YOUR GUIDE TO
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NEW UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
2014
“My scholarship represented the University’s recognition of the hard work I put in during my high school years. Receiving $60,000 to support my study of the course of my dreams was an absolute bonus. This scholarship has allowed me to purchase textbooks and even complete an exchange unit in Shanghai.”

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IMPORTANT DATES

2013
1 AUGUST 2013
Scholarship applications open. You should be working on your personal statement.

27 SEPTEMBER 2013
Applications for Access scholarships are due at the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC).

2014
2 OCTOBER 2013
Applications for Merit and Entry scholarships are due at the University of Sydney Scholarships Office.

29 OCTOBER 2013
You should have an email confirming that we have received your application.

4 JANUARY 2014
Most first-round offers will have been sent out. If you haven’t heard anything by now, you may be on a shortlist, and could receive a late-round offer.

27 FEBRUARY 2014
You should have received written notification of the outcome of your application.
HOW SCHOLARSHIPS CAN HELP YOU ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS

We offer more than 500 scholarships to undergraduate students. Our aim is to help you achieve all your goals at the University of Sydney.

Our scholarships give you the financial freedom to focus on your study. They free up your time to gain valuable work experience or get involved in the University’s diverse and outstanding student life.

We recognise there is more to life than just study, and we’re also interested in finding the leaders of tomorrow — the amazing young people who are going to set the academic, professional and artistic agenda of the future.

We are excited about the quality of students who come here from all kinds of schools and backgrounds. Whether you’re from Sydney, interstate, regional Australia or overseas, we want to hear from you.

Scholarships are just one way the University of Sydney can support you to achieve your goals.

The table below summarises the scholarships described in this booklet.

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<th>SCHOLARSHIP</th>
<th>AMOUNT PER YEAR</th>
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<td>Merit and Entry</td>
<td>$6000</td>
<td>Merit: Length of degree Entry: One year</td>
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<td>$6000</td>
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<td>Robert Maple Brown Bursary</td>
<td>$2000</td>
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<td>Sports</td>
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MERIT AND ENTRY SCHOLARSHIPS

For: students with a minimum ATAR of 95.00* (or equivalent) plus other achievements

* Minimum ATAR of 95.00 (or equivalent) applies to students who enter courses offered by the Sydney College of the Arts and Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

How much: $6000 per year

How long: one year (Entry), or for normal full-time duration of degree (Merit)

Application due: 2 October 2013

How to apply: Submit your application to the Scholarships Office; access the application form on our website: sydney.edu.au/ug-scholarships

We award Merit and Entry scholarships based on a combination of school examination results, including your Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) or equivalent, and other achievements that show qualities such as leadership, creativity, self-motivation and communication skills.

To be in the running, you need to be undertaking your university entry qualification – High School Certificate (HSC), International Baccalaureate (IB) or equivalent – during 2013, and specify the University of Sydney for at least one of your Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) preferences.

Merit and Entry scholarships support students who have the skills and attributes to thrive at the University of Sydney. This means you need to have the ability to think creatively, challenge ideas, generate new ones, engage in critical, thought-provoking discussion, and prosper in an environment of constant enquiry and discovery.

That’s why we ask you to provide a personal statement to tell us about your story so far. For example, what experiences have led you to consider tertiary study? We want to know what drives you, what makes you curious and ignites your passion.

When completing your application, you need to nominate the faculty in which you intend to study. It’s important to choose carefully. Your application will be sent to that faculty for consideration and, if successful, your scholarship will be valid for that faculty only.

Make sure you nominate the same faculty on your University of Sydney scholarships application form as the one specified on your application to UAC. Please note that if you change your course preference to a faculty other than the one you nominated on your scholarship application, you will not be considered for Merit and Entry scholarships or other faculty scholarships.

“Being supported by a scholarship encourages me to approach my degree in a professional way. It makes me feel more responsible for my pursuit of knowledge.”

PRISTINE ONG (CENTRE)
BACHELOR OF INTERNATIONAL AND GLOBAL STUDIES
ACCESS SCHOLARSHIP
To be eligible, you need to meet at least one of these criteria:

- you are receiving Youth Allowance or some other means-tested Commonwealth benefit
- you have financial difficulties due to living rurally
- you have a disability or a medical disadvantage of some kind
- you expect to be under exceptional financial disadvantage when enrolled at university.
“My scholarship made me feel motivated to strive for higher achievements and awards at university. By becoming a scholarship recipient, I feel that many doors have now been unlocked, such as future employment opportunities.”

THOMAS CHEN
COMMERCE/LAW
MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
If you are applying for admission to the University of Sydney through UAC, then you are eligible to apply for a Merit and Entry scholarship (see page 3), as well as various other scholarships offered by the University of Sydney and its faculties.
You should also consider scholarships offered by companies, universities or the Australian mission in your home country.
It’s a good idea to search the internet to see what’s out there. Start here: sydney.edu.au/ug-scholarships
IF YOU’RE NOT A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ...

If you are sitting an HSC-equivalent qualification in 2013 then you are eligible to apply for University of Sydney scholarships for 2014. The qualification you are undertaking must result in the award of an ATAR or an ATAR-equivalent.

TAFE STUDENTS
If you are studying the HSC or an equivalent university entry qualification at TAFE, you are eligible to apply for University of Sydney scholarships. You should use the same application form as school leavers. Where the form asks for information such as a school report, simply include your most recent results notice. Instead of a school reference, you could include an academic reference from one of your teachers or course coordinators, if available.

Section 2 of the application form asks for an endorsement. You must get this section completed by someone at TAFE who can verify your details and achievements, in order for your application to proceed.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS
Scholarships may also be awarded to students sitting university preparation courses. Make sure the preparation course you are completing is recognised by the faculty in which you are seeking to study. Again, you need to apply in the year that you are sitting final examinations for your course.

TAKING A GAP YEAR
If you plan to take a gap year – that is, a year away from study, to do something else – you should apply for our scholarships in the same year you will complete your HSC (or equivalent). If you are awarded a Merit or Entry scholarship, you can apply to have it deferred, similar to deferring your offer of admission to a course.

Unfortunately, we are unable to accept applications for Merit and Entry scholarships if you completed your HSC or equivalent before 2013.

ONCE YOU GET HERE
We regularly update and list new prizes and scholarships, so bookmark this page and visit it often to see what’s available:
sydney.edu.au/scholarships/updates

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We offer a wide range of services to support your education, career, health and wellbeing.
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COMMONWEALTH INCOME SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS
Full-time students in an approved scholarship course who are receiving Youth Allowance, Austudy or Abstudy may be eligible for a Start-Up scholarship and Relocation scholarship. These are paid directly to eligible students through the federal government’s Centrelink agency. An application is not necessary. These payments will not affect your eligibility for University of Sydney scholarships. For details, see ‘Centrelink income support for students’ on our website: sydney.edu.au/scholarships/current/equity

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?
To apply for Merit, Entry and some faculty-based scholarships, complete the application form available at our website (sydney.edu.au/ug-scholarships), and submit this to our Scholarships Office.

To apply for an Access or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander scholarship, or the Robert Maple Brown Bursary, submit an application to UAC (www.uac.edu.au).

For international student, sports and additional faculty scholarships, see sydney.edu.au/ug-scholarships for details on how to apply.

WHEN IS MY APPLICATION DUE?
Applications for Merit and Entry scholarships are due with the University’s Scholarships Office by 2 October 2013.

Applications for Access scholarships are due with UAC by 27 September 2013.

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

HOW ARE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED?
Most scholarships are awarded on a combination of school examination results, Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) and other factors, such as leadership, creativity, self-motivation and communication skills. They are not awarded on ATAR alone, except for the Outstanding Achievement scholarship.

Your application for a particular scholarship will usually be assessed before ATARS are released, based on the information you provide (such as school reports and personal statements). When your ATAR is released it will be checked to ensure it meets the minimum required level.

CAN I APPLY FOR MORE THAN ONE SCHOLARSHIP?
Yes. To apply for a University of Sydney scholarship (Entry, Merit or faculty-based), use the single application form that you submit to our Scholarships Office. We also recommend you research and apply for as many other schemes as you can, such as the equity scholarships available through UAC.

WHEN DO I FIND OUT IF I’VE BEEN AWARDED A UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY SCHOLARSHIP?
If successful, you should receive a letter of offer in December 2013 or early January 2014. Unsuccessful applicants receive a letter by the end of February 2014.

IF I’M INTENDING TO DO A COMBINED DEGREE, WHICH FACULTY SHOULD I PUT ON THE APPLICATION FORM?
If you are unsure which faculty to list for your preferred combined degree, check the UAC handbook or the UAC website (www.uac.edu.au) for the correct course code.

CAN I CHANGE FACULTIES?
You cannot take your University of Sydney scholarship to a different faculty. Each application is individually assessed by the faculty you nominate. An Access scholarship offer is valid for any undergraduate degree in any faculty.

WHAT IF I TAKE A GAP YEAR, CAN I STILL APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?
University of Sydney scholarships may be deferred for up to two years with permission from the dean of your faculty, but you need to apply for a scholarship in the year you sit your HSC/IB or equivalent.

CAN I APPLY FOR A Scholarship after taking a gap year?
No. You cannot apply for a Merit or Entry scholarship after taking a gap year. If successful, you should receive a letter of offer in December 2013 or early January 2014. Unsuccessful applicants receive a letter by the end of February 2014.

WHAT IF I DON’T GET INTO THE DEGREE THAT I WANT?
Your University of Sydney scholarship offer is valid for any degree in the faculty you nominate. Offers for Access and Outstanding Achievement scholarships are valid for any undergraduate degree in any faculty.

WHAT IF I’M NOT STUDYING MY HSC/IB OR EQUIVALENT IN 2013?
The Access and Indigenous Commonwealth scholarships are open to all undergraduate students. Applications are submitted through UAC. Read the UAC booklet or see the website: www.uac.edu.au
For more information on scholarships, phone 1300 362 006 (for the cost of a local call), or visit our website: sydney.edu.au/scholarships

For advice on completing and submitting your scholarship application, and to access the application form for University of Sydney scholarships (Merit, Entry and faculty-based), visit sydney.edu.au/ug-scholarships