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Scholarships Guide

2016 edition



### Our undergraduate scholarships

At the University of Sydney we are committed to finding the leaders of tomorrow – the amazing young people who will set the academic, professional, artistic and intellectual agendas of the future.

We offer more than 700 undergraduate scholarships and give out more than \$9 million every year, mostly within NSW to help you achieve your goals during your studies.

Of course there is more to life than just study. Our scholarships offer you the financial freedom to focus on your study and other commitments, and free up your time to gain valuable work experience or immerse yourself in the University's outstanding student life.

The University also provides support for students who are experiencing some form of disadvantage. We firmly believe experiencing challenges should not prevent an outstanding student from becoming a successful graduate. We offer a wide range of opportunities and scholarships are just one of many ways that we can support you.

We recognise the hard work that you put in during your high-school years and we are proud of the outstanding achievements – both academic and personal – of all our students. When you join our vibrant community, you'll be inspired and supported by the brightest minds.

Our scholarship programs assist you financially and also:

- connect you with other bright scholars
- allow you to undertake internship and research opportunities while you are studying
- help you to emerge from university with a highly regarded degree and strong employment opportunities.

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## How a scholarship can help you achieve your goals

We offer various scholarships and bursaries valued from \$2000 (one year only) to \$60,000 for combined degrees to help you achieve your goals at the University of Sydney.

#### **Sydney Scholars Awards**

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

Students with an ATAR of 95 or above (90 for courses offered by Sydney College of the Arts and Sydney Conservatorium of Music) or an equivalent IB result will be considered. Some of these awards are also offered to students who have experienced hardship, and are given on the basis of equity and a broader level of academic ability.

Students with an ATAR of 99.90 will be awarded a scholarship worth \$10,000 per year for the duration of the undergraduate degree (including combined degrees).

To be considered, you need to undertake your university entry qualification (Higher School Certificate (HSC), International Baccalaureate (IB) or equivalent) during 2015, and specify the University of Sydney for at least one of your Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) preferences.

#### Important condition

To be considered for a Sydney Scholars Award, you need to list the University of Sydney among your preferences throughout the UAC application period (September 2015 to January 2016). If you do not include one of our courses in your preferences, we are unable to access your ATAR, so we will not be able to offer you a scholarship.

Applications open in September.

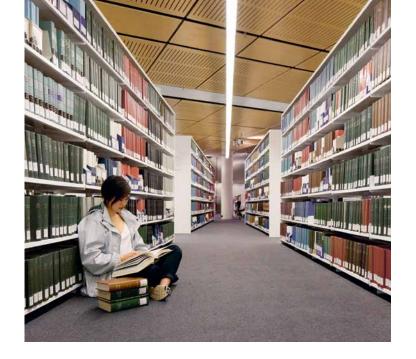
To apply, please visit:

- sydney.edu.au/scholarships-ssp



"Scholarships provide so much more than extra money in your back pocket but rather a heightened experience of university. Seize the opportunity."

## Jacob Masina B Arts (Double Major in Government and International Relations and Psychology)



"My scholarship has been a constant motivator to study harder and embrace all of the opportunities to make the most of uni life — both inside and outside of my degree."

Ann Wen
B Arts/B Law
Chancellor's Award

#### **Chancellor's Awards**

The University of Sydney Chancellor's Award is 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, although you need to be enrolling as a local student and have a University of Sydney course preference on your UAC application to be eligible.

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

 sydney.edu.au/scholarships/ chancellors-award

#### Faculty scholarships

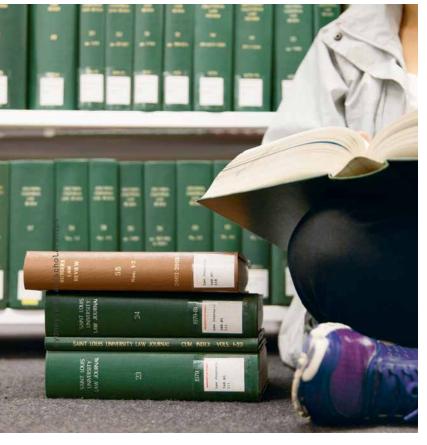
Many faculties provide scholarships for first-year students (you can apply if you are currently studying for your Year 12 exams), as well as scholarships and prizes to current students in their later years of study. For example, our Engineering faculty offers Engineering Leadership Scholarships which include an annual stipend of \$18,000, as well as leadership development, internship opportunities, and access to an industry mentor.

If you plan to take a gap year – that is, a year away from study to do something else – we recommend you check each faculty's website to see if there are any scholarships suitable for your situation.

For more information about the scholarships offered by faculties, visit

- sydney.edu.au/faculty-scholarships









"I've participated in the Industry Placement Program, the Lucy Mentoring Program and the Univative Inter-University Competition. My involvement would not have been possible if it had not been for the support of my scholarship."

Imogen Kennedy B Commerce/B Arts Sydney Scholars Equity Award

#### 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, students who successfully enrol under our E12 scheme receive a \$5000 scholarship, an Apple iPad to assist with studies, a University of Sydney Union Access Card (which provides discounts on and off campus) as well as support for their transition to university study.

- sydney.edu.au/e12

#### Contact us

Scholarships and Financial Support Service Level 5, Jane Foss Russell Building, City Road Camperdown Campus 1800 SYD UNI (1800 793 864) scholarship.applications@sydney.edu.au

- sydney.edu.au/scholarships

#### **Accommodation scholarships**

In 2016 the University of Sydney will offer accommodation scholarships to students who apply for accommodation in either the Queen Mary Building or Abercrombie Student Accommodation. Each scholarship will be used to directly offset rent costs. To be eligible, you need to apply for accommodation via university-housing.sydney.edu.au and apply for a Sydney Scholars Award. If you elect to be considered on hardship grounds, you will also need to submit an equity scholarship application to UAC.

#### Contact us

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accommodation.info@sydney.edu.au

sydney.edu.au/accommodation

## 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 \$2500 to \$10,000 annually.

The University of Sydney offers Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Entry Scholarships to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students who have attained an ATAR of 85 or above in their HSC exams (or equivalent), and are about to start their first year of an undergraduate course at the University of Sydney.

The scholarship is worth \$10,000 for one year only, and is paid in two instalments – one per semester (subject to enrolment). You don't need to apply – you will automatically be considered if your ATAR or IB meets the cut-off. If you are offered a scholarship, you need to take it up by the time you enrol in your degree.

You may defer this scholarship for up to one year.

For a Commonwealth Indigenous scholarship you need to make a separate application through UAC at

uac.edu.au/equity

Contact Student Support Services to find out about the different types of support available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

#### Contact us

Student Support Services
Cadigal Alternative Entry and Support Program
Level 5, Jane Foss Russell Building
Camperdown Campus
+61 2 8627 8619
support.cadigal@sydney.edu.au

- sydney.edu.au/indigenous-support



"The Elite Athlete Program allows me to pursue my career as a professional surfer while striving towards completing my degree and a career in business. It has opened up a world of opportunities and friendships with many amazing University of Sydney athletes."

**Chris Friend**B Commerce, Elite Athlete Program

## Elite Athlete Program (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. In 2015, more than 380 student athletes, across more than 35 sports and all academic disciplines, received valuable assistance through a Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness scholarship and, with it, membership of the Elite Athlete Program.

Members of this program 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.

Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness and the various sports clubs on campus can help you make the most of student life and achieve excellence in your sport and studies.

Applications for support in Semester One and/ or Semester Two 2016 open on 7 September 2015 and close on 17 January 2016. Visit

susf.com.au/page/elite\_athlete\_ program.html

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#### Are you experiencing hardship?

Sydney Scholars Awards support students with excellent academic ability who have faced significant challenges, 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 equity scholarship application to UAC separately. The University will link your Sydney Scholars Awards application to your UAC application for assessment purposes. To be considered for a conditional scholarship offer in mid-November, you need to provide all documents to UAC by 30 October 2015. Submissions to UAC after 30 October will be considered in a later offer round.

- uac.edu.au/equity

#### **Bursaries**

We also offer bursaries to support first-year students – a bursary is a form of scholarship awarded on the basis of financial need. When you apply for Sydney Scholars Awards on hardship grounds, you will automatically be considered for a bursary; a separate application for a bursary is not required.

Submit your application through Sydney Student. Applications open in September.

- uac.edu.au/equity



#### International students

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

We also invite you to explore the wide range of other scholarship opportunities we offer. To find out more, visit

- sydney.edu.au/scholarships/international

To find out more information about specific scholarships, please contact the relevant administering department (refer to individual scholarship pages). For general enquiries, please complete our online enquiry form:

- sydney.edu.au/ask-international

#### Your obligations

As a scholarship recipient, you will most likely be required to maintain a satisfactory level of academic achievement. Refer to the terms and conditions of your scholarship for details.

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 campaigns.







"My scholarship allows me to focus on my studies, developing my skills and volunteering in the fields I am most passionate about."

Mariam Haddad B Health Sciences Sydney Scholars

"From participating in research projects to meeting with academics, I have been challenged to venture beyond the course content and meet inspiring and like-minded people."

Lorna Huang B Psychology Sydney Scholars





## Support for non-school leavers

There are many paths to the University of Sydney. We welcome promising students from all kinds of backgrounds.

#### **TAFE** students

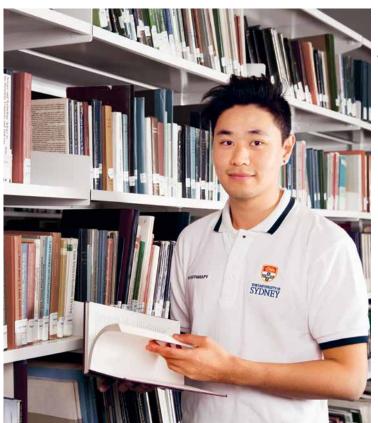
If you are studying the HSC or an equivalent university entry qualification at TAFE, you are eligible to apply for a University of Sydney Scholars Award.

Where the form asks for information such as a school report, simply include your most recent results notice.

#### Taking a gap year

If you plan to take a gap year – that is, a year away from study to do something else – you need to apply for a Sydney Scholars Award in the same year you will complete your Year 12 exam.

You may defer a scholarship for up to two years. Please refer to the scholarship conditions, as they vary.



"My scholarship has enabled me to afford the full spectrum of educational resources, and to access an invaluable opportunity to volunteer in Kathmandu working with children with cerebral palsy."

#### Wayne Ou

B Applied Science (Exercise and Sport Science) and Master of Physiotherapy Faculty of Health Sciences Scholarship

## **Supporting our students**

There are plenty more opportunities to apply for scholarships once you get here, and we also offer various support services.

#### Once you get here

We regularly update and list new prizes and scholarships, so we encourage you to visit our website to see what is available:

- sydney.edu.au/scholarships/updates

#### Student support services

We offer a wide range of services to support your education, career, health and success at university.

For details visit

sydney.edu.au/student-services

## Government income support for students

Full-time domestic students in an approved scholarship course who are receiving Youth Allowance, Austudy or Abstudy may be eligible for other Commonwealth support, such as a Relocation Scholarship. These are paid directly to eligible students through the Department of Human Services (formerly Centrelink). These payments will not affect your eligibility for a scholarship at the University of Sydney.

For details visit

 humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/ relocation-scholarship





## 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/updates

#### When is my application due?

Applications for University of Sydney Scholars Awards close on 2 October 2015.

Closing dates for faculty scholarships vary. Please check the dates carefully.

 sydney.edu.au/scholarships/ prospective/faculty

#### Can I apply for more than one scholarship?

Yes. You can apply for several scholarships offered by the University of Sydney. However, you can only hold one primary scholarship – valued at \$6000 or more – at any one time.

## When do I find out if I've been awarded a scholarship?

If successful, you should receive an offer by early January 2015 via email.

## I intend to undertake a combined degree. To which faculty should I submit my application?

If you are unsure which faculty to list for 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. If you don't have a report for Year 12 yet, supply your most recent report (usually Year 11).

## If I take a gap year, can I still apply for a scholarship?

Yes, you need to apply for Sydney Scholars Awards in the same year you complete your HSC (or equivalent). Sydney Scholars Awards may be deferred for up to two years with permission from the Dean of your faculty. You may be also eligible to apply for some faculty scholarships after taking a gap year. For more information about these scholarships, visit

sydney.edu.au/faculty-scholarships

#### Will I still be considered if I am taking an exam other than the HSC, such as TAFE, interstate, New Zealand high school or overseas qualifications or the International Baccalaureate?

Yes, as long as you apply to study at the University of Sydney through UAC, your application will be assessed in exactly the same way as those 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 2015 (when UAC provides HSC equivalent marks to the University of Sydney).

### Can I apply for a scholarship after I have started uni?

Yes, we update our list regularly: see page 11.

Additional bursary assistance and Sydney Scholars Awards are made to continuing students on the grounds of financial need and hardship.

Various faculties also offer scholarships. Find out more at

sydney.edu.au/faculty-scholarships

For more information on scholarships, phone 1800 793 864 or visit

- sydney.edu.au/scholarships

### **Important dates**

#### 2015

#### Open Day - 29 August 2015

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

#### Scholarship applications open **August - September 2015**

For Sydney Scholars Awards apply through the University's website:

- sydney.edu.au/scholarships

#### Mid October 2015

If you have applied for a Sydney Scholars Award, you will receive an email confirmation.

If you do not receive this confirmation, it could be that your email service provider filed the message in other folders, eg your junk mail box. If you still cannot locate the notification, please contact us at scholarship.applications@sydney.edu.au

#### By End of November 2015

You will receive an email notification if you have been selected to receive a conditional scholarship offer.

#### Mid December 2015 - ATAR release date

Firm offers for Sydney Scholars Awards, first year bursaries and equity scholarships for school leavers 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).\*

#### 2016

#### 5 January

Open Day offers you a world of opportunity. This If you have received a firm scholarship offer, you need to accept it by midnight on 5 January 2016. Scholarship offers not accepted by this deadline will lapse.

#### **End of January 2016**

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

#### By end of February 2016

The scholarship offering will be finalised. We will let you know about the outcome of your application by email.

#### **Events**

#### Info Day 2016

5 January

#### **Orientation Week 2016**

22-26 February

#### Commencement of Semester One, 2016

29 February

\*Payment of the scholarship will be processed over two instalments – after census dates in early April and early September. You need to remain enrolled after the HECS census date to receive payment.



#### MORE INFORMATION

**Scholarships and Financial Support Service** scholarship.applications@sydney.edu.au

sydney.edu.au/scholarships sydney.edu.au/current\_students/student\_services

If you have any questions about becoming a student at Sydney Uni, we'd love to hear from you.

1800 SYD UNI (1800 793 864) sydney.edu.au/ask-domestic (enquiries) sydney.edu.au/ask-international (enquiries) sydney.edu.au/future-students

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