



2009 UNSW Scholarships Fund

What is the 2009 UNSW Scholarships Fund?

The 2009 UNSW Scholarships Fund will provide financial assistance to disadvantaged students: these include low socio-economic students, rural students, Indigenous Australians, and students with disabilities. A scholarship of \$5,000 per year for the tenure of a student's degree assists our disadvantaged students to afford fees, text books, travel, computer expenses, living expenses, medical and dental bills, and travel and accommodation costs for compulsory placements.

What are our goals for the 2009 UNSW Scholarships Fund?

We need to raise \$300,000 to support 15 scholarships for talented students who are disadvantaged. In so doing we intend to provide support and encouragement to a diverse group of students who may otherwise not have access to higher education.

Why do we need scholarships for disadvantaged students?

One of the major challenges now facing not only UNSW but all Australian universities is to increase the participation rate in higher education of students from disadvantaged backgrounds. The Federal Government is actively encouraging equal access in community-based organisations through the Government's social inclusion agenda. This is in keeping with UNSW's history of fair-play and social justice, and ensures that we are attracting the students with the highest potential.

For more than 15 years the numbers of disadvantaged students accessing higher education at UNSW has remained the same at 6%. Across the higher education sector, compared on a national basis, we are under the 16% average. Our current disadvantaged students do exceedingly well, with a success and retention rate of 98 per cent.

Our alumni have experienced the benefits and opportunities that come with higher education at a prestigious Australian university. It is a valuable contribution for alumni to create the same opportunities that they experienced at UNSW for high achievers from disadvantaged families.

Did you know...

- All full-time students pay from \$5,000 - \$8,500 per year for tuition fees only. This does not include textbooks, photocopying, lab manuals, study materials, travel or living away from home expenses.
- Parental income of \$30,000 or less allows for one dependent child to receive the Government Youth Allowance – which is only \$6,354. This increases to \$9,656 for living away from home expenses. (*source: Centrelink*)
- Across all universities in 2006, 22.7 per cent of full-time students and 33 per cent of part-time students were found to regularly skip classes because they needed to attend employment. (*source: AVCC Council of Australia's University's Presidents*)
- In 2006, at all universities, about one in eight students (12.8 per cent) indicated that they regularly went without food or other necessities because they could not afford them. (*AVCC Council of Australia's University's Presidents*)

Why your donation is important

Your gift as an alumnus has great impact - not only does the gift help the next generation achieve their academic potential but also helps UNSW to continue to attract the best and brightest minds in Australia.

UNSW acknowledges the important role our alumni have in assisting those whose need is the greatest. Our alumni have experienced the benefits and opportunities that come with higher education at a prestigious Australian university. In turn, it is invaluable when alumni create the same opportunities that they experienced at UNSW for high achievers from disadvantaged families.

100% of each contribution to the UNSW Scholarships Fund goes directly to ensure that talented students, who want access to opportunity at UNSW, are not deterred from doing so for financial reasons. All administrative costs for donated income are met fully by UNSW from other sources.

Donations to UNSW of \$2.00 or more are tax deductible in Australia.

How does the University support students from disadvantaged families?

UNSW provides support to disadvantaged students through the Student Equity and Disabilities Unit, counselling, support services, special programs for Indigenous students, and a range of scholarships.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your interest in the 2009 UNSW Scholarships Fund, which will provide financial assistance to disadvantaged students.

It would be wonderful if you decided to support the Fund. Please consider making a gift – why not make it now, while you are thinking about it - enclosed is a donation form for your convenience.

If you have more questions about the 2009 UNSW Scholarships Fund, or the University's other programs of support for disadvantaged students, please do not hesitate to call the UNSW Foundation office on 02 9385 3202, or by email to unswfoundation@unsw.edu.au.

Again, thank you for considering how important it is to provide access to higher education, financial support, and encouragement for future students at UNSW.

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Please complete this form and return to UNSW Foundation in the enclosed reply-paid envelope, or by:

Mail : Reply Paid 61244, UNSW Sydney NSW 2052 Email: unswfoundation@unsw.edu.au

Fax: 02 9385 3278 Phone: 02 9385 3202

YES, as a UNSW alumnus, I want to help meet the challenge of raising \$300,000 to support 15 scholarships for disadvantaged students. I am proud to give:

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OR

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each month, charged to my credit card, details below, on an ongoing basis. I understand I may cancel my authority for regular credit card charges for an ongoing pledge at any time by contacting UNSW Foundation at the contact details above. We will confirm your request in writing.

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Please find enclosed a Cheque OR Money Order (payable to "The University of New South Wales")

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