

Global Access Grant

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1.0 ESTABLISHMENT

The University of Newcastle has established a range of scholarships to attract high-performing students to study at the University. These merit-based scholarships acknowledge applicants with strong academic backgrounds and provide an incentive for continued academic achievement.

In addition to these scholarships, Global Access Grants may be awarded to applicants who accept an offer to study in an eligible program, pay the required tuition fee deposit within a designated timeframe and commence study with the University of Newcastle in Trimester 1 or Semester 1 of 2027.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

- 2.1** The “Census Date” means the date in each term on which a student enrolled in a program of study is deemed to be financially liable for that program.

“Grant” means the Global Access Grant.

“Eligible program” means an undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree program delivered at an Australian campus as specified in Section 3.1.2.

“Internal transfer students” means current University students wishing to transfer to an alternative program of study prior to completion of their original program as indicated in their letter of offer.

“International Student” means a student who is not an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen, or a holder of an Australia Permanent Residency Visa (or dual citizenship holders of either Australia or New Zealand). This includes students who will be studying at onshore campuses and have a student visa, provisional residency, temporary residency, or bridging visa with study permission.

“Letter of Offer” means the written offer provided to the applicant by the University of Newcastle’s Admissions Team, which outlines the duration, cost, location and associated terms for the applicant’s chosen program of study.

“Offshore campuses” means programs delivered by the University at campuses located outside of Australia and its territories.

“Program” means the program of study listed in the recipient’s letter of offer that corresponds with their scholarship letter.

“Recipient” means a recipient of the Scholarships listed in Appendix 1.

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“University” means the University of Newcastle.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The successful recipient must:

- 3.1.1 Be an international full fee-paying student.
- 3.1.2 Be a recipient of one of the Scholarships listed in Appendix 1.
- 3.1.3 Commence study in an eligible CRICOS-registered undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree program at the University at a campus in Australia.
- 3.1.4 Not be the beneficiary of a separate University scholarship unless prior approval or special dispensation has been obtained from the university.
- 3.1.5 Be able to meet the financial obligations of a full fee-paying international student specified by the Australian Government. Evidence of this ability must be provided if requested by the university.
- 3.1.6 Not be enrolled in a program of study with a quota arrangement, which limits the number of international students able to be enrolled. These programs are identified in Appendix 2.
- 3.1.7 Reside within 50km of the campus location specified on their Confirmation of Enrolment (COE). The University reserves the right to request evidence of an applicant’s residential address. Documents accepted for address verification purposes are listed in Appendix 3. Students who provide false or misleading information and / or documents will be deemed ineligible for the Grant, and their COE may be cancelled.

3.2 The following students are not eligible to receive the Grant, even if they meet the criteria outlined in 3.1:

- 3.2.1 Students who have not received an offer for the Grant.

- 3.2.2 Students who are studying ELBP, Enabling, Non-Award, Exchange or Study Abroad, Higher Degrees by Research programs, standalone Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma programs, degrees without a CRICOS code and programs delivered at offshore campuses or via online delivery.
- 3.2.3 Internal transfer students who are studying at an Australian campus and were not previously awarded a scholarship by the university.
- 3.2.4 Students who are sponsored by an external entity or are recipients of an Australia Awards scholarship, or students transferring onshore from the University's Singapore campus.

4.0 SELECTION

- 4.1 Scholarships are automatically assessed on application to the University (where other eligibility criteria are met). All determinations of eligibility are aligned to the University's published entry and eligibility processes and made at the discretion of the University.
- 4.2 The Grant will be offered at the discretion of the Director, Future Students International, or an appropriate delegate (where other eligibility criteria are met).
 - 4.2.1 Students will receive notification of the Grant value and eligibility in the Letter of Offer.
- 4.3 The University reserves the right not to award the Grant.
 - 4.3.1 The University reserves the right to withdraw or amend the offer of a Grant if the applicant is subsequently deemed to be ineligible for a Scholarship, the applicant is in breach of the terms of the scholarship offer, or the scholarship is no longer offered.

4.4 CONDITIONS OF AWARD

- 5.0 The applicant must accept the offer made to them in their Letter of Offer and pay the required deposit tuition fee within 28 days of the Letter of Offer issue date. Satisfactory evidence of the payment being made by the applicant must be provided to the University to be considered eligible for the Grant.
- 5.1 The Grant must be taken up for the program (including master programs packaged with a graduate certificate), and in the intake for which it was awarded.
 - 5.1.1 If a recipient defers their offer to a future intake, scholarship and grant eligibility will be reassessed prior to commencement and are not guaranteed.

- 5.2** The Grant can be used as a tuition fee waiver, reimbursement of costs incurred by the student named on the offer letter in travelling to Newcastle to commence a program of study, reimbursement of the cost of single-person overseas health cover with an approved provider, or an offset of the cost of on-campus accommodation.
- 5.3** The recipient may be requested to participate in marketing activities for and on behalf of the University, which may be published on the University's website or used for other promotional purposes. The recipient must be willing to be featured in such promotional collateral produced and be involved in promotional activity arranged by the University. Recipients acknowledge and accept these terms and conditions, and consent for their image and / or testimonial to be used for promotional purposes.

6.0 BENEFIT

- 6.1** The Grant is based on a fixed one-time payment of \$1,500.00 AUD and can only be accessed by a recipient after census date of the first study period (semester or trimester) of their program, unless prior approval or special dispensation is obtained from the University.
- 6.2** Requests for reimbursement of travel costs or overseas health cover must be made in writing to the University, including proof of purchase showing the name of the offer holder (not a third party). The maximum value of the reimbursement will be \$1,500 AUD per enrolled student, irrespective of the total value of the proof of purchase provided. Claims for reimbursement made without proof of purchase will be considered invalid. Reimbursement can only be made to an Australian bank account in the name of the offer holder (joint accounts are accepted).
- 6.3** For students intending to use the Grant to offset the cost of on-campus accommodation, a formal application for accommodation must be completed and lodged with the University's Student Living team through the appropriate portal. The student must pay the appropriate deposit requested at the time of submitting their accommodation application. The value of the Grant will be applied against any residual balance owed by the student after deposit payment.
- 6.4** In the event of the Grant being used as a tuition fee offset, it will be applied as a tuition fee waiver directly into the recipient's University student account.
- 6.4.1 This will reduce the tuition fee liability by the Grant benefit amount for the next term of the program of study, provided the conditions of the Grant and any accompanying scholarship are maintained.
- 6.4.2 Recipients will be billed for normal tuition fee rates based on enrolment load leading into census date of the eligible term for which the Grant applies. The tuition fee waiver may not be reflected on the tuition fee account until census has passed. After the census date, a fee waiver will be applied to the recipient's student account.

- 6.5** Any overpayment by the recipient will remain in the tuition fee account to allocate to the next term's fees.

- 6.5.1 If a recipient withdraws from the program of study, the Grant value will be retained by the University and is not refundable to the recipient.

7.0 SUSPENSION OF BENEFIT

- 7.1** A recipient may apply in writing for a suspension of the scholarship and grant benefit due to illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstances. All applications must be supported by appropriate documentary evidence for the request to be assessed.

- 7.2** Periods of suspension approved by the University shall not reduce the tenure of the scholarship.

8.0 TERMINATION

- 8.1** A scholarship shall terminate before its due date of conclusion if the recipient:

- 8.1.1 Fails to fulfil any of the conditions of the scholarship, or

- 8.1.2 Relinquishes the scholarship, or

- 8.1.3 Ceases to be an international student at the University, whichever first occurs.

9.0 APPEALS

- 9.1** An applicant for, or recipient of, the Global Access Grant, may appeal in writing to the University, if they believe that procedures followed were deficient, defective, or unfair. The University will provide a written response to the appeal within 20 business days of receipt.

10.0 VARIATION

- 10.1** The University reserves the right to vary any of the provisions of these conditions, where satisfied that circumstances warrant variation.

Appendix 1 – Eligible Scholarships

International Excellence Scholarship 2027

Vice Chancellor's Academic Merit Scholarship 2027

Excelencia Internacional Scholarship 2027

Appendix 2 - Programs where the Global Access Grant is not available

Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science - Diagnostic Radiography (Honours) [088060E]
Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science - Nuclear Medicine (Honours) [088061D]
Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science - Radiation Therapy (Honours) [088062C / 116244E]
Bachelor of Medical Science / Doctor of Medicine [082394J]
Bachelor of Nutrition and Dietetics (Honours) [001131C]
Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (including Honours program) [001132B]
Bachelor of Oral Health Therapy [084069F]
Bachelor of Pharmacy (including Honours program) [079931D]
Bachelor of Physiotherapy [0329298M]
Bachelor of Speech Pathology [0279748F]
Graduate Certificate in Human and Social Services [116622F]
Master of Social Work (Qualifying) [116623E]

Appendix 3 - Documents accepted as proof of residential address

Utility Bill

Electricity, Gas, Water or Local Council Rates, internet or landline phone (not mobile) bills, issued within the last 3 (three) months.

Bank Statements

Statements or transaction summaries from an Australian bank recognized and licensed by APRA, issued within the last 3 (three) months.

Government-issued notices

Tax notices, Medicare statements, Centrelink statements or other official Government correspondence issued within the last 6 (six) months.

Mortgage statements

Home loan statements issued by an Australian lender recognized and licensed by APRA, issued within the last 6 (six) months.

Lease Agreements

Rental contracts issued by an appropriately registered and licensed Australian real estate agent, for a duration of at least 6 (six) months, issued within the last 3 (three) months.

Documents must be in English, fully legible, and will be verified at source if certified copies are not provided. Documents other than those detailed in this appendix will not be accepted for the purpose of address verification