



UNIVERSITY OF
NEWCASTLE

Umwelt Scholarship in Integrated Environmental and Social Sustainability

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

The intention of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to a first-year student enrolled in a program offered by the College of Engineering, Science and Environment or the College of Human and Social Futures, who shows an interest in sustainability and in exploring how environmental and social challenges can be addressed through study, community awareness, policy, and practical solutions.

If accepting an offer of this scholarship, you will:

- 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.
- Maintain your enrolment and academic progress with the University of Newcastle for the duration of the scholarship.
- Agree to send a thank-you message to the scholarship donor within two weeks of accepting your offer, following the instructions in your scholarship offer letter, and
- Be available for a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week events (usually around September).

The total value of this scholarship is \$20,000 paid as \$5,000 per annum up to a maximum of 4 years. Multi-year scholarships will be paid to recipients for the standard duration of the original degree program, including Honours where applicable.

ESTABLISHMENT

Umwelt Environmental and Social Consultants is a national consultancy, with our roots in Newcastle and Lake Macquarie. Over the last 30 years, we have benefitted from the enthusiasm, insights, commitment and knowledge of many graduates from the University of Newcastle. We are proud of our long history of providing meaningful environmental and social impact career opportunities in our region for people with diverse skills and experience.

Umwelt has created this scholarship to help enable a bright future for sustainable environmental management in our region, including increasing equity in access to education and diversity in how environmental and social assessment and management are delivered. This scholarship honours the valuable contribution of Pam Dean-Jones to integrated environmental studies, management and planning in our region. Pam worked for Umwelt for more than 25 years, before retiring in 2024.

Umwelt are offering this scholarship to support University of Newcastle undergraduate students to gain both academic qualifications and practical workplace experience. It is the intention of Umwelt to build ongoing relationships with scholars including opportunities for paid work experience and professional networking opportunities during their degree program.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

This is a donor-funded scholarship from Umwelt Environmental and Social Consultants.

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be enrolled in your first year of an undergraduate program offered by the College of Engineering, Science and Environment or the College of Human and Social Futures.
- Be intending to study on a full-time basis (minimum 60 units per year)
- Have an ATAR (or equivalent) of 75 or higher
- Be an Australian citizen or an Australian permanent resident (including holders of a permanent humanitarian visa and New Zealand citizens with permanent residency).
- Not be the recipient of another University of Newcastle donor-funded or sponsored scholarship concurrently
- Preference will be given to Indigenous students. Please see Wollotuka's [study with us page](#) for information on establishing your status.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

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

- A personal statement (no more than 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.
- The application will include a free text question asking you to outline your interest in associated future opportunities with this donor and/or Industry partner.

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. Preference will be given to an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander student.

Selection will be made by the College of Engineering, Science and Environment Selection Committee which will consist of a minimum of three members chosen by the Pro Vice-Chancellor - College of Engineering, Science and Environment, which will not include an external donor representative.

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. Where there is only one eligible applicant for a scholarship, the Scholarships Officer may award without referral to a selection panel, in consultation with the Office of Alumni and Philanthropy.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

If you accept 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).
- This scholarship is subject to semester review. Continuation of the scholarship and payment of the scholarship benefit are subject to the scholar maintaining satisfactory academic progress, that is, GPA of 5.0 or higher, and continuing to meet the eligibility criteria of the scholarship.
- 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.

Agree to send a thank-you message to the scholarship donor within two weeks of accepting your offer, following the instructions in your scholarship offer letter.

You will be available to attend a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week (usually around August/September) where you may have opportunity to meet with the donors and/or their representatives.

BENEFIT

The scholarship provides a total benefit of \$20,000 up to a maximum 4-year tenure provided ongoing eligibility is maintained for the term of the scholarship.

The scholarship will be paid as a \$2,500 payment each semester. Payments are typically received 2–3 weeks after the semester census date, or 2–3 weeks after you accept your offer if the census date has already passed.

This scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded. Multi-year scholarships will be paid to recipients for the standard duration of the original degree program, including Honours where applicable. The scholarship benefit and number of scholarships awarded may vary and will be determined by the funding available each year.

PERIODS OF LEAVE

You may apply in writing to scholarships@newcastle.edu.au for consideration to reserve your scholarship if you are unable to study due to illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstances. An application must be supported by documentary evidence.

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. +

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 notified.

Ongoing scholarships will not be paid out in full in instances where the recipient completes or discontinues 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 Office via email to scholarships@newcastle.edu.au. Please provide appropriate documentary evidence to support your request.

A decision will be made by 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 a 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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