What is the Vice-Chancellor’s Alumni Scholarship?

Each year since 2009, the Vice-Chancellor has rallied support from the UNSW alumni community to support students from disadvantaged backgrounds to gain access to higher education. These scholarships effectively widen the pipeline for students to overcome obstacles and gain a first-rate education, giving them the opportunity to fulfil their potential.

Eligible students are those from low socio-economic backgrounds, indigenous and rural communities, or students that have a disability or experience other forms of hardships.

Scholarship recipients are awarded $5,000 per year for the duration of their undergraduate degree, alleviating some of the ongoing financial concerns associated with attaining a Bachelor’s degree including fees, textbooks, travel, computer expenses, living expenses and accommodation.

Why is it needed?

Although government funding is not keeping pace with the increasing demand, UNSW is committed to realising the potential of talented young Australians, regardless of economic circumstances.

The advantages of a university degree are innumerable and, with the help of our alumni community, students will have the opportunity to grow personally and professionally, build their confidence, make friends, get involved in clubs, associations and sports, and be guided toward achieving their life goals.

What are the criteria for the 2013 Vice-Chancellor’s Alumni Scholarship Appeal?

- Students must apply through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) Equity Scholarships Scheme.
- The successful applicant must be entering their first year of any single or combined undergraduate degree at UNSW;
- Scholarships are offered at the beginning of each year;
- All applicants must be Australian Citizens or Permanent Residents;
What impact are donations expected to have?

Your gift will enable students experiencing hardship to receive the benefits of a first-class education.

In 2012, our goal was to increase the number of Vice-Chancellor Alumni Scholarships to 65, and not only did we reach this goal but with the enthusiasm of the UNSW alumni community we surpassed it and brought the total to nearly 70 scholarships. Over 4,000 alumni have donated to the Vice-Chancellor’s Alumni Appeal Scholarship program since its inception in 2009. This tremendous show of support is encouraging, and we hope to increase the number of scholarships to 100 this year.

*With over 178,000 UNSW alumni that we can contact, if each graduate gave a donation of $50 each year this would provide almost $9 million for additional scholarships.* With the regular commitment of all our alumni, we can create opportunities for more students in need. Every gift makes a difference regardless of size – *and any gift of $2 or more is tax deductible in Australia.*

How can I help?

In order to help these students receive the benefits of a higher education, join the growing group of UNSW alumni donors and provide the gift of opportunity to students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

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