



The University of Sydney

Scholarships

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1. Principles

- 1.1 The University of Sydney aims to use scholarships and bursaries to assist as many meritorious and needy undergraduate students as possible, where funding and existing conditions allow.
- 1.2 Scholarships may be awarded on a one-off or ongoing basis.
- 1.3 A scholarship may be intended for commencing or continuing students or both.
- 1.4 Undergraduate scholarships awarded on an ongoing basis should be tenable for the normal duration of the degree. This includes combined degrees. This may also include an additional honours year.
- 1.5 Newly established undergraduate scholarships should be of an amount sufficient to be of significant assistance to a student to study full-time. The current (2005) recommended value for a primary scholarship is in the range of \$4000-\$6000 p.a. A student will usually only hold one primary scholarship in any given year.
- 1.6 Awards of a lesser value should be established as secondary (or supplementary) scholarships, prizes (if for merit) or bursaries (if for equity purposes).

2. Definitions

Additional honours year: A degree program where the award of honours requires an extra year of enrolment above and beyond the requirements of the pass degree.

Award: A payment or benefit made on the basis of criteria established by the University of Sydney. Includes Prizes, Scholarships and Bursaries.

Bursary: An award made to enable further study, primarily based on need.

Combined degree: A course of study with a single application process that may result in the award of two degrees.

Commencing student: A student enrolling in the first calendar year of their current degree course of study at the University of Sydney.

Continuing student: A student who has completed units towards their current degree course of study at the University of Sydney in a previous calendar year.

Equity: An award made on the basis of allowing fair and equal access to tertiary education regardless of factors of disadvantage. An award aiming to redress factors of disadvantage that may affect access to tertiary education.

Merit: A measure of academic or other excellence.

One-off Scholarship: A scholarship awarded for a tenure of a single year, for example at the commencement of degree, or for an honours year or in recognition of an outstanding performance.

Ongoing scholarships: A scholarship with a tenure of more than one year.

Primary scholarship: A scholarship intended as a recipient's main form of scholarship support.

Prize: An award in recognition of outstanding performance, academic achievement or service.

Scholarship: An award made available to enable further study.

Secondary scholarship: A scholarship, usually of a lesser value, and generally intended to supplement a primary scholarship. Holding a primary scholarship may or may not be a condition of award.

Supplementary scholarship: A secondary scholarship awarded on the condition that a student must also hold a primary scholarship. Sometimes referred to as "top up" scholarships.