

## Vice-Chancellor's Excellence Scholarships (VCES)

### Up to 50% tuition fee discounts

Newcastle University offers a number of scholarship awards each year to assist high calibre international students to study for an undergraduate degree. The awards will be credited to the student's fee account to reduce the overall cost of tuition fees.

#### Terms and Conditions

1. An applicant can only apply and be considered for a scholarship after they have been offered a place to study on their chosen eligible full-time undergraduate degree programme at the University's Newcastle city centre campus for the 2026/27 academic year and have been assessed as international for fees purposes. **Applications cannot be considered in advance of applicants meeting these two criteria.**

The following are not eligible to apply for awards:

- Medicine MB BS, Dental Surgery BDS and Dental Therapy BSc applicants
- Applicants applying through Clearing
- Study abroad and exchange students
- Current, registered students at the university who have already commenced their undergraduate degree at the time of the award. Awards cannot be made retrospectively
- Students repeating courses
- Students funded through partnerships between the University and external organisations

2. The closing dates for applications are;

- 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

Late applications will not be considered. Awards will be based on fully completed applications received by that date. Applicants can apply for a scholarship once; it is not possible to submit multiple applications.

3. The University awards Scholarships on the basis of academic merit and other information provided on the Scholarship application form. To be considered for awards applicants must have or expect to a minimum of ABB at A level or equivalent. The applicants chosen to receive the awards will be assessed according to evidence of academic ability, evidence of commitment to studies and quality of application and may be contacted for additional information.
4. Scholarships are renewable annually and will be subject to academic progression.
5. Fully sponsored students do not qualify for these awards. A fully funded scholarship or full sponsorship covers full tuition fees, before any scholarships are deducted from the fee. The University reserves the right to suspend payment and recover any scholarship amounts already made to international students with full funding
6. 2026/27 awards cannot be deferred to the 2027/28 academic year.
7. The value of the scholarships will be up to 50% of the tuition fees and will be credited to the student's tuition fee account to reduce the overall cost of tuition fees.
8. Successful applicants cannot be in receipt a VCES award AND an award from any of the following scholarship schemes operated by the University: Vice-Chancellor's International Scholarships, Vice-Chancellor's EU Scholarships, Newcastle University GREAT Scholarships, Spärck AI Scholarships, Elite Sports Scholarships, International Family Discount, Alumni Progression Scholarship, Alumni Progression Discount, Vice-Chancellor's INTO Scholarships, INTO Enhanced Progression Scholarships, Newcastle University Foundation Scholarships, faculty and school scholarships. Applicants may apply and/or be

considered for more than one award but if successful in the VCES and one of the schemes listed then they would receive the Higher of the awards with the lower value award reallocated to another applicant. Students whose tuition fees are fully sponsored will not be eligible to receive VCES awards. This list of schemes is not exhaustive and applicants should check the regulations for all funding opportunities to which they apply to ensure eligibility. Fully sponsored students are not eligible to receive VCES awards.

9. To be eligible to receive awards, applicants must have selected Newcastle as their Firm choice (CF or UF) of university with UCAS by 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Applicants who decline an offer or select Newcastle as their Insurance choice are not eligible to receive awards. Students changing from Insurance to Firm are not eligible to receive VCES awards.
10. Applicants initially assessed as international for fee purposes but whose fees change to "home" either before they commence their degree or during their degree, are not eligible to receive Vice-Chancellor's Excellence Scholarship awards and will have any offer made withdrawn.
11. For students on placements, the scholarship will be applied to the reduced tuition fee payable in the placement year.
12. Applicants should check the scholarship offer e-mail for any additional conditions attached to the scholarship offer.
13. Successful candidates will be expected to work with the international recruitment team from time to time to serve as a student ambassador for the University during their period of study to help inform prospective students about study at Newcastle University. This may involve such activities as: attending physical or virtual presentations for prospective students; providing written or filmed testimonials/ vlogs and blogs for the University's website; or serving as an advocate to help promote the scholarship programme. It may also include the University's use of certain identifying data (such as the scholarship recipients' names, nationalities and courses of study) in the context of the above and related activities. The time commitment for ambassador activities should not typically exceed 8 hours per semester.
14. Details of successful scholarship recipients will be passed to Newcastle University Advancement Team who may contact students following graduation.
15. The University reserves the right to vary all or any scholarship awards and regulations at its sole discretion.
16. The University's decision on all Vice-Chancellor's Excellence Scholarship awards and interpretation of rules and regulations shall be final: appeals will not be considered.

**Further Enquiries:**

For any enquiries relating to this scholarship, please contact the International Scholarships Team:

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