



UNIVERSITY OF
NEWCASTLE

Francois and Beryl Robinson Scholarship Conditions

Terms and Conditions

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY CONDITIONS

This scholarship provides sustained support for undergraduate students undertaking mathematics and approved language study at the University of Newcastle. It offers tuition fee coverage and support for required textbooks for students enrolled in the **Bachelor of Mathematics** or **Bachelor of Mathematics (Advanced)** (including combined degrees), and targeted tuition support for approved mathematics and language units for students enrolled in other undergraduate degrees.

If you accept an offer of this scholarship, you will be expected to meet the key responsibilities below. Full conditions of award are outlined later in this document.

- Maintain your enrolment and satisfactory academic progress with the University of Newcastle for the duration of the scholarship.
- Contact the Office of Advancement and Philanthropy via email at **OAP-Scholarship-Prizes@newcastle.edu.au** with any questions about courses covered by the scholarship and provide notice of any expected late enrolment in eligible courses, as this may affect the University's ability to apply tuition payments.
- Seek pre-approval from the Office of Advancement and Philanthropy for textbook purchases by providing screenshots or photos of intended purchases, and submit receipts for reimbursement once purchases are made;
- Notify **scholarships@newcastle.edu.au** of any changes to your circumstances - such as reduced study load, change in program, or withdrawal from study - that may impact your eligibility for this scholarship.
- Agree to send a thank-you message to the scholarship donor within two weeks of accepting your offer (as per the instructions in your offer email);
- Be available for a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week (usually around August/September).

The scholarship provides funding for the **standard full-time duration of the recipient's original degree program**, including combined degrees where applicable.

Students enrolled in the **Bachelor of Mathematics** or **Bachelor of Mathematics (Advanced)** will receive **tuition fee coverage for their degree**.

Students enrolled in **other undergraduate programs, including the Diploma of Languages**, will receive **tuition fee coverage only for mathematics (MATH) and approved Japanese, Indonesian or Chinese language units**, where those units are taken as core or elective subjects within the standard duration of their degree.

All recipients are eligible for reimbursement of required textbook costs, for approved purchases, up to a maximum of \$2,000 each year of the scholarship.

ESTABLISHMENT

The scholarship has been established using funds left to the University by the late Beryl Robinson in her Will. Mrs Robinson and her husband, Francois, wished to provide support to students from Tomaree High School to study mathematics, Japanese or Chinese at the University.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

This scholarship is funded by the Estate of the Late Beryl Robinson.

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Have completed Year 12 at Tomaree High School, NSW.
- Be enrolled in the Bachelor of Mathematics or Bachelor of Mathematics (Advanced), **or** be studying mathematics (MATH) and/or Japanese, Indonesian or Chinese language courses within another undergraduate program (including the Diploma of Languages) at the University of Newcastle
- Be enrolled on a part-time or full-time basis;
- Demonstrate academic achievement either by an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) or equivalent of entry into your program for commencing students, or a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0 for continuing students;
- Demonstrate the impact of educational disadvantage such as carer and sole parent responsibilities, financial hardship, a long-term medical condition or disability, the ongoing effects of abuse, regional/remote disadvantage, or applicant attributes such as being an Indigenous Australian, having a Refugee background, or placement with an Out-of-Home Care provider.
- Not have previously received this scholarship.

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.
- Evidence of year 12 completion at Tomaree High School.

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 for this scholarship is undertaken by Scholarships staff and does not require a formal selection panel; however, the scholarship is highly competitive and based on a thorough assessment of each application, considering all eligibility criteria.

The Scholarships Officer will assess applications in the following order of priority:

- All eligibility criteria for this scholarship,
- Evidence of educational disadvantage demonstrated in application, and
- Academic merit (ATAR or equivalent or Cumulative Grade Point Average in current studies) if required.

Once a recipient is selected, Scholarships staff will recommend the awardee to the Office of Alumni and Philanthropy for final approval.

All applicants will be notified of the outcome via email within six 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 all relevant criteria in the [Eligibility section](#) above for the duration of the scholarship, unless [special consideration](#) (see below) is approved.
- If your circumstances change in a way that impacts your eligibility (e.g., change in study load or withdrawal from study), you will notify scholarships@newcastle.edu.au.
- Contact the Office of Advancement and Philanthropy via email at **OAP-Scholarship-Prizes@newcastle.edu.au** with any questions about courses covered by the scholarship and provide notice of any expected late enrolment in eligible courses, as this may affect the University's ability to apply tuition payments.
- Seek pre-approval from the Office of Advancement and Philanthropy for textbook purchases by providing screenshots or photos of intended purchases, and submit receipts for reimbursement once purchases are made;
- 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 4.0 or higher, and continuing to meet the eligibility criteria 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.
- 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 value of this scholarship will vary depending on the recipient's program of study.

For students enrolled in the **Bachelor of Mathematics** or **Bachelor of Mathematics (Advanced)** (including combined degrees), the scholarship covers **full tuition fees for all courses** within the degree.

For students enrolled in **other undergraduate programs**, the scholarship covers **tuition fees for mathematics (MATH) and approved language units (Japanese, Indonesian or Chinese) only**, where those units are taken as core or elective subjects within the standard duration of the degree. Tuition for courses outside these disciplines is not covered.

Tuition funds will be applied directly to the recipient's student account at the relevant census date each term, following confirmation of enrolment in eligible courses. Please note that late enrolments may impact our ability to arrange this payment.

An approved portion of the scholarship benefit may also be used to reimburse the cost of required or recommended textbooks for eligible courses. This is subject to approval and the provision of receipts. **Textbook reimbursement is capped at a total of \$2,000 each year of the scholarship and will be paid directly to the recipient.**

The scholarship is tenable for the standard duration of your program as at the time of the scholarship offer, provided ongoing eligibility requirements are met and funding remains available. The number of scholarships awarded and the level of benefit provided may vary from year to year and will be determined by the funding available.

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 Scholarships staff if you give permission for any short articles or newsletter items to be published. You may have the option to provide a photo, quote 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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