We foster and reward the world's brightest minds by providing scholarships that enable them to achieve their goals.

This guide gives you a rundown on how our scholarships, awards and prizes can support you during your studies.

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Every year we offer $84 million in scholarships, worth $2000 to $72,000, to help promising students like you achieve your goals.
Why we offer scholarships

The University of Sydney is committed to finding the leaders of tomorrow – the amazing young people who will set the academic, professional, artistic and intellectual agendas of the future. That’s why we invest so much in our students through scholarships and other forms of support.

Whether you’re a Year 12 student or a non-school leaver, there are a variety of scholarships to meet your needs.

In this guide, we explore the scholarships available for undergraduate students. Visit our website for more information on these and other scholarships.

− sydney.edu.au/scholarships

How a scholarship can help you

Scholarships offer you the financial freedom to focus on your study and other commitments, and free up your time to gain valuable work experience and immerse yourself in student life.

In addition to the financial benefit, our scholarship programs can assist you to:

− connect with other bright scholars
− undertake internship and research opportunities while you are studying
− access leadership and mentorship opportunities.

“ My scholarship has given me the financial freedom to focus on my studies and make the most of the University’s incredible student life, through joining clubs and societies and being involved in extracurricular activities.”

Adela Yip
Bachelor of Applied Science (Exercise and Sport Science)/Master of Nutrition and Dietetics
2015 Sydney Scholars Award recipient
“We are deeply committed to ensuring that the brightest students, regardless of their social or cultural background, have access to a world-class education.”

Dr Michael Spence
Vice-Chancellor and Principal, the University of Sydney
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SL - school leavers  CS - current students  DS - domestic students  IS - international students  
SCA - Sydney College of the Arts  SCM - Sydney Conservatorium of Music  
*For full terms and conditions please refer to sydney.edu.au/scholarships
Scholarships for prospective students

We recognise the hard work you put in during high school – both academically and personally. Our scholarships reward your efforts.

Sydney Scholars Awards
These awards support students who achieve an excellent Year 12 result and possess the skills and attributes to thrive at the University of Sydney.

A personal statement allows you to demonstrate the whole you; including your academic achievements, involvement in extracurricular activities and future goals.

Students with an ATAR of 99.90 or above will be awarded a scholarship worth $10,000 per year for the duration of their undergraduate degree. These scholarships are automatically awarded if students have a University of Sydney course preference on their UAC application.

To be considered, you need to undertake your university entry qualification (Higher School Certificate (HSC), International Baccalaureate (IB) or equivalent) during 2017.

You also need to list the University of Sydney among your preferences throughout the UAC application period (September 2017 to January 2018).

To apply, please visit:
− sydney.edu.au/scholarships-ssp

Are you experiencing hardship?
Some Sydney Scholars Awards are offered to students with excellent academic ability who have faced significant educational disadvantage, such as financial, medical or disability issues, refugee status or living in a rural area.

To be eligible you will need to apply for a Sydney Scholars Award on hardship grounds. You will also need to submit an Educational Access Scheme application to UAC separately. The University will link your Sydney Scholars Awards application to your UAC application.

Scholarship offers will be sent via UAC.

Equity bursaries may also be available. A bursary is a form of scholarship, awarded on the basis of financial need. When you apply for equity scholarships via UAC, you will automatically be considered for a bursary. A separate application is not required.
− uac.edu.au/equity

The University of Sydney also offers a range of other equity scholarships for commencing students. See
− sydney.edu.au/scholarships/prospective/equity
Chancellor’s Awards

The University of Sydney Scholar Chancellor’s Awards are awarded to students who demonstrate outstanding performance in their Year 12 results, achieving an ATAR of 99.95 (or equivalent).

These scholarships are awarded automatically following the release of ATAR results in December or IB results in January. To be eligible, you need to be enrolling as a domestic student and have a University of Sydney course preference on your UAC application.

The scholarships are worth $10,000 per year for the duration of your undergraduate degree (including combined undergraduate degrees). Scholarship holders also receive priority access to accommodation near campus and leadership programs.

For more information about the scholarships offered by faculties and schools, visit sydney.edu.au/faculty-scholarships

Faculty and school scholarships

Many faculties and schools provide scholarships for first-year students as well as scholarships and prizes to current students in later years of study.

Some faculty and school scholarships are available via your Sydney Scholars Award applications, however there are others that require individual applications. Check with the faculty offering your preferred degree to find out if you’re eligible for any scholarships.

For more information about the Inspired by Business scholarships, visit sydney.edu.au/business/study/inspired_by_business

“The scholarship has truly taken away the financial stress of university, allowing me to buy my textbooks and obtain sports memberships, all while still saving a large portion of the funds for my life after university.”

James Douglas
Bachelor of Science (Advanced)/Doctor of Medicine
2016 Chancellor’s Award recipient
E12 scholarships

E12 scholarships are offered to students who have been financially disadvantaged during their time at school, and who show potential to succeed at the University of Sydney.

As well as an early offer and ATAR concessions, if you successfully enrol under our E12 scheme you will receive a $5000 scholarship, an Apple iPad to assist with your studies, a University of Sydney Union Access Card (which provides discounts on and off campus) and support during your transition to university study.

– sydney.edu.au/e12

Accommodation scholarships

University-run accommodation scholarships

Each year, the Queen Mary Building or Abercrombie Student Accommodation offer a number of accommodation scholarships to new students. If you are a domestic student, you may be eligible for one of these scholarships.

You can apply via the UAC Equity Scholarship at the same time you are applying for university. You will also need to submit an accommodation application via the student accommodation website.

– sydney.edu.au/accommodation

College scholarships

The colleges also have a number of scholarships, bursaries and financial assistance programs. Most of these are awarded on the basis of financial need, as well as the contributions that a student could make to the academic, cultural or sporting life of the college.

Find out more by visiting the colleges websites.

– sydney.edu.au/scholarships/prospective/college

“The E12 scholarship made a major contribution to my transition from high school to university. With the monetary benefits I was able to establish myself, purchase textbooks and adjust to the additional living expenses.”

Laurie Yutuc
Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting and Human Resource Management/Industrial Relations)
2015 E12 scholarship recipient
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander scholarships

The University of Sydney and the Australian Government offer a range of scholarships and financial assistance programs to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Scholarships are valued from $2000 to $10,000 annually.

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student, attained an ATAR of 85 or above in your HSC exams (or equivalent) and are about to start your first year of an undergraduate course, you are eligible for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Entry Scholarship.

The scholarship is worth $10,000 for the first year of study. You don’t need to apply – you will automatically be considered if your ATAR or IB meets the requirement. If you are offered a scholarship, you need to take it up by the time you enrol in your course. You may defer this scholarship for up to one year.

There are a number of other scholarships and bursaries to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Visit sydney.edu.au/scholarships-indigenous

For a Commonwealth Indigenous scholarship, you need to make a separate application through UAC at uac.edu.au/equity
Sporting scholarships

Pursuing academic and sporting goals at the same time can be challenging. The right support and encouragement is crucial for student athletes to achieve their ambitions.

Elite Athlete Program

In 2016, more than 380 student athletes across more than 35 sports and all academic disciplines received valuable assistance through a Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness scholarship, which includes membership of the Elite Athlete Program.

If you are eligible for membership to this program, you will enjoy a wide range of helpful benefits and services. These may include financial assistance, international travel grants, academic advice and advocacy, private tutoring, chaplaincy, and complimentary access to the University’s sporting facilities and high-performance services (dietitian, sports psychology and strength and conditioning training).

Success in both your sport and studies requires hard work, but with the benefits and services of the Elite Athlete Program, along with the support of our dedicated staff, you will be able to realise your potential.

For more information about scholarships offered by Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness, visit

David Clarke Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is for students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement with ambitions for higher achievements in the sport of rugby.
- sydney.edu.au/scholarships/prospective/sports

“Whether it’s needing to reschedule an exam due to travel commitments, or just having someone to chat with when things are getting a bit stressful, the Elite Athlete Program has been invaluable throughout my degree.”

Chloe Dalton
Bachelor of Applied Science (Physiotherapy)
Elite Athlete Program member
2016 Rio Olympics gold medallist for Rugby Sevens

Image: Neil Kennedy
Scholarships for international students

The Vice-Chancellor’s International Scholarships Scheme is open to all international students with an offer to study at the University of Sydney. The scholarships, which offer a reduction of $5000 to $40,000 on first-year tuition fees, are awarded on the basis of academic merit.

If you are an international student applying for admission to the University of Sydney through UAC, you are eligible to apply for a Sydney Scholars Award as well as other scholarships offered by the various faculties.

To explore the wide range of scholarship opportunities we offer and to learn more about specific scholarships, visit

- sydney.edu.au/scholarships/international

For any further questions, please complete our online enquiry form.

- sydney.edu.au/ask-international
Scholarships and prizes for current students

We offer a variety of scholarships, prizes and grants to current students, including bursaries, faculty prizes and study abroad funding.

Read the full list of scholarships for current students:
- sydney.edu.au/scholarships/current

University, faculty and school prizes

These are awarded annually for academic achievement in particular units or programs of study. Applications are not required, as students are nominated by the relevant faculty or school according to mid year and end of year academic results.

We regularly update and list new prizes and scholarships, so check our website often.
- sydney.edu.au/scholarships/prizes

Charles Perkins Centre scholarships

The Charles Perkins Centre offers summer research scholarships to students from any area of study. This program provides the opportunity to undertake paid research with leading academics in world-class facilities.

- sydney.edu.au/perkins-scholarships

Study abroad scholarships and grants

As part of our partnerships with the Australian Government, current students planning to study overseas may be able to access financial support through the New Colombo Plan or Endeavour Mobility grants.

- sydney.edu.au/study/mobility-grants

We also offer a range of other scholarships and grants to support students going on overseas exchange.
- sydney.edu.au/scholarships/current/exchange

Bursaries

In addition to the equity bursaries offered through UAC (see page 6), the University of Sydney also offers bursaries to current students in financial distress, to help cover living and studying costs.

- sydney.edu.au/study/bursaries

Government income support

Full-time domestic students in an approved course may be eligible to receive Youth Allowance, Austudy, Abstudy or a Relocation Scholarship.

Please check with Centrelink for comprehensive information on these schemes.
“The quality of the lecturers and tutors is incredible. Being lectured by former High Court Justices Michael Kirby and William Gummow in my first semester of law definitely validated my choice in Sydney.”

Merle Runde
Bachelor of International and Global Studies/Bachelor of Laws
2016 Chancellor’s Award recipient

“Moving to an unfamiliar city forced me to grow up very quickly. With the scholarship, I didn’t have to worry about working multiple jobs to pay for weekly expenses and it gave me more time to study and seek extracurricular activities.”

Nimalan Sundaram
Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Laws
2015 Accommodation scholarship and E12 recipient
More advice

Below are hints and tips on how to apply for scholarships at the University of Sydney.

Application hints and tips

It’s important to take special care when preparing your scholarship application. Here is our advice to ensure your application stands out from the crowd.

- Plan ahead – don’t leave it to the last minute. Make sure text is typed not handwritten.
- Be careful to use correct spelling and grammar and always have someone proofread your application before submission.
- Mention your academic and non-academic pursuits, including activities, events and goals. Include your most recent school report and any other relevant documents. Depending on the scholarship you are applying for, school references may be appropriate.
- This is a chance to be creative and think outside the box, but keep your application clean and simple, stick to the word limit and answer questions concisely.
- Speak to your passion, and only submit supporting documents where they support your statements of accomplishment.

Your obligations as a scholarship recipient

As a scholarship recipient, you are usually required to maintain a satisfactory level of academic achievement. Refer to the terms and conditions of your scholarship.

In recognition of your unique academic and leadership qualities, you will also be invited to attend celebration events, participate in scholar-only student development activities, and feature in our scholarship promotion activities and campaigns.
Frequently asked questions

How do I apply for a scholarship?
Visit our website, select the scholarship for which you would like to apply and follow the instructions.
− sydney.edu.au/scholarships

When is my application due?
Closing dates for applications vary. Please check dates carefully online.
− sydney.edu.au/scholarships

When do I find out if I’m successful?
Depending on the type of scholarship, if you are to be made an offer, you should receive notification by early January 2018 via email.

When will I get paid for my Sydney Scholars Award?
Payment of the scholarship will be processed over two instalments: after the census dates in early April and early September. You need to remain enrolled after the HECS census date to receive payment.

Can I apply for more than one scholarship?
Yes. You can apply for several scholarships offered by the University of Sydney. For example, you may apply for Sydney Scholars Award, E12, and Faculty specific scholarships.

I received more than one scholarship offer, can I accept all of them?
If you receive multiple scholarship offers, you can only accept one primary scholarship – valued at $6000 or more – at any one time. You can hold another scholarship as long as its annual value is less than $6000. Some scholarships, for example, accommodation scholarships, can vary from this rule.

I intend to study a combined degree.
To which faculty or school should I submit my scholarship application?
To find the hosting faculty or school of your preferred combined degree, check the UAC handbook or the UAC website for the course code.
− uac.edu.au

What if my school or institution doesn’t give me a report or reference before the closing date?
Please do not send in attachments after you have submitted your application. Please send your most recent report (usually your year 12 mid-year report).

If I take a gap year, can I still apply for a scholarship?
If you plan to take a gap year – that is, a year away from study to do something else – you still need to apply for most scholarships in the same year you will complete your HSC (or equivalent).

Scholarships can usually be deferred for up to 24 months. Please refer to the scholarship conditions (or table on page 5), as these conditions vary.

You may also be eligible to apply for some faculty or school scholarships and bursaries after taking a gap year. For more information, visit
− sydney.edu.au/faculty-scholarships

Will I still be considered for the Sydney Scholars Program if I am taking an exam other than the HSC, such as the International Baccalaureate, interstate, New Zealand or overseas high school qualifications, or TAFE?
Yes, as long as you apply to study at the University of Sydney through UAC and apply for a Sydney Scholars Award by the closing date, your application will be assessed in exactly the same way as students studying for the HSC.

If you are taking an alternative examination to the HSC and are selected to receive a scholarship, you will be notified in early 2018 (when UAC provides HSC-equivalent marks to the University of Sydney).

Where can I get more information?
Phone 1800 793 864 or visit
− sydney.edu.au/scholarships
Important dates

2017

26 August: Open Day
Open Day is your chance to explore what campus life is like. We have plenty of fun activities for you to enjoy, including mini-lectures and opportunities to get academic advice.

Stay up to date with all things Open Day at:
− sydney.edu.au/openday

28 August: Sydney Scholars Awards
Applications for Sydney Scholars Awards open on 28 August 2017 and close on 1 October 2017. Apply through the University’s website:
− sydney.edu.au/scholarships

You will receive an email confirmation after submitting your scholarship application. If you do not receive this confirmation, it could be that your email service provider filed the message in other folders, such as your junk mailbox. If you still cannot locate the notification, please email us at:
− scholarship.applications@sydney.edu.au

By end of November
You will receive an email notification if you have been selected to receive a conditional Sydney Scholars Award offer.

Mid-December: ATAR release date
Firm offers for Sydney Scholars Awards will be sent out as soon as your ATAR (or equivalent) is available to the University (states other than NSW may have a different ATAR release date).

2018

Early January
If you have received a firm scholarship offer, you need to accept it within seven days after you have received an admission offer. Scholarship offers not accepted by this deadline will lapse.

End of January
The University may make further rounds of scholarship offers to applicants remaining on the reserve list.

By end of February
The scholarship offering will be finalised. We will let you know the outcome of your application by email.
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sydney.edu.au/scholarships
1800 SYD UNI (1800 793 864)

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