SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NEW UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS 2015
At the University of Sydney we are committed to finding the leaders of tomorrow – the amazing young people who are going to set the academic, professional, artistic and intellectual agenda of the future. We offer more than 700 undergraduate scholarships and give out more than $9 million every year to help you achieve your goals during your studies.

We understand there is more to life than just study. Our scholarships will give 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 diverse and outstanding student life at Sydney.

We also provide support to students who are disadvantaged. We firmly believe that financial challenges should not prevent an outstanding student from becoming a successful graduate. A wide range of opportunities is available and scholarships are just one of many ways that we can support you. We recognise all the hard work that you put in during your high school years and are excited about the outstanding achievements of all our students, both academically and personally. When you join our vibrant community, you’ll be inspired and supported by the brightest minds.
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 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Entry Scholarship is designed for students of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent who have obtained an ATAR of 85 or above in their HSC exams (or equivalent), and are about to start the first year of an undergraduate course at the University of Sydney.

The scholarship is worth $10,000 for one year only, and will be paid in instalments each semester (subject to enrolment). You don’t need to apply, because you will automatically be considered if your ATAR meets the cutoff. If offered this scholarship, you need to take it up by the time you enrol for your accepted degree program in the year for which the offer is made. The scholarship may be deferred for up to one year.

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You need to make applications for Commonwealth Indigenous scholarships through UAC at www.uac.edu.au/equity.

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“The University of Sydney is extremely welcoming and supportive of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. I can’t wait to be standing in the Great Hall on my graduation day.”

JESSICA REARDON
BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE (OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY), CADIGAL PROGRAM

If you are a school leaver, you are eligible to apply for both Merit and Equity Awards. If you are a continuing student (already enrolled at the University), you are only eligible to apply for Equity awards.
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 2013, more than 390 student athletes, across more than 35 sports and all academic disciplines, received valuable assistance through gaining a Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness (SUSF) scholarship and, with it, membership to 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 representation and counselling, private tutoring, chaplaincy, and complimentary access to SUSF facilities and sports science services (dietitian, sports psychology and strength and conditioning).

The pathway to success in your sport and studies requires hard work, but with the benefits and services of the Elite Athlete Program, alongside the support of dedicated SUSF staff, you may find the right balance to realise your potential.

The University of Sydney is committed to providing its students with the best possible tertiary education experience. SUSF and the various Sydney University sports clubs are here to help you make the most of this experience and achieve excellence in your sport and study endeavours.

Applications open on 1 September 2014 and close on 16 January 2015. Visit www.susf.com.au follow links to the Elite Athlete Program

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FACULTY SCHOLARSHIPS

Many faculties provide scholarships for first-year students (currently studying for the HSC/IB or interstate equivalent), as well as scholarships and prizes to current students in their later years of study.

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.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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

It’s also worthwhile taking a look at the wide range of other scholarship opportunities we offer. To find out more, visit sydney.edu.au/scholarships/international

For further information, email io.mail@sydney.edu.au

YOUR OBLIGATIONS WITH SCHOLARSHIPS

In many cases, scholarship recipients are required to maintain a satisfactory level of academic achievement; for example, maintaining a certain grade level for each semester. 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.
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 Scholars Merit and Equity Awards.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?
Visit our website sydney.edu.au/scholarships/updates, select the scholarship you would like to apply for and follow the instructions.

WHEN IS MY APPLICATION DUE?
Applications for the University of Sydney Scholars Merit and Equity Awards close on 2 October 2014. Closing dates for faculty scholarships vary. Please check the dates carefully.

CAN I APPLY FOR MORE THAN ONE SCHOLARSHIP?
Yes. You can apply for several scholarship programs 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 UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY SCHOLARSHIP?
You may be 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/OVERSEAS QUALIFICATIONS OR THE INTERNATIONAL BACCAULAUREATE?
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, the University of Sydney Scholars Merit Awards and Indigenous Commonwealth scholarships are open to all current undergraduate students.

IF I TAKE A GAP YEAR, CAN I STILL APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?
Yes, but for faculty and merit awards only.

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, just supply your most recent report (usually Year 11). If you don’t have a reference, don’t worry. The assessors know that many schools don’t supply references until much later in the year (if at all), so they will look at your application as a whole. You will not be disadvantaged if your school does not supply references.

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YOU CAN APPLY FOR A FRESH START.
For University of Sydney Scholars Merit Awards, you can check your application status at www.uac.edu.au

IMPORTANT DATES

30 AUGUST 2014
OPEN DAY
The Sydney Uni Open Day offers you a world of opportunity. This is your chance to explore what campus life is like. We have plenty of fun stuff for you to join in including mini-lectures and opportunities to get academic advice.

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

SEPTEMBER 2014
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The University of Sydney Scholars Merit Awards
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The University of Sydney Scholars Equity Awards
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EARLY OCTOBER 2014
APPLICATIONS CLOSE
Check our website for more details on closing dates, because they vary.

MID OCTOBER 2014
For University of Sydney Scholars Merit Awards, you will receive an email confirmation that we have received your application. The email will include a reference number. We receive a large number of applications, so to make it easier for us to identify your application, please quote the reference number in all your future correspondence with us. If you do not receive a confirmation by early November, please contact us at scholarship.applications@sydney.edu.au

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