

The Tuckwell Scholarship Program

A Guide for Australian Schools





“The Tuckwell Scholarship Program has provided me with an invaluable community where I have found support and inspiration throughout all aspects of my university experience.”

- Timothy Hume, 2016 Tuckwell Scholar

No Ordinary Scholarship

The Tuckwell Scholarship Program at The Australian National University (ANU) is the most transformational undergraduate scholarship program in Australia.

Every year, twenty-five Year 12 students from across Australia are invited to take up a place at ANU as Tuckwell Scholars. The scholarship allows them to take full advantage of their time at university, including the many academic, social, cultural, sporting, and leadership opportunities that come with life on campus at ANU. As well as receiving financial support, Scholars take part in the Scholars House program, which includes support and mentoring from academic staff and older Scholars; a variety of enrichment activities such as special lectures; community outreach; social events, and an annual camp at the ANU Kioloa Coastal Campus.



With its focus on giving back to Australia, the Tuckwell Scholarship is one of a kind.

The Tuckwell Vision

The Tuckwell vision is to see highly talented and motivated school leavers fulfil their potential and reinvest their knowledge, skills and experience in ways that positively benefit others. The program has a focus on giving back to Australia. It is the only one of its kind to nurture Scholars in fulfilling their broader ambitions for the community, over and above pursuing an undergraduate degree.

The Scholarship

Tuckwell Scholars receive:

- guaranteed priority access to ANU-approved student accommodation
- an annual allowance to help them move to Canberra and support two annual return journeys between their home and the University, for each year of their degree. The allowance is based on the cost of travelling between their family home and the ANU
- the travel costs for their parents to attend the Commencement weekend at the start of the program
- membership at the ANU Sports Centre for the duration of their degree(s)
- \$21,700 per annum (2017 rate, increasing with inflation) for each year of their degree(s), for up to five years full-time equivalent study, to cover on-campus residential costs, books and general living expenses

The Tuckwell Experience

The Program is designed to help Scholars make an impact on their community and on Australia by offering them unique opportunities and experiences far beyond the financial component of the scholarship.

In addition to being a member of their residential community and of the wider ANU community, Tuckwell Scholars also become members of Scholars House. Scholars House is the academic, pastoral and social heart of the Tuckwell Scholarship Program, and is also a dedicated meeting place on campus for Scholars to develop their own community with other Tuckwell Scholars.

As the Program has grown, so too has the Tuckwell Scholar community, offering even more opportunities for Scholars to connect with others who share their aspirations.

Charlie Guerit

Shoalhaven Anglican School, NSW

“The Tuckwell Scholarship makes you realise that being ‘you’ is good enough. The peculiar idiosyncrasies, the weird way that you perceive your world, and even facets of yourself you see as faulty; these are the things that matter. Being ‘you’ is celebrated.”





Not Just About Academic Results

The Tuckwell Scholarship Program is looking for Year 12 students who demonstrate not only outstanding academic ability, but also well-roundedness and a commitment to their community. These are students who serve as role models for their peers, though not necessarily in a formal leadership role.

For some of you the Dux or School Captain of your school might come to mind. Others may be thinking of the quiet achiever who is less prominent in the school community, but is making a positive difference to the lives of those around them.

Our Scholars come from all walks of life and bring a range of talents, skills and experiences to the Program. We believe that this diversity creates a rich and vibrant community that allows scholars to thrive.

Life and Study at the Australian National University

ANU is one of the world's leading universities, recognised internationally for its research and its excellence in teaching. As Australia's national university, ANU is committed to nurturing leaders of national, regional and global standing.

ANU offers students an experience like no other. With more students living on campus than any other university in Australia, ANU is a vibrant community where students learn just as much from each other as they do in the classroom.

ANU has pioneered the Flexible Double Degree so that students have the opportunity to satisfy both their intellectual curiosity and the demands of their future career. The University also has vertical degree options (degrees that combine undergraduate and graduate study, across a range of disciplines). The Tuckwell Scholarship allows students to study whatever undergraduate degree or combination-degree programs they wish, funded and supported for up to five years full-time equivalent.

The Tuckwell Attributes

Tuckwell Scholars demonstrate a broad range of attributes which stand them in good stead to fulfil the Tuckwell vision. We do not expect Scholars to have each and every one of these attributes, but candidates will be measured against them throughout the application process.

Smart and lateral thinker

They are innately smart, creative and able to look at situations from different perspectives.

Self-disciplined

They can apply themselves to their work and resist distractions. Having worked hard means they have probably made sacrifices along the way.

Willing to challenge themselves

They are curious, and like to stretch themselves by exploring the unknown. They are not fazed by change or ambiguity, instead seeing these as opportunities to learn more.

A good sense of humour

They appreciate humour and see the funny side of things. They use humour with good intent in a way that engages and motivates others. Most importantly, they can laugh at themselves.

Selfless

Self-interest is not their principal motive. They are happy for others to achieve and to help them to do so, and will rejoice in their success.

Humble

They do not measure themselves by their achievements, but when they do succeed, they acknowledge the contributions of others. They prefer not to seek attention or accolades.

Resilient

They are able to handle setbacks with equanimity and maintain their focus. They look for the positive even in challenging situations.

Innately driven and determined

They have a bit of fire in their belly! They exude an energy that motivates others. They have ambition, but don't trample on others to fulfil it.

Emotionally intelligent

They know that their words and actions affect others, and can anticipate their impact. They can articulate their passions without overwhelming people.

Constant

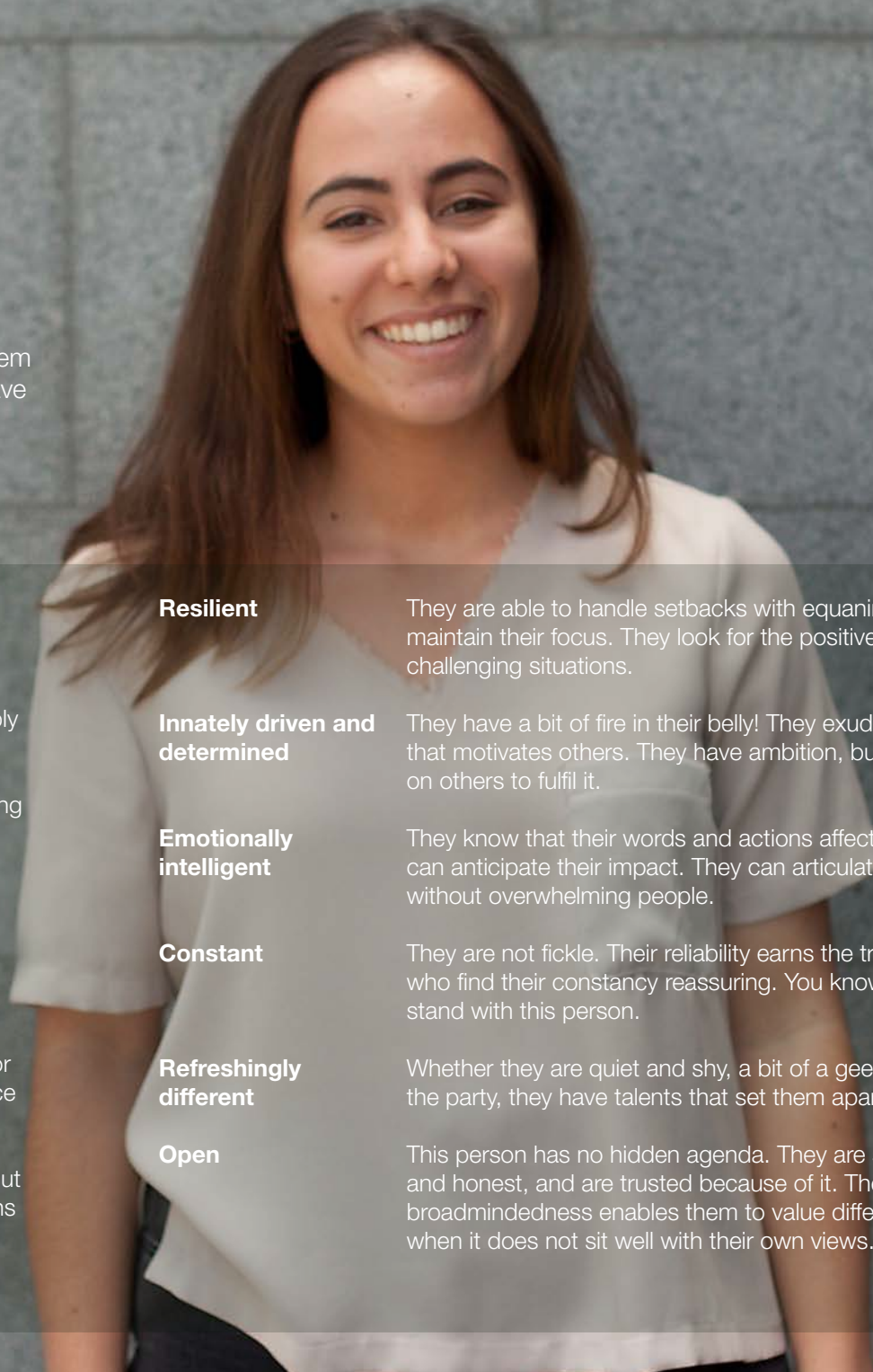
They are not fickle. Their reliability earns the trust of others, who find their constancy reassuring. You know where you stand with this person.

Refreshingly different

Whether they are quiet and shy, a bit of a geek, or the life of the party, they have talents that set them apart.

Open

This person has no hidden agenda. They are straightforward and honest, and are trusted because of it. Their broadmindedness enables them to value difference even when it does not sit well with their own views.



How to support applicants from your school

It would be very difficult for the selection panel to determine an applicant's suitability to the Tuckwell Scholarship Program without the assistance of school teachers and principals. We recognise that the relationship between student and teacher is an important and influential one, particularly in the case of high achievers. As such, we believe that schools play a critical role in helping us find the right Scholars for the Program.

If your Year 12 students are not aware of the Tuckwell Scholarship Program, we would encourage you to let them know about it! Some schools choose to promote the Program to all students in Years 11 and 12, while others target particular students who in their view fulfil the Tuckwell Attributes. Some students are great at identifying these opportunities by themselves, but there are others who might need some gentle nudging from a trusted teacher to consider themselves a potential Tuckwell Scholar.

“The Tuckwell Scholarship provides an exceptional opportunity for students and recognises their worth across a broad base by focussing not just on their academic excellence.”

- Mrs Judith Tudball, Principal of St Michaels Collegiate School (Hobart, Tasmania)

Stage 1 - Teacher Referee

The Stage 1 application is focused on building an overall picture of the candidate, with a particular focus on their home and family influences, their daily life, academic potential, extracurricular involvement, and achievements. At this stage, Candidates are required to identify two referees: their Head of Year (or equivalent), who can provide information about their ATAR or OP prediction, and an academic Teacher, preferably someone who has taught the candidate throughout Year 11. The Head of Year and the academic Teacher may be the same person.

Stage 2 - Principal Referee

Stage 2 of the application helps the panel determine the candidate's suitability to the Program, in terms of how they demonstrate the Tuckwell Attributes and aspire to give back to their community. At this stage, the Principal completes a reference in support of the candidate.



Post-selection connection

We encourage all schools to stay in touch with students who go on to be Tuckwell Scholars. We expect our Tuckwell Scholars to do incredible things in the future, and hope that the schools who played such an instrumental role in shaping their journey will figure in their lives for years to come.



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Further Information

For more information on the Tuckwell Scholarship, including eligibility criteria and application dates, please go to tuckwell.anu.edu.au

Contact Us

If you have any further enquiries about the Tuckwell Scholarship, please email tuckwell@anu.edu.au

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Lucy Stedman

Nambour State High School, QLD

"This scholarship has opened doors for me that I never knew existed; both academic and social. 'Life changing' is a fitting way to describe what the Tuckwell Scholarship has been for me."