Dr Coral Kemp Scholarship

Scholarship Terms and Conditions

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Dr Coral Kemp Scholarship supports an early childhood teacher to undertake the Master of Special and Inclusive Education (Early Childhood) at the University of Newcastle, while working within STaR's Early Years Program. The scholarship covers the full tuition cost of the course and is designed to build specialist inclusive education expertise in the early childhood sector.

If you accept this scholarship offer, you will:

- Maintain your enrolment and satisfactory academic progress in the Master of Special and Inclusive Education (Early Childhood) at the University of Newcastle for the duration of the scholarship.
- Complete the course within the two-year term of the scholarship.
- Notify the scholarship contact of any changes to your circumstances, such as a reduced study load, change in program, or withdrawal from study, that may affect your eligibility.

The scholarship covers the full tuition cost of the eight units that make up the course, for a term of two years. While working, the suggested study load is one to two units per semester.

The successful candidate will also be offered part-time employment with STaR's Early Childhood Specialist Education team (two to three days per week) for the duration of their studies. Taking up this employment is not a condition of the scholarship, but it reflects the scholarship's central purpose, and STaR's preference is to award it to a candidate who will work within its Early Childhood Specialist Education team while studying.[1]

ESTABLISHMENT

The Dr Coral Kemp Scholarship honours Dr Coral Kemp and her contribution to inclusive early childhood education. It is offered by STaR, in partnership with InSpEd and the University of Newcastle, to strengthen specialist inclusive education capability within the early childhood sector. STaR intends to build an ongoing relationship with the recipient, including employment within its Early Childhood Specialist Education team during their studies and the opportunity to apply their developing expertise in practice.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

This is a donor-funded scholarship provided by STaR. Under the scholarship's donor-managed model, STaR and InSpEd lead the promotion, selection and awarding of the scholarship, while the University of Newcastle's Gift Governance team manages invoicing and the application of funds to the recipient's tuition.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for this scholarship, you will need to:

- Hold an early childhood teaching qualification recognised by the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA).
- Be eligible for entry into the Master of Special and Inclusive Education (Early Childhood) at the University of Newcastle.
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.
- Demonstrate relevant professional experience in early childhood education and care.
- Be able to complete the course within two years.
- Not hold another scholarship for the same program of study.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION & APPLICATION

As part of your application, you will need to prepare:

[1] Employment with STaR is governed entirely by a separate employment contract. Employment conditions, performance management and remuneration are independent of scholarship administration.

- A current resume.
- Academic transcripts.

Complete the Dr Coral Kemp Scholarship online application form, upload the requested documentation, and submit by 5pm, Thursday 15 October 2026.

Any applicant who does not submit the required documentation, including documentary evidence, will not be considered for selection.

As part of your application, you will need to agree to the terms and conditions regarding privacy and the collection of personal information set out in the declaration at the start of your application.

SELECTION

Selection is a competitive process. Applications are first assessed against the eligibility requirements, and eligible applications are then assessed against the published selection criteria through the written application and an interview.

In line with the purpose of the scholarship, preference will be given to applicants who intend to take up part-time employment with STaR's Early Years Program (two to three days per week) while completing their studies.

Selection will be made by a panel that includes representatives of STaR, InSpEd and the University of Newcastle.

Selection panel members will declare and manage any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest.

All applicants will be notified of an outcome by email within six weeks of the application closing date.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

If you accept this scholarship, you agree to the following conditions:

- You will continue to meet the eligibility requirements above for the duration of the scholarship, unless special consideration is approved.
- You will maintain enrolment in the Master of Special and Inclusive Education (Early Childhood) and make satisfactory academic progress[2]. Continuation of the scholarship is subject to semester review.
- You will complete the course within the two-year term. While working, the suggested study load is one to two units per semester.
- If your circumstances change in a way that affects your eligibility (for example, a change in study load or withdrawal from study), you will notify the scholarship contact.
- Engagement: Scholarship recipients may be invited to:
    - participate in scholarship promotion activities;
    - provide a short annual progress update;
    - attend scholarship or donor recognition events.

The successful candidate will be offered part-time employment with STaR's Early Childhood Specialist Education team (two to three days per week) for the duration of their studies, under a separate employment arrangement with STaR. While the scholarship is not conditional on taking up or continuing this employment, it is offered on the basis that the recipient intends to work within STaR's Early Childhood Specialist Education team while studying.

BENEFIT

There is one scholarship available.

The scholarship covers the full tuition cost of the eight units that make up the Master of Special and Inclusive Education (Early Childhood), for the two-year term, provided ongoing eligibility is maintained. Based on a study load of two units per semester, the tuition cost of each unit will be met by the scholarship for each semester of enrolment.

[2] Satisfactory academic progress means passing all enrolled courses and remaining eligible to continue in the program under University rules.

The benefit is applied to the recipient's tuition through the University of Newcastle's Gift Governance team. The scholarship benefit and the number of scholarships awarded may vary and will be determined by the funding available each year.

PERIODS OF LEAVE

You may apply in writing to the scholarship contact to reserve your scholarship if you are unable to study due to illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstances. An application must be supported by documentary evidence.

Periods of approved leave for the scholarship:

- must not exceed two consecutive semesters of study; and
- will not be counted towards the term of the scholarship.

TERMINATION

Unless terminated earlier, the scholarship will end when the term has expired and the total benefit has been paid.

The scholarship may be terminated before the term has expired if:

- the scholarship conditions are not met, including the eligibility requirements not being maintained;
- the recipient completes study and/or ceases to be a student with the University of Newcastle; or
- the recipient has committed serious misconduct, as determined under the University's relevant policies and rules.

Ongoing scholarships will not be paid out in full where the recipient completes or discontinues study before the full term has expired.

If false or misleading information was provided and, as a result, the scholarship was awarded or continued, the scholarship may be stopped, and the recipient may be required to repay any benefits to which they are not entitled within 14 days of being requested to do so.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

If you are unable to meet the conditions of the scholarship due to illness, injury, disability, caring responsibilities or other extenuating circumstances, you may apply for special consideration in writing to the scholarship contact, with appropriate documentary evidence. A decision will be made in consultation between STaR and the University of Newcastle.

PRIVACY AND COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

As this is a donor-funded scholarship, the application, or a summary of the information provided with it, may be shared with University of Newcastle for the purpose of scholarship selection and to confirm that the terms of the donation are met.

You may be asked whether you give permission for short articles or newsletter items to be published, and you may have the option to provide a photo, a quote or a short paragraph about yourself. STaR, InSpEd and the University of Newcastle are committed to the protection of your personal information and privacy and will only disclose your personal information to the extent necessary for the provision of this scholarship, including selection and assessing ongoing eligibility.

SCHOLARSHIP ENQUIRIES

Scholarship contact: education@star.org.au