



SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

The Bloomfield Group Foundation Scholarship

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

The intent of this scholarship is to support students who are interested in having a career in the Coal Mining and Engineering industry.

If accepting an offer of this scholarship, you will:

- Maintain your full-time enrolment and academic progress with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of **5.0 or higher** for the duration of the scholarship.
- Have an interest in having a career in the Coal Mining industry and / or Engineering industry.
- 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.
- 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 scholarship is for a term of one year.

ESTABLISHMENT

This scholarship has been established by The Bloomfield Group to support students who are interested in having a career in the Coal Mining and Engineering Industry. The Bloomfield Group is Australian owned and operated and has interests in mining and engineering in the Hunter Valley, NSW. In business for more than 80 years, Bloomfield employs over 600 people and operates two open-cut coal mines; Bloomfield Mine at East Maitland and Rix's Creek Mine, 5km northwest of Singleton, NSW. Coking and thermal coal from the mining operations is railed to Port Waratah Coal Services (PWCS) and then exported throughout Asia. Bloomfield is a founding member and current shareholder of PWCS. The company's engineering businesses include Four Mile Engineering at East Maitland and Kings Engineering in Rutherford. The group also has equity positions in companies specialising in renewable energies, recycling and biofuel production.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

This is a donor-funded scholarship from The Bloomfield Group.

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be enrolled 2nd year or above of an undergraduate degree with a focus on Engineering, Accounting, Human Resources, or Information Technology with the University of Newcastle.
- Be enrolled full time (min 30 units per semester or equivalent);
- Demonstrate that the ability to study is affected, or will be affected, by financial hardship.
- May also be experiencing other areas of educational disadvantage, such as caring, sole parenting, regional or remote disadvantage, English Language Difficulty, or additional attributes of being an Indigenous Australian or Refugee.
- Have a GPA of 5.0 or higher;
- 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.
- An outline of your interest in the scholarship, why you are interested in a career in the Coal Mining Industry and / or Engineering Industry and associated future opportunities with The Bloomfield Group.
- 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](#).

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 Multi-College Selection Panel which will consist of a minimum of three members chosen by the Pro Vice-Chancellor, College of Engineering, Science and Environment.

The Selection Committee 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 unless special consideration is approved (see below).
- 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 agree to write a letter of thanks to the donor via email to Donor-Relations@newcastle.edu.au within 2 weeks of accepting your offer. You may also provide contact details and permission for them to contact you regarding the industry opportunities associated with this scholarship.
- You will 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.
- You will not be required by the donor or the university to undertake employment as a condition of award of this scholarship but are encouraged to participate in learning experiences and opportunities to engage provided within this scholarship program.

BENEFIT

This scholarship is \$5,000 for a term of one year and must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded. The scholarship will be paid as two lump sums of \$2,500 each semester after the relevant census dates (usually in April and September).

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 by Student Central 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 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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