What is the Vice-Chancellor’s Alumni Scholarship?

The President and Vice-Chancellor’s Alumni Scholarship Appeal is more than just financial aid. It gives talented young minds a chance to study at UNSW and the opportunity to succeed.

The President and Vice-Chancellor’s Alumni Scholarship supports disadvantaged students from low socio-economic backgrounds, including rural students, Indigenous Australians, students with disabilities and students experiencing hardship. They receive $5,000 per year for the duration of their degree, paying for essentials like accommodation, food, text-books, computers, transport and other living expenses.

Since 2009, over 7,000 alumni have supported the Scholarship. Their generosity has allowed us to offer around 70 scholarships to gifted students in need.

Give the gift of opportunity to students in need

We all know education is important.

And yet, access to higher education isn’t just a problem for developing countries. In Australia, where one in three of us have university degrees, our most disadvantaged youth are still missing out on this opportunity in vastly disproportionate numbers.

The gap between those who can afford to attend university and those that can’t widens each year.

The problem isn’t getting into university, but staying there

Creating more pathways and places at university for underrepresented groups is only part of the challenge.

The biggest challenge is not just getting into university, but staying there. The living expenses and study costs of attending university are considerable, worsened for those who need to move away from home to study, or those who have dependents or families reliant on their income to survive.
Give back to the university that gave you a head-start

While a scholarship of $5,000 per year may not seem like much, it can be the difference between struggle and success for disadvantaged UNSW students. Your donation can give a first-year from a low income family the money to buy a computer and text books, an ambitious student the chance to focus on study instead of extra night-shifts, or an indigenous student from a remote area a ticket home for the holidays.

How you can help

We ask you to reflect on the opportunities your UNSW education has given you since graduation.

Then consider that only 1% of all higher education students are Indigenous, just 16% are from low socio-economic homes and only 1 in 5 students are from remote areas.

How much would you pay to give them the same opportunity to study at UNSW that you had?

All donations big and small can make a difference. Give the gift of opportunity now by purchasing Clancy as your Graduations mascot, all proceeds from the sale go to the President and Vice-Chancellor’s Alumni Scholarship Appeal.

About the scholarship

- 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

Successful applicants will receive $5,000 per annum for the duration of their degree.