

# UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND

## UNE Equity Scholarship for Environmental and Rural Science

### Terms and Conditions

#### 1. Introduction

The University of New England has established undergraduate scholarships to support country students who have a record of academic achievement, and have been involved in leadership positions in school and the community. Some scholarships are funded by donations or grants from individuals or organisations and may include specific criteria beyond the usual University requirements.

The recipient will commence full-time, on-campus studies at the University of New England in an undergraduate course in the School of Environmental and Rural Science.

The recipient of a UNE Equity Scholarship in Environmental and Rural Science is required to reside in one of the UNE residences for at least the first year.

#### 2. Details

Value:	<b>\$6,000 per annum</b>
Number Awarded:	<b>various</b>
Duration:	<b>3 years</b>
Study Mode:	<b>Full-time, on campus</b>

#### 3. Eligibility

- Open to students completing Year 12 and gap year/s students who are commencing university study for the first time in the year following application and who will be aged 21 or under at the start of the academic teaching year, and students who have already been admitted to UNE under the gifted and talented arrangements with the NSW Board of Studies.
- The applicant must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident as defined by the Commonwealth (refer to [www.goingtouni.gov.au](http://www.goingtouni.gov.au)) who has applied, via UAC or QTAC, for admission to an undergraduate course in the Environmental or Rural Sciences.
- The application must be able to demonstrate financial disadvantage.
- An ATAR of at least 72.55 (or equivalent) is required.
- Students applying through UNExtra Early Entry may be considered
- The applicant's residential address must be either regional or remote as defined by the Government Remoteness Tool (<http://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/home/remoteness+structure>)

#### 4. Selection

- The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of academic merit as indicated by the applicant's performance in the NSW HSC, or equivalent.
- The Undergraduate Scholarships Committee will also consider:

- Involvement and leadership in school and community activities; and
- Commitment to the proposed course.
- The applicant must attach evidence to support financial need, which may be:
  - A copy of a Centrelink statement; or
  - Their parent's/parents' Income Tax Return/s (if dependent); or
  - Their own Income Tax Return (if independent); or
  - A letter from an authorised person (eg. School principal, minister of religion, account) that comments on the applicant's financial circumstances.
- The applicant should provide a statement describing how they would benefit from a scholarship and how they would use the funds if successful. The statement should also indicate any special reasons the applicant should be awarded a scholarship, any obstacles they have overcome in their path to study, and whether the applicant feels they have overcome any particular financial, geographic, cultural or other disadvantage.

#### 5. Reports

Number required: 1 (one) – School Principal's Report

#### 6. Closing Date

Last Friday in January

#### 7. Conditions

- Undergraduate scholarship holders may not hold more than two UNE Scholarships if the combined value is greater than three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) per annum.
- The recipient of a UNE Equity Scholarship for Environmental and Rural Science is required to reside in one of the UNE residences for at least the first year.
- The scholarship shall be administered by and awarded on the recommendation of the Undergraduate Scholarship 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 directly to the recipient's bank account in two instalments (mid-April and mid-August).
- 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:
  - The scholarship shall comprise a cash payment of six thousand dollars (\$6,000), conditional upon the recipient maintaining at least a Pass average or equivalent GPA in each trimester.
  - It is expected that the recipient will be enrolled full-time, on-campus and complete the course in the minimum period of candidature.

- Recipients will be required to submit brief semester reports (by 30<sup>th</sup> June and 30<sup>th</sup> November each year) on their progress with their studies and involvement in sporting, cultural and community activities as well as 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, if they are invited to do so, and may be asked to participate in activities to promote this scholarship and UNE Scholarships in general, 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 a UNE Equity Scholarship for Environmental and Rural Science, 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