



SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

Student Living Community Scholarship

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

The Student Living Community Scholarship is a new initiative and will be awarded for the first time in 2026.

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 planned departure from Student Living, reduced study load, change in program, or withdrawal from study – which may impact your eligibility for this scholarship.
- Adhere to the [Student Living Standards](#) and the general [Student Code of Conduct](#) for the duration of your time in accommodation and as a scholarship recipient.

This scholarship is for a term of up to one year and provides a benefit to the value of your Student Living on-campus accommodation room fees for your current contract period.

ESTABLISHMENT

This scholarship has been established to support new students in to on-campus accommodation with Student Living, removing barriers to starting study experienced by those with financial hardship, relocating from regional and remote areas, and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

By establishing this scholarship, Student Living seeks to support residents that are positive members of our community and contribute to a positive experience of those around them.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

This is funded via Australian Government *Needs Based Funding* and administered by the Scholarships team within Student and Academic Administration.

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be enrolled or enrolling in your first year of an undergraduate degree with University of Newcastle in the year of scholarship award.
- Be intending to study on a full-time basis (minimum 60 units per year).
- Have a current Student Living Student Occupancy License Agreement for a **Standard Stay** or **Long Stay** contract term.
- Demonstrate relocation from regional or remote Australia, financial challenges, **and/or** be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student who has established status with the University as outlined on the [Wollotuka Study with Us](#) page.
- Demonstrate how you will create positivity within the community and reflect the values of excellence, equity, engagement and sustainability held by the University.
- Currently pay, or will be responsible for paying, your fees personally (you or a parent/caregiver), with no third-party funding (e.g. Centrelink).
- Have no confirmed allegations of non-academic misconduct while living on campus.
- Be an Australian citizen or an Australian permanent resident (including holders of a permanent humanitarian visa and New Zealand citizens with permanent residency).
- 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. This statement will cover all scholarships you are applying for.
- 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 to get an idea of the kinds of documents required please see UAC's [equity scholarship categories and supporting documents](#) page.
- The application will have a free text question (1000 characters): "As a Student Living resident and student, how will you create positivity within the community and reflect the values of excellence, equity, engagement and sustainability held by the University?"
- Provide up to 3 documents which show your commitment to leadership within your community, such as reference, proof of volunteering and community activities, leadership panel or club membership, articles or publications.

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 Student Living Community Scholarship Selection Panel which will consist of a minimum of three members chosen by the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Student Experience and including at least one member from Student Living.

The Selection Panel may consider:

- Applicants who are experiencing more than one area of disadvantage, for example Geographic and Financial.
- Applicants best demonstrating their community involvement and positive citizenship.
- Academic merit (usually ATAR or equivalent) may be considered.

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 including residing on-campus, unless special consideration is approved (see below).
- You will maintain academic progress with a Grade Point Average of 4.0 or higher in your studies.
- If your circumstances change in a way that impacts your eligibility (e.g., move off campus, change in study load or withdrawal from study, committed misconduct), you agree to notify scholarships@newcastle.edu.au.
- You will adhere to the [Student Living Standards](#) and the general [Student Code of Conduct](#) for the duration of your time in accommodation and as a scholarship recipient.

BENEFIT

The scholarship provides \$12,000 to be applied to your Student Living room fee account, paid as a lump sum after the relevant Semester census date.

The scholarship will also provide a one-time payment of \$5000 paid following the semester 1 census date to assist with your other study costs.

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

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 leaves on-campus accommodation; or
- The scholar has committed serious misconduct (as determined in accordance with the University and/or Student Living's relevant policies and rules).

If the scholarship is terminated early, no monies will be required to be refunded, however no further credit or allowance can be claimed or transferred to another person or term.

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 Student Living management.

PRIVACY AND COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

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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