

KEITH AND DOROTHY MACKAY HONOURS SCHOLARSHIP

Terms and Conditions

1. Introduction

The scholarships are for the support of academically excellent students who are enrolled in an Honours Year at the University of New England who, because of personal hardship would otherwise be unable to complete their Honours Year.

The Scholarship is awarded by the Academic Board on the recommendation of the Higher Degree Research Committee. Usually, Research Services will invite applications in November and May each year and the award(s) will be made before the end of December and June respectively in any year. The scholar will usually take up the Scholarship within two months of the award being made.

2. The Scholarship

- a) Awarded twice a year with applications closing 15th May and 15th November
- b) Maximum value of \$A5,000 covering a maximum period of one year full-time or two years part-time study.

3. Eligibility Criteria

The Applicant must

- a) be enrolled at the University of New England in an Honours year. This includes those enrolled in either a four-year degree course with a final Honours year or a three-year Bachelor degree with an additional Honours year; **and**
- b) demonstrate financial need. The applicant must attach
 - i. **a one page statement** outlining the reasons why they would be unable to complete their Honours as a result of personal hardship (not research costs), **and also**
 - ii. provide documentary evidence of financial need, such as:
 - a budget detailing weekly or fortnightly income and expenses; **or**
 - a copy of an Austudy, Youth Allowance statement or Health Care Card,**or**
 - similar documentation; **and**
- c) ensure that Referees provide reports direct to Research Services before the closing date.

4. Selection Criteria

Applicants will be ranked using the following criteria in the order below.

- a) Academic merit: Successful applicants will normally have achieved a good record of Distinctions and High Distinctions in their previous academic years. Applicants whose academic record is not at that level, may be offered less than the maximum amount. **Applicants must provide copies of their Academic Transcripts.**

- b) Referees Reports: Applicants must request three referees to submit reports direct to Research Services before the closing date. Applications will not be considered unless at least one report is received by Research Services by the closing date.
- c) Preference will be given to those who have undertaken the equivalent of at least three years full-time study through the University of New England, Armidale.

5. The Application

An complete application must be lodged with Research Services by the closing date and must include ONLY the following:

- a) A completed **Application Form**
- b) **Academic Transcripts**
- c) **A one page statement** detailing personal hardship which would prevent completion of honours
- d) **Documentary evidence** of financial need
- e) At least one, and up to three **Referees reports** (submitted by referees direct to Research Services)

6. Successful Applicants

- a) in receipt of concurrent funding from another scholarship, will receive an amount from the K&D Mackay scholarship so that the total from both scholarships does not exceed \$A5,000.
- b) will only receive the full value of the award if they are studying full-time. The amount is reduced proportionally for part-time students.
- c) must arrange for their supervisor to submit, to Research Services, evidence of satisfactory progress of their program after six months study.
- d) must provide a full report, to Research Services, at the conclusion of their Scholarship.

7. Notes:

- a) An award may be terminated if a scholar is not making satisfactory progress.
- b) The scholarship may not be awarded if there are no suitably qualified applicants.

8. Further Information:

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