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## How to increase your chances of receiving a research scholarship for the 2012 round...

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### Domestic applicants (Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens, Australian permanent residents)

**Students coming directly from Honours or those who completed honours in 2010 or applicants who claim disadvantage** e.g. were unable to continue study due to having a family etc.

- Apply by the closing date of **31 October** each year (or **1 October** for Clinical and Health Psychology programs)
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- Honours class one
- Research work experience
- Research publications – points are given for refereed research journal articles, book chapters, research related conference publications, research related exhibitions and patents

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#### All other domestic students

- Apply by the closing date of **31 October** each year (or **1 October** for Clinical and Health Psychology programs)
- A Grade Point Average (GPA) in the last two years of Bachelors of at least 5.25 out of 7
- Honours class one or equivalent
- Research work experience
- Research studies – points are given for a coursework masters with 20% thesis component or for a research masters
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### International applicants (citizens of all countries other than Australia and New Zealand)

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- Meet the University's English proficiency requirement by the closing date (Please refer to English Proficiency Info over page)
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#### Honours equivalence:

- 2 or more refereed research publications, conference papers or exhibitions OR
- Coursework masters with 20% thesis component plus 1 year satisfactory progress in a research higher degree OR

- Coursework masters with 20% thesis component plus 2 years research work experience OR
- Master of Philosophy OR
- Another determination of equivalence proposed by the supervisor and approved by the Head of School and Assistant Dean Research Training
- For international applicants only, a GPA of 6 out of 7 in a four year overseas undergraduate degree is automatically considered H1 equivalent

**A note on international scholarships:** There are two main types, the IPRS (IPRS) and the University of Newcastle IPRS (UNIPRS). International research scholarships are very competitive with around 250 applications received each year. In the 2011 round, 8 EIPRS's and 30 UNIPRS's were awarded. As a guide, previous IPRS scholarship recipients have had a GPA of above 6 out of 7, a research masters or coursework masters with 20% thesis component and several research publications as well as research work experience. Both scholarship types are open to all applicants, however, UNIPRS scholarships can normally only be offered where there are supporting funds from the supervisor's research grant, School or Faculty to fund a full or part living allowance.

IPRS (formerly known as Endeavour IPRS) provides tuition fees and Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) and comes with an automatic University living allowance scholarship funded centrally (UNRSC).

UNIPRS covers tuition fees and comes with a University living allowance scholarship (including Overseas Student Health Cover) funded either in full by the supervisor's research grant, School or Faculty (UNRSE) or half funded centrally and half funded by the supervisor's research grant, School or Faculty (UNRSC50:50). UNRSC50:50 scholarships are limited in number and are dependant on the annual research scholarship budget allocated.

### English Proficiency

To be eligible for scholarship, applicants must normally meet the English proficiency requirements by **31 August**. Demonstration of meeting this proficiency includes (taken from policy 000104):

#### A. PREVIOUS STUDY

The successful completion of one of the following Australian or overseas qualifications within the **five years preceding an application** for study at the University of Newcastle.

- **Australian Qualifications** - one or more full-time years of post-secondary study at a University of Newcastle recognised institution
- **Overseas Qualifications/Experience** - a senior secondary qualification normally accepted by the University as an assessable qualification for admission; or  
one or more full-time years of post-secondary study at a UoN recognised institution; provided the course is undertaken solely in the English language in one or more of the following countries: American Samoa, Canada, Fiji, Ireland, Kenya, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, United Kingdom (including Northern Ireland), USA, Zambia or a senior secondary qualification, a post secondary Diploma qualification of at least two years, an undergraduate program of three years or more, or a postgraduate program of two years full time or more, undertaken in a **non-English speaking country** provided the study was completed in an institution which is listed in the International Handbook of Universities, World Higher Education Database, UK Naric Database or AEI NOOSR guides and is confirmed by the institution as having been conducted and examined solely in the English language.

#### B. TESTS/ELICOS

A pass at the required level in one of the following qualifications, completed no longer than **2 years prior to the submission of the application** to study at the University of Newcastle.

- **TOEFL Paper-based or Internet** - a paper-based test score of 575 or more with a TWE rating of 4.5 or an internet test overall score of 93 with no subtest score less than 21.
- **IELTS** - a score of 6.5 or higher with no individual sub-test score less than 6.0 in the Academic Module.
- **University of Newcastle ELICOS Program** - a Higher Level Pass (HP) with a score of 65 per cent or more in three of the four examinations; the score for one exam may be in the 60 – 64 per cent range.

Where an applicant's most recent evidence of English proficiency is a result in a TOEFL or IELTS or ELICOS Test, **their result in that test will override any other measure**/evidence of language proficiency.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) may waive the English language requirement in accordance with the [English Language Proficiency Procedure](#).