

The University of New England

**THE J.H. BISHOP POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP IN
CLASSICS & ANCIENT HISTORY**

Guidelines for applicants

General Goal

To attract to the University of New England very able candidates to undertake postgraduate research in Classics and Ancient History.

An acceptable awardee

The candidate must have an outstanding first degree in Greek, Latin, Classics or Ancient History, and already be accepted into candidature to undertake postgraduate research at UNE in any appropriate area.

Eligibility

- i. Preference will be given to an internal full-time PhD or MA (research) candidate. However, an external part-time candidate may be considered if in that year no suitable internal full-time applicant emerges
- ii. The applicant must be a citizen of Australia normally resident in the country

Value

\$5,000 p.a. (current expectation), for up to two years (MA candidates) 3.5 years (PhD candidates); payable at the start of each semester upon proof of enrolled status and recommendation from Head of School and Supervisor confirming satisfactory progress.

Caveat

Since APA's are now deemed transportable by Canberra, the holder of this Scholarship will be required to repay it if the candidature is transferred to another University.

[NB. The Univ. Legal office is looking at this clause to see if it is practicable. As well, I am told that there are changes expected from Canberra about portability of scholarships.]

Method of application

Contact UNE Scholarships Office. Provide evidence of Australian citizenship; degree transcript(s); names of two referees who should be asked by the candidate to write confidentially to the Scholarships Office; copy of BA thesis or other evidence of research (published or unpublished).

Note

A person awarded the J.H. Bishop Postgraduate Scholarship in Classics and Ancient History must acknowledge it specifically in the thesis and in any other published research or conference paper researched and written during the life of this grant.

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The J.H. Bishop Postgraduate Scholarship in Classics and Ancient History Background Notes

The donors, current capital amount, and name of the Fund

This scholarship fund was established in 1997. By the end of 2002 the capital had grown to \$90,000, and it has been decided to make a first award in 2004 from the interest generated. The late Emeritus Professor John Huntley Bishop agreed in 1997 that his name may be used for the title of the Scholarship. Professor Bishop (1921-99) held the Foundation Chair of Classics at UNE from 1959-80. The Bishop family has been supportive of this initiative. About 100 donors have contributed to the fund over the last several years, in amounts both small and large.

Long term goal

It is envisaged that a full postgraduate scholarship may eventually be supported by the fund; the capital sum would need to be increased substantially to achieve that target.

Guidelines for determining an acceptable awardee

- i. The strong focus on the one or both Classical languages or Ancient History should be understood to mean that topics in the following areas are acceptable: linguistics, history, philosophy, religion, literature, etc.; whereas art history or archaeology, for example, would be excluded. Note that a candidate in Ancient History must already have a minimum of two years formal study of Latin or Greek (or both) to be eligible to apply.
- ii. A candidate for this Scholarship may be full-time or part-time, internal or external, with preference for an internal full-time candidate.
- iii. The Scholarship is not to be awarded automatically if no outstanding candidate applies.
- iv. The Scholarship may be held only once by any individual.
- v. The Scholarship may only be awarded when there are sufficient funds in hand.

Related Costs

Administration of the Scholarship will be looked after by the Scholarships Office. Expenses such as advertising should be borne by the Scholarships Office of the Administration, not taken out of the fund itself. Normally advertise July for the following year. Liaison with the Professor of Classics and Ancient History should occur.

Caveats

1. Since APA's are now deemed transportable by Canberra, the holder of this scholarship should be required to repay it if the candidature is transferred to another University.
2. If the University of New England should decide to discontinue the teaching of either or both Classical Languages from beginners-p/grad level, then to keep faith with the intention of the Scholarship, the capital sum should be transferred to a University in Australia which is still providing Classics. First preference in this case will go to the University of Newcastle.

Determination of Award

Any two of: Dean of the Faculty of Arts; Head of School of Classics, History and Religion; and Chair, UNE Scholarships Committee; (or the nominee of any of these three).

Plus both the Professor of Classics and Ancient History and one other Classic staff members.

Should there not be consensus, the Professor of Classics and Ancient History has a casting vote.

Communication with the family

It is incumbent on the Scholarship Office in conjunction with the Professor of Classics and Ancient History to inform the family members of each award, and generally to keep them up to date on developments with the scholarship. More generally, the University undertakes to provide the donor or other authorised person with an appropriate level of reporting. Normally the central point of contact for this is the University's Development Office.