or the part-time equivalent, provided ongoing eligibility and adherence to the conditions of award.

ESTABLISHMENT

The Ma & Morley Scholarship Program was born to honour the enduring and life-changing friendship between Jack Ma and Ken Morley and his family, and to emulate the eye-opening experience Jack Ma had when he visited Newcastle.

The program values are:

- Peace, demilitarisation and cultural respect
- Equity and justice for all peoples
- Ethics in entrepreneurship and workers' rights
- Environmental sustainability and biodiversity conservation

FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

The Ma & Morley Scholarship Program has been made possible thanks to a US\$20 million philanthropic commitment to the University of Newcastle from Jack Ma through the Jack Ma Foundation.

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be commencing first year of study in any undergraduate degree program at the University of Newcastle in semester one of the year of scholarship award;
- Be enrolled in a minimum of 20 units per semester;
- Achieve an ATAR equivalent of 90 or above; or results in the top 10% of a Foundation Studies cohort;
- Have leadership aspirations;
- Have demonstrated commitment to one or more Ma & Morley Scholarship Program values;
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident, or holder of an Australian permanent humanitarian visa;
- Not hold another University of Newcastle donor-funded or sponsored scholarship concurrently; and
- Not have completed or commenced another degree.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

As part of your application, you will need to prepare:

- An 800-word written statement outlining: (1) your understanding of one or more of the Ma & Morley Scholarship Program values and why they are important for creating positive change in the world. In your response include relevant examples of current events, influential individuals and/or social movements that align with these values and that inspire you and how your current actions and life choices align with these values. (2) Explain how you plan to use your degree and experience to make a positive impact in one or more of the Ma & Morley Scholarship Program values in the future. In your response, discuss the change you expect to see in the future as a result of your commitment to the Program's values.
- A letter from a responsible person to verify your circumstances and support your personal character to be a Ma & Morley Scholarship Program Scholar. This person can include a higher education or VET educator, employer/manager/supervisor, community elder, doctor, specialist medical professional, lawyer, accountant, social worker, counsellor, religious or community leader, high school teacher, principal, counsellor, year advisor or career advisor. Your reference cannot be written by a relative.

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.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview. Candidates are shortlisted by a relevant representative(s) from the University. Decisions are based on each applicant's 800-word written statement and other supporting documents to demonstrate eligibility.

Final selection will be made by the respective Ma & Morley Scholarship Program Selection Committee which consists of at least three members who are nominated by the Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor Global Engagement and Partnerships and may include an external donor representative or Ma & Morley Ambassador. The committee will interview the candidates. The Ma & Morley Scholarship Program Coordinator will convene the interviews.

All applicants will be notified of an outcome via email. This will occur within 8 weeks of the scholarship application closing date. Feedback on applications may be provided to shortlisted applicants only.

Successful scholarship applicants will be notified by telephone and email before the end of year. The offers will be conditional of the candidate receiving an offer into a University of Newcastle degree program at which point it will be confirmed.

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 will maintain your ongoing enrolment and academic progress with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5.0 for the duration of the scholarship;
- You will attend all core enrichment program activities or continue reasonable participation as negotiated with the Ma & Morley Scholarship Program Coordinator;
- You will demonstrate expected behaviours in accordance with the [University of Newcastle Code of Conduct](#) and appropriate to a recipient of flagship University of Newcastle scholarship; and
- If your circumstances change in a way that impacts your eligibility or the above conditions (e.g. inability to attend core activities or likelihood of not maintaining required GPA), you agree to notify mamorley@newcastle.edu.au.

BENEFIT

This scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded.

The scholarship benefit and number of scholarships awarded may vary and will be determined by the funding available each year.

Financial benefit

- The scholarship for the Academic Excellence category currently provides a benefit of \$10,000 per annum (pro rata for students studying 30 or 20 units).
- The scholarship provides a total benefit of \$40,000 over the full 4 year degree (or the part-time equivalent) or \$50,000 for students studying a 5 year degree (or the part-time equivalent) provided ongoing eligibility and adherence to the conditions of award are maintained.
- The scholarship will be paid in lump sum payments each semester after the April and September census dates.

Other benefits

- You will be provided with access to the Ma & Morley Enrichment Program.
- You will be able to attend a China Immersion experience (or the equivalent experience provided at the discretion of the University).

Employment

- You will not be required by the donor or the University of Newcastle to undertake employment as a condition of award of the Scholarship.

PERIODS OF LEAVE

You may apply in writing to mamorley@newcastle.edu.au for consideration to reserve your scholarship if you are unable to study due to illness, injury, mental wellbeing, or other extenuating circumstances. An application must be supported by documentary evidence and be submitted within the affected semester of study.

Periods of approved leave for the scholarship:

- must not exceed two consecutive semesters of study; and
- will not be counted towards the term of the scholarship.

PART TIME STUDY

Scholars must study at least 20 units per semester. Under exceptional circumstances, remaining in the program whilst studying 10 units per semester may be agreed with the Ma & Morley Scholarship Program Coordinator.

Scholarship payments will be adjusted pro rata for part time study. If you adjust your number of study units after census date, any over- or under-payment will be accounted for in the following semester's lump sum payment, unless other arrangements are agreed with the Ma & Morley Scholarship Program Coordinator.

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 and conditions of award;
- The scholar completes study and/or ceases to be a student with University of Newcastle;
- The maximum duration of the scholarship has been reached; or
- The scholar has committed misconduct (as determined in accordance with the University's relevant policies and rules).

Ongoing scholarships will not be paid out in full in instances where the recipient completes study before the full scholarship term has expired. The University retains discretion to request a pro rata repayment of the scholarship in relation to any incomplete units of study.

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.

In all instances, a decision will be made by the Ma and Morley Scholarship Program Coordinator in consultation with any other relevant areas of the University and/or a Donor representative (if required).

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 in writing to the Ma & Morley Scholarship Program Coordinator via mamorley@newcastle.edu.au. Please provide appropriate documentary evidence to support your request.

A decision will be made by the Ma and Morley Scholarship Program Coordinator in consultation with any other relevant areas of the University.

PRIVACY AND COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

Your application for the scholarship will be shared with members of the University shortlisting and selection panels for the purpose of shortlisting applications and selecting successful applicants.

For this donor-funded, University flagship scholarship, a summary of information provided with the application will be provided to the donor, to University leaders and on the University website in the form of a short biography. The information may also be provided to an external representative for the purpose of writing the summary. Your approval will be sought before any publication of the information.

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) and for coordination of the program and coordination of promotion of this flagship scholarship.

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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