



## SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

# UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP IN STELLAR ASTROPHYSICS

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## ESTABLISHMENT

This scholarship is available to support a program of supervised research in the field of Stellar Astrophysics with the School of Science (Physics) over the Midyear Session 2026.

## ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for this scholarship an applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Be currently enrolled in a Bachelor of Science and/or Bachelor of Mathematics degree (including Combined, Advanced and Honours programs).
- Have completed a minimum of 80 units in your current degree, including completion of first year Physics core courses.
- Have a GPA of 6.0 or higher.
- Be available and interested in participating in the research experience offered with this scholarship.
- Have some experience in coding to assist you in the research.

## SELECTION

Selection shall be based on a review of all eligibility criteria and your interest in the experience as demonstrated in your personal statement. Selection will be made by a panel of three members of University of Newcastle Academic staff, including Professor David Pontin.

## 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 will cover all scholarships you might apply for while you study with University of Newcastle.
- A 300-word statement outlining your motivation to undertake a research project during the Midyear Session. The research project must fall within astrophysics, eg solar/stellar interiors, flares, winds, and exoplanet atmospheres. All interested students should discuss their proposed research project with a member of the solar and exoplanet research group prior to applying.

This statement is mandatory for all scholarships and can be used or updated for any other scholarships you may wish to apply for now and in subsequent years.

## BENEFIT

The scholarship provides a benefit of \$5000. This will be paid in two instalments of \$2500 on acceptance of the scholarship offer and at the conclusion of the scholarship.

The scholarship also offers the opportunity to undertake supervised, non-compulsory research during the 2026 Midyear Session. This will be for the equivalent of 20 full-time days and will conclude before the start of Semester 2. The schedule details can be arranged in consultation with your supervisor to accommodate your other commitments.

Although participation is not compulsory, it is the intention of this scholarship to support a student genuinely interested in and committed to making the most of this opportunity.

## PERIODS OF LEAVE

This scholarship does not provide a period of leave or deferral.

## TERMINATION

A scholarship shall terminate when:

- the recipient circumstances change and eligibility for the scholarship is no longer met,
- the maximum duration of the scholarship has been reached, or
- the recipient provides written notice that they no longer wish to continue on the scholarship.

## PRIVACY AND COLLECTION OF PERSONAL 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).

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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