

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND

Services UNE Limited Scholarship for Non-School Leavers and Returning Students

Terms and Conditions

1. Introduction

The University of New England has established a scholarship for undergraduate students who are not entering university directly from high school and would benefit from financial support while undertaking study. The Services UNE Limited Scholarship for Returning Students is open to those who will commence on campus studies in 2011 in an undergraduate course.

This scholarship has a small number of specific criteria beyond the usual University requirements. The successful recipient will be returning to study following an intermission at secondary or tertiary level of at least 5 years.

In 2011 the recipient will commence, or continue, full-time, on campus studies in an undergraduate degree at the University of New England.

2. Details

Value:	\$5,000 per annum
Number Awarded:	1
Duration:	One year with the opportunity to reapply in subsequent years
Study Mode:	Full-time, on-campus

3. Eligibility

- The applicant must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident as defined by the Commonwealth (refer to www.goingtouni.gov.au).
- The applicant will not have studied at secondary or tertiary level for at least 5 years.
- The applicant may have commenced a tertiary qualification, but cannot have completed a tertiary award. For the purposes of this scholarship tertiary or secondary study does not include any UNE or TAFE recognized pathways or enabling program.
- Applicants will be a resident of the New England region, but will not be a resident of a UNE College or affiliated college during the year in which the scholarship is awarded.
- The applicant must be able to demonstrate financial disadvantage.

4. Selection

- In 2011 the scholarship will be awarded to a student who provides a written statement describing how they would benefit from the scholarship, and any disadvantage they have overcome to return to tertiary study.
- The applicant must attach evidence to support financial need, which may be:
 - a copy of a Centrelink statement;
 - their own Income Tax Return (if independent); and

- a letter from an authorised person (e.g. family doctor, accountant) that comments on the applicant's financial circumstances.

5. Report/s

Number required:

- 1 (one) – Statement about benefits of the scholarship and overcoming disadvantage and including information about educational experiences

6. Closing Date

31st January 2011

7. Conditions.

- Undergraduate scholarship holders may not hold more than one UNE scholarship if the combined value is greater than three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) per annum.
- The scholarship shall be administered by and awarded on the recommendation of the Undergraduate Scholarships Committee.
- There will be no commitment by the University to employ the recipient.
- The scholarship is intended for the nominated undergraduate course and may not be deferred or transferred without the written approval of the Chair of the Undergraduate Scholarships Committee.
- The scholarship is payable in two instalments after each census date (mid-April and mid-September).
- If you make any changes to your enrolment after receiving your instalment you must notify the Undergraduate Scholarships Team. If you no longer satisfy the conditions of the scholarship you may be required to repay the instalment.
- Continuation of the scholarship is subject to satisfactory academic progress at no less than pass standard as well as continuing financial disadvantage.
 - The scholarship shall comprise a cash payment of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) conditional upon the recipient maintaining at least a pass average or equivalent GPA and demonstrated involvement in cultural, community or sporting activities.
 - It is expected that the recipient will be enrolled full-time, on campus unless a unit is offered only as an off-campus unit and the unit is a requirement of the course. Where three or more units within a semester are offered only as off-campus units (including fully online units), and the units are a requirement of the course, a student may appeal to the Undergraduate Scholarships Committee for continuation of the scholarship. Each case will be assessed on its merits.
- Recipients will be required to submit brief reports (by 30th June and 30th November) on their progress with their studies and show involvement in cultural and community or sporting activities and/or general participation in University life.
- Additional conditions may apply to some scholarships and may vary by scholarship (e.g. specific conditions on eligibility, voluntary work requirements and payment schedules). When offers are made for these scholarships, the recipient will be made aware of specific conditions that apply.
- Any request to vary the conditions of the scholarship must be made in writing and will be determined at the discretion of the Undergraduate Scholarships Committee.

- The recipient will be required to attend the annual scholarships presentation evening, if they are invited to do so, and may be asked to participate in activities to promote this scholarship, including public speaking, donor liaison, media interviews and photographs.
- UNE may change these Conditions on written notice to the recipient.

8. Acceptance of Conditions

- In accepting the Services UNE Scholarship for Returning Students, the recipient acknowledges that he/she is accepting the terms and conditions outlined above.
- Failure to meet the requirements of these terms and conditions may lead to the termination of the scholarship.