

# UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND

## UNE Country Scholarship

### 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 year following application.

The recipient of a UNE Country Scholarship is required to reside in one of the UNE residences for at least the first year.

#### 2. Details

Value:	<b>\$5,000 per annum</b>
Number Awarded:	<b>Up to 28</b>
Duration:	<b>Duration of course</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 at the University of New England.
- A UAI of at least 85 or an ATAR of at least 86.30 (or equivalent) is required.
- The applicant's residential address must be either regional or remote as defined by the Government Remoteness Tool <http://www.youth.gov.au/yamap.html>

#### 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.

#### 5. Report/s

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

## **6. Closing Date**

Last Friday in September

## **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 recipient of a UNE Country Scholarship 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 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 directly into the recipient's bank account 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:
  - The scholarship shall comprise a cash payment of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) annually for the duration of the course, conditional upon the recipient maintaining at least a Credit average or equivalent GPA in each semester.
  - 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.
  - It is expected that the recipient will complete the course in the minimum period of candidature.
  - The scholarship may be extended for those recipients undertaking a separate Honours year. This will be contingent upon the recipient having obtained at least a Credit average or equivalent GPA in the previous year, and the Honours year being undertaken in the following year.
  - Recipients seeking the extension of their scholarship for their Honours year must make a written application to the Undergraduate Scholarships Team prior to the commencement of the honours program.
- Recipients will be required to submit brief 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 evening, if they are invited to do so, and may be asked to participate in activities to promote this scholarship and the

UNE Country 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 Country Scholarship, 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.