



Friends of the University John Lambert Undergraduate Scholarship

1. ESTABLISHMENT

The Friends of the University were established in 1981 to foster an awareness of the university and its place in the community, and to conduct activities including fundraising that promote the interests of the university. Since that time, via their biennial book fair, the Friends have raised over \$1,000,000 and contributed towards scholarships, art works, music, rare books, infrastructure and more. This scholarship was established by the Friends of the University to support a student who has completed the Open Foundation course and is enrolling in an undergraduate degree in the following year. John Lambert was the treasurer for the Friends from 1991 – 2001. John Lambert was a university academic, mathematician and computer expert. His management and recording of book fair finances earned the comment from one of the senior organisers of the fair that “he is the very engine room of the book fair”.

2. DEFINITIONS

"Donor" or "Sponsor" means The Friends of the University;

"Faculty" means the Faculty for which the scholarship is relevant;

"Program" means the program of study in which the scholar is enrolled;

"Scholar" means a recipient of a scholarship;

"Scholarship" means Friends of the University John Lambert Undergraduate Scholarship;

"UON" means the University of Newcastle.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 To be eligible to apply for this scholarship an applicant must be enrolled at the University of Newcastle and meet the following criteria:

3.1.1 Be enrolled in a 1st year undergraduate degree at the University of Newcastle.

3.1.2 Have previously completed an Open Foundation program in the year prior to undergraduate enrolment.

3.1.3 Be enrolled full-time.

3.1.4 Demonstrate academic achievement by an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) or equivalent of 75 or higher for commencing students.

3.1.5 Demonstrate that the ability to study is affected, or will be affected, by an area of educational disadvantage such as carer responsibilities, sole parent responsibilities, financial hardship, English language difficulty, Indigenous Australian, long term medical condition/disability or ongoing effects of abuse, Refugee status, Regional or remote disadvantage.

3.1.6 Not have previously completed a degree.

3.1.7 Not be the recipient of another UON Donor funded or sponsored scholarship concurrently.

3.1.8 Be an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident.

4. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

4.1 The following documentation must be submitted with the scholarship application:

4.1.1 A written statement demonstrating/outlining your academic achievement to date, your experience with one or more of the above mentioned educational disadvantages and career aspirations in the relevant area of study or research as well as how this scholarship would assist you.

[Each document requested must evidence at least one of the eligibility criteria under clause 3.0.]
A written statement/essay is to be no more than 2 x A4 pages (unless stated otherwise) excluding documentary evidence.

Other examples of supporting documents may include CV, a confirmation of Aboriginality, a written reference made by an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Island community member who knows you in the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander community, evidence of sporting achievements, essay/proposal, driver's licence, health care card etc.

4.2 Any applicant that does not submit the required documentation, including documentary evidence, will not be considered for selection.

5. SELECTION

5.1 Selection is a competitive process and will be based on assessment of the scholarship application and any required supporting documents. Applications will be ranked against the criteria outlined in clauses 3.0 and 4.0 and a recommendation schedule sent to the nominated University staff member from clause 5.2 (and any other person(s) nominated) for selection and sign off.

5.2 Selection will be made by the Multi-Faculty Selection Committee which will consist of a minimum of three members chosen by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic).

5.3 Where there are no eligible applicants after a maximum of two rounds per year then the scholarship will not be offered for that year.

6. CONDITION OF AWARD

6.1 The scholarship is tenable for one (1) year. The scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it was awarded, unless otherwise specified.

6.2 The scholar shall continue to meet all eligibility criteria specified in clause 3.0 of these conditions and any other specified requirements for the duration of the scholarship unless varied in accordance with clause 11.0, but may apply for special consideration outlined in clause 10.0.

6.3 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, a Grade Point Average (GPA) of [5.0] or higher, and continuing to meet the eligibility criteria of the scholarship. Documentary evidence may be requested to confirm ongoing eligibility.

6.4 This scholarship may be reserved or deferred for an approved period as outlined in clause 8.0. Withdrawal from studies after payment of the scholarship in any semester may affect the scholar's eligibility for scholarship payment in the following semester.

6.5 Where a scholar has withdrawn from studies after payment of the scholarship in any semester (and no period of approved leave has been granted as outlined in clause 8.0), the scholar may be required to return the benefit they received for the semester within which it was paid.

- 6.6 The scholar shall not be required by the donor or the University to undertake employment as a condition of award of the scholarship.
- 6.7 The scholar will make themselves available for an official presentation ceremony and meeting with the scholarship donor in Scholars week.

7. BENEFIT

- 7.1 The scholarship currently provides a total benefit of \$4,000 to be paid in two equal payments following Semester 1 and Semester 2 census dates.
- 7.2 The scholarship benefit and number of scholarships awarded may vary and will be determined by the funding raised in each academic each year.

8. PERIODS OF LEAVE

- 8.1 A scholar may apply in writing to reserve or defer of the scholarship benefit because of illness, injury or other extenuating circumstances. An application must be supported by appropriate documentary evidence. Periods of approved leave or deferral must not exceed two consecutive semesters of study and shall not reduce the tenure of the scholarship. All applications for periods of leave must be submitted to the Scholarships Office within the affected semester of study.

9. TERMINATION

- 9.1 A scholarship shall terminate before its due date of conclusion when:
 - 9.1.1 the scholar ceases to meet the eligibility criteria in clause 3.0,
 - 9.1.2 the maximum duration of the scholarship has been reached,
 - 9.1.3 the scholar completes study and/or ceases to be a student of the University,
 - 9.1.4 the University determines that the scholar has committed serious misconduct, or
 - 9.1.5 the scholar failed to maintain satisfactory academic progress.

When termination is likely due to clause 9.1.5, the UON Office of Alumni and Philanthropy will be advised prior to termination occurring and will undertake the most appropriate action in consultation with the Donor/Sponsor and Student Central.

10. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

- 10.1 Where a scholar cannot meet the conditions of the scholarship due to illness, injury or other extenuating circumstances, they may apply in writing to the scholarships office. Applications must be supported by appropriate documentary evidence and a decision will be made in consultation with the Office of Alumni & Philanthropy.

11. PRIVACY

- 11.1 By applying for this scholarship the student understands that this is a donor-funded scholarship and as such an external donor (or representative) may view their application, supporting documents evidencing their eligibility, and details of their ongoing academic progression.

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