

NEWCASTLE MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP

Further Information Provided by Newcastle University

"Newcastle is a perennially popular choice with applicants and small wonder. It's got an impressive academic track record and is located in a city that inspires immense affection in locals and visitors alike." *The Guardian University Guide 2008*

A University of Distinction

Newcastle University was established as a School of Medicine and Surgery in 1834 and is now one of the UK's leading international universities. Our students enjoy an excellent success rate in finding employment after graduation and the University is a key supplier of new recruits to many international companies. The University has developed a range of teaching and research interests which span a wide and varied range of subjects. These include arts and humanities, biological and biomedical sciences, environmental and agricultural sciences, business and management, education, communication and language sciences, engineering and computing science, medicine and dentistry, physical and mathematical sciences, and social sciences and law. Newcastle is a member of the elite Russell Group, an association of the leading research-intensive universities in the UK.

Newcastle was ranked 17th out of 162 UK universities and colleges in a table from the influential Research Fortnight magazine, which analysed the 2008 RAE results. The RAE results are expressed in terms of the percentage of research in each subject (Unit of Assessment) achieving a particular standard of quality, ranging from 4* (world leading) to 1* (nationally recognised). In more than two-thirds (68 per cent) of subject areas at Newcastle University, at least half of all research was placed in the top two categories of 4* (world leading) or 3* (internationally excellent).

The results highlight the leading role of medical research and the outstanding achievements and quality of stem cell and cancer research. The University's position and high standing in engineering is affirmed by its performance in civil engineering, where it ranks second in the UK in terms of research power. In the humanities, Newcastle University is ranked in the top five for fine art, with Town and Country planning also highly placed.

Our teaching record across all disciplines is outstanding, "High-quality teaching and cutting-edge research are to be found across most disciplines, with medical sciences a particular forte, where Newcastle has an unparalleled reputation" *The Sunday Times University Guide 2007*. Our campus is home to world-class research institutes and academic schools that provide an impressive range of taught programmes and research degrees in the following subject areas:

- Arts and Humanities
- Biological, Environmental and Agricultural Sciences
- Biomedicine
- Business, Finance and Management
- Education, Communication and Language Sciences
- Engineering and Computing Science
- Physical and Mathematical Sciences
- Social Sciences and Law

Newcastle has well established links with several leading universities in other parts of the world and there is regular exchange in both teaching and research.

In 2008-09 the core student population is 18,878, with 4,899 staff and an annual turnover of more than £342 million. More than 2,700 overseas students choose to study here, from over 110 countries, and our graduates are much sought-after by employers.

We are located in the city of Newcastle upon Tyne, which is the capital of the North East of England. Only 3 hours by train from London and 1.5 hours from Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland, it has all the advantages you would expect of a major city, including an international airport only minutes away by car or fast underground train, but is compact enough to feel quickly and easily at home. Galleries, museums, theatres, cafes and restaurants abound.

International Centre for Culture

Heritage, language, music, humanities and the arts are an important part of our research and teaching portfolio and the campus is home to the International Centre for Cultural and Heritage Studies and the International Centre for Music Studies. A new Cultural Quarter is being developed on campus. This includes the Culture Lab, a £4 million research facility, the Northern Stage Theatre and the development of the £26 million Great North Museum project housing internationally-important collections that opened in May 2009.

Science and Engineering

Our taught and research programmes are designed to meet the current and future needs of the science, agriculture and engineering industries and we work closely with industry, commerce, government departments and communities to develop innovative solutions. For example, our Hydrogeochemical Engineering Research and Outreach Group was awarded a Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education in 2005 for the pioneering work it has undertaken with communities to develop a sustainable, natural regeneration technique to treat polluted mine waters.

Newcastle Biomedicine

Newcastle University has an international reputation for its pioneering work in ageing and health, cell and molecular biosciences, cancer research, human genetics, nanotechnology and stem cell research. Indeed Newcastle University has been rated among the top 100 universities worldwide in Biomedicine by The Times Higher Education Supplement (THES). We offer a range of taught and research courses tailored to the specific needs of biomedical scientists, health care professionals, practising clinicians and dentists. Our research strategy is to support strong basic science that translates to clinical research for the benefit of patients, by encouraging collaborative working between scientists and clinicians across disciplines and specialties.

Funding and Scholarships

Funding for all our taught programmes and research degrees, including international scholarships, can be accessed via our online postgraduate funding database (www.ncl.ac.uk/postgraduate/funding). Staff in our Student Welfare Service (Financial Support Team) can give advice to scholarship winners and can be contacted via e-mail at international-scholarships@ncl.ac.uk.

Student Life

Newcastle was voted the UK's second friendliest university by visitors to the Friends Reunited website. We have a strong international community with over 4,700 postgraduate students from more than 110 countries currently studying at Newcastle.

Facilities and Student Accommodation

The key facts about our facilities and accommodation include:

- Affordable University accommodation close to campus and advice and assistance for students who prefer to live in private accommodation
- Large-scale, high-quality computing service with a reliable and secure network and easy access to the internet and e-mail on 1,400 PCs across campus, with many university computers available 24 hours a day
- Three on-campus libraries including the award-winning Robinson Library, the only university library in the UK to be awarded the government's Charter Mark for excellence in customer service five times
- An open access language centre housed in a beautiful old building at the centre of campus provides support for learning up to 50 different languages in the form of audio and visual materials, computer software and live satellite television and INTO Newcastle University Language Centre for English language programmes
- Award winning Careers Service
- A £5.5 million sports centre, over 50 sports clubs and a top 10 finish in the British Universities Sports Association (BUSA) 2006-07 rankings means there is something for everyone

Further Information

Visit our website (www.ncl.ac.uk/postgraduate) or contact our Enquiries Service either online, www.ncl.ac.uk/enquiries, or by telephone +44 (0) 191 222 5594. The following web pages may also be useful:

Newcastle University <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/>

Subject areas <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/about/peoplestructures/subjects.htm>

Postgraduate Study <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/postgraduate/search/list/courses/all>

Research <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/research/>

Location <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/about/visit/travel/>

Accommodation <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/accommodation/postgrad/>

Information about Newcastle City <http://www.visitnewcastle Gateshead.com>

Information about the local area <http://www.visitnortheastengland.com/>

International Office <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/international/>

Student Welfare Service (Financial Support Team) – for scholarship information

<http://www.ncl.ac.uk/international/scholarships/>