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## First environmental scholarship announced

The University of Newcastle Industry Scholarship Scheme (UNISS), in partnership with Hunter Water Corporation, has announced the inaugural industry scholarship in Environmental Science and Management studies.

UNISS aims to produce industry-ready graduates by offering scholars a chance to combine their studies with work experience, in the form of annual 10 week industry placements plus a 'gap' year spent in the sponsor workplace.

The new Environmental Science and Management scholarship will give one student the chance to undertake industry placements with Hunter Water, which provides water and sewer services to over half a million Hunter residents.

UNISS Manager, Angela Samuels, said the new Environmental Science and Management scholarship built on a strong history for the program.

"For more than 13 years, UNISS has offered over 300 industry based scholarships. Prior to 2008 these were predominantly in the engineering industry. We now have a diverse range of scholarships across a variety of disciplines including teaching, nursing and communications," Ms Samuels said.

"We are very excited about the new Environmental Science and Management scholarship and we are thrilled that Hunter Water is developing an opportunity for a student to gain valuable experience in an important and burgeoning industry."

Hunter Water's General Manager System, Strategy and Sustainability, Peter Dennis, welcomed the opportunity to host another UNISS scholar in the Hunter Water workplace.

"Angus Fanning will be our 13th scholar since 2002 under the UNISS program, which has provided Hunter Water with outstanding team members who have brought valuable passion to our ranks.

"Sustainability is core to Hunter Water's operations, and I look forward to welcoming an environmental science and management student to our team of planners for an invaluable learning experience," Mr Dennis said.

For more information about the UNISS program contact (02) 4921 6155 or visit [www.newcastle.edu.au/industry-scholarships](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/industry-scholarships)

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