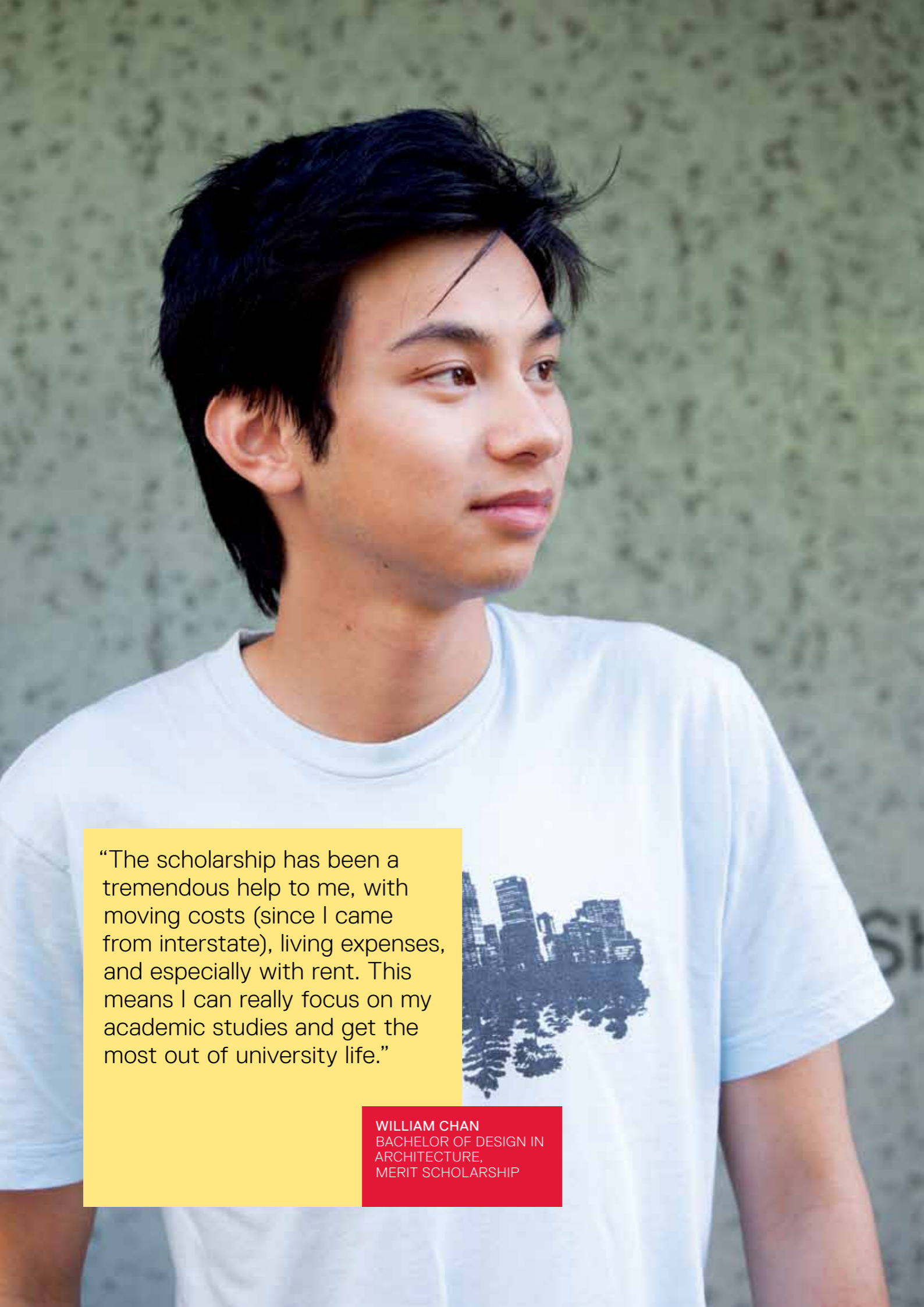




THE UNIVERSITY OF
SYDNEY

YOUR GUIDE TO
**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NEW
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS**
2012



“The scholarship has been a tremendous help to me, with moving costs (since I came from interstate), living expenses, and especially with rent. This means I can really focus on my academic studies and get the most out of university life.”

WILLIAM CHAN
BACHELOR OF DESIGN IN
ARCHITECTURE,
MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

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2011

1 AUGUST 2011

Applications open. You should be working on your personal statement. Ask a parent or teacher to read it and give you some feedback. Are your school reports and reference (if available) ready to attach?

16 SEPTEMBER 2011

Don't forget to get the school or institution endorsement signature for your form (section 3).

21 SEPTEMBER 2011

Is your form ready to put in the mail? Keep a photocopy of everything.

30 SEPTEMBER 2011

Applications are due at the Scholarships Office.

28 OCTOBER 2011

By now you should have an email confirming that we have received your application. If not, ring the Scholarships Office on (02) 8627 8450 by 11 November 2011.

2012

6 JANUARY 2012

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 2012

By this date you should have received written notification of the outcome of your application.

WHY 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 and other commitments.

They also free up your time to gain valuable work experience or get involved in the University's diverse and outstanding student life, through politics, sport, art or by joining one of the 200 clubs and societies backed by the student union.

So we recognise there is more to life than just study, but 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. You could be one of them.

Academic results are an important part of the scholarships application process, but we also want to know about you as a person. That's why, when you apply, we ask you to provide a personal statement to tell us all about yourself and what makes you unique.

Best of all, applying is easy. All you have to do is fill out and post the application form inside this booklet, and you will then be considered for Merit, Entry, and most faculty scholarships at the University.

We also recommend you check the requirements of the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) Equity scholarships (www.uac.edu.au) to find out if you're eligible to apply for an Access Scholarship or other equity scholarships.

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. We want to be part of your personal success story.

SCHOLARSHIP	AMOUNT PER YEAR	DURATION	APPLICATION REQUIRED	MORE INFORMATION
Merit and Entry	\$6000	Merit: Length of degree Entry: One year	Yes	Page 3
Access	\$6000	Length of degree	Yes, through UAC	Page 4
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	Various	Various	Yes, through UAC	Page 4
Outstanding Achievement	\$10,000	Length of degree	No, but you must have University of Sydney as a UAC preference	Page 4
Sport	Various	Various	Yes	Page 5
Faculty	Various	Various	Yes	Page 5
For international students	Various	Various	Yes	Page 7



"My scholarship means I don't have such pressure to work long hours, and can be more involved in student life. The life skills and relationships I have developed as a consequence are invaluable."

ELLA ALEXANDER
COMBINED ARTS/LAW STUDENT,
ACCESS SCHOLARSHIP

MERIT AND ENTRY SCHOLARSHIPS

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

How much: \$6000 per year

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

Application due: 30 September 2011

How to apply: complete the application form contained in this booklet.

If the form has already been torn out, no problem – download a new one at: sydney.edu.au/scholarships/prospective/hsc_ib

* Minimum ATAR of 90.00 (or equivalent) applies to students who enter courses offered by the Faculty of Dentistry, Sydney College of the Arts and Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

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 2011, and specify the University of Sydney for at least one of your UAC preferences.

Merit and Entry scholarships support students who have the skills and attributes to thrive at Sydney. This means you must 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 ignites your passion and makes you curious.

When completing your application you have to nominate the faculty in which you intend to study. It's important to choose carefully. Even though our scholarships are available for all undergraduate degrees and combined degrees at the University, you can nominate only one faculty in your application.

Your application will be sent to that faculty for consideration and, if successful, your scholarship will be valid for that faculty only (but for any degree offered by it). Make sure you nominate the same faculty on your University of Sydney scholarships application form as you specify on your UAC application.

ACCESS SCHOLARSHIPS

For: students with academic ability with demonstrated financial or other constraints

How much: \$6000 per year

How long: ongoing for the normal duration of the degree

Application due: 30 September 2011

How to apply: through UAC – look up 'equity scholarships' on the UAC website: www.uac.edu.au

In 2012, the University of Sydney will provide 160 Access scholarships to help students in need to afford the costs of university study. We firmly believe that financial constraints should not prevent an outstanding student from becoming a successful University of Sydney graduate.

If you are financially disadvantaged we recommend you apply for an Access scholarship through UAC's Equity scholarships application. To be considered you must meet at least one of the following 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 other disadvantage/s
- you expect to be under exceptional financial disadvantage when enrolled at university.

You can apply at any stage of your course, and the scholarship is available for any undergraduate degree.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to the scholarships already listed, the University of Sydney and the Australian Government offer a large number of scholarships and financial assistance programs to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Applications for Commonwealth Indigenous scholarships are made through UAC using the same application as our Access scholarships. Please visit sydney.edu.au/scholarships/prospective/access

The Koori Centre on the Camperdown Campus and Yooroang Garang on the Cumberland Campus both provide scholarships and facilities designed to support our Indigenous Australian students. If you identify as Aboriginal or a Torres Strait Islander, we encourage you to contact the Koori Centre or Yooroang Garang to find out more about the different types of support available to help with your studies at the University of Sydney.

Koori Centre

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T 1800 622 742 (toll free)
F +61 2 9351 6923
E koori.centre@sydney.edu.au
sydney.edu.au/koori

Yooroang Garang

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Faculty of Health Sciences
T Block, Level 4 (via Gate 1)
Cumberland Campus
East Street, Lidcombe NSW 2141
T 1800 000 418 (toll free)
T +61 2 9351 9066
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E fhsyginfo@sydney.edu.au
sydney.edu.au/health_sciences/yooroang_garang

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

For: domestic students who achieve an ATAR of 99.95 (or equivalent)

How much: \$10,000 per year

How long: ongoing for the normal duration of the degree

How to apply: you do not need to apply, although you must have a University of Sydney preference on your UAC application.

These scholarships are awarded automatically after the release of the ATAR results. The University will contact you by mail if you qualify.

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

The University offers various sports scholarships to students either starting or continuing a course during 2012, through Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness.

Recipients receive a range of academic and athletic support services through the Elite Athlete Program, including financial assistance, strength and conditioning programs, academic counselling, personal development seminars, international travel grants, academic tutoring, sports psychology and nutritional advice. A total of 310 athletes benefited from the program during 2011.

In addition, athletes with recognised potential may be offered a place in our Talented Athlete Program. These athletes have access to all the services available to full scholarship recipients, but without direct financial assistance.

The selection criteria depends on your sporting level. Successful applicants usually compete at a national or state (school, age or open) level, and are recognised by their relevant sporting governing body as elite athletes. Recipients are expected to represent their University sports club and maintain a successful academic record.

Applications for 2012 close in January 2012, but applicants are encouraged to complete their application well before this date. Application forms and more information on these scholarships can be found at the Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness website: www.susf.com.au

You can also contact:

Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness
Sports and Aquatic Centre G09
The University of Sydney NSW 2006
T +61 2 9351 4960
E admin@sport.usyd.edu.au

**FACULTY SCHOLARSHIPS**

In addition to participating in the University-wide scholarship program, many faculties also provide their own scholarships for first-year students (currently studying for HSC/IB or interstate equivalent), as well as scholarships and prizes to current students in their later years of study.

There are too many faculty scholarships to list here, but don't worry – when you submit the application form in this brochure, and nominate the faculty in which you want to enrol, you'll also be considered for any relevant faculty scholarships.

If you are currently taking a gap year (12 months away from study to do something else), we recommend that 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, see their webpages. Links are available at: sydney.edu.au/scholarships/school/faculty

“Holding a scholarship has given me much more flexibility during semester, and allowed me to take up travel opportunities without compromising my study. It also allowed me to work fewer hours at my part-time job, during busy periods such as exams.”

MADELEINE D'ARCY
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
(ADVANCED)/ARTS,
MERIT SCHOLARSHIP



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The University of Sydney is an international institution, and our international students – who come from more than 130 countries – make an important contribution to campus life and culture.

If you are applying for admission to the University of Sydney through the Universities Admissions Centre, you are eligible to apply for a Merit and Entry scholarship (see page 3), as well as certain other scholarships offered by the University of Sydney or its faculties.

OTHER INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

If you are an international student considering a course of study here, you should look for funding from any source available to you.

In addition to the University scholarships mentioned above, there may be scholarships offered by companies, universities or the Australian mission in your home country.

The International Student Office can help you find some of the scholarships available to international students. See contact details below.

It's a good idea to search the internet to see what's out there. Start here:

sydney.edu.au/future_students/international_undergraduate/costs_scholarships/scholarships

International Student Office
Level 4, Jane Foss Russell Building G02
The University of Sydney
T 1800 899 376 (free call within Australia only)
T +61 2 8627 3000 (calls outside Australia)
F +61 2 8627 8387
E io.info@sydney.edu.au
sydney.edu.au/internationaloffice

IF YOU'RE NOT A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ...

If you are sitting an HSC-equivalent qualification in 2011, you are eligible to apply for University of Sydney scholarships for 2012. 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 if shortlisted.

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 must 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 out of studying to do something else – you should apply for our scholarships in the year you 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 entry qualification (HSC or equivalent) before 2011.

If you are already on a gap year and will be taking up your university place in 2012 but didn't apply for University of Sydney scholarships, don't worry. Some faculty scholarships may still be available to you. Contact your faculty office for more information.

Access scholarships are also open to students who have deferred so check your eligibility on the UAC website: www.uac.edu.au

MORE SUPPORT AVENUES



ONCE YOU GET HERE

We regularly update and list new prizes and scholarships on our website. Bookmark it to remind yourself to visit often and check what's available. sydney.edu.au/scholarships/updates

STUDENT SUPPORT

University support services for students include Counselling and Psychological Services, Disability Services, Careers Centre, Accommodation Information Services, Sydney Talent, University Health, the Koori Centre (support for Indigenous students), child care, and a multifaith Chaplaincy Centre.

sydney.edu.au/counselling
sydney.edu.au/disability
sydney.edu.au/careers
sydney.edu.au/accommodation
sydney.edu.au/sydneytalent
sydney.edu.au/unihealth
sydney.edu.au/koori
sydney.edu.au/child_care
sydney.edu.au/chaplains

Financial assistance

The University of Sydney has one of Australia's largest and most generous financial assistance programs for students. In 2011, we doubled the number of University of Sydney First Year bursaries (valued at \$2000 each) from 175 to 350.

The University of Sydney First Year Bursary is awarded on the basis of financial need. Its purpose is to help with university set-up costs, such as:

- housing bonds
- computers
- textbooks
- course-related equipment.

The Financial Assistance Service also has a number of other bursaries and interest-free loans to help you with essential living and study-related expenses.

For more information, visit sydney.edu.au/stuserv/financial_assistance_office

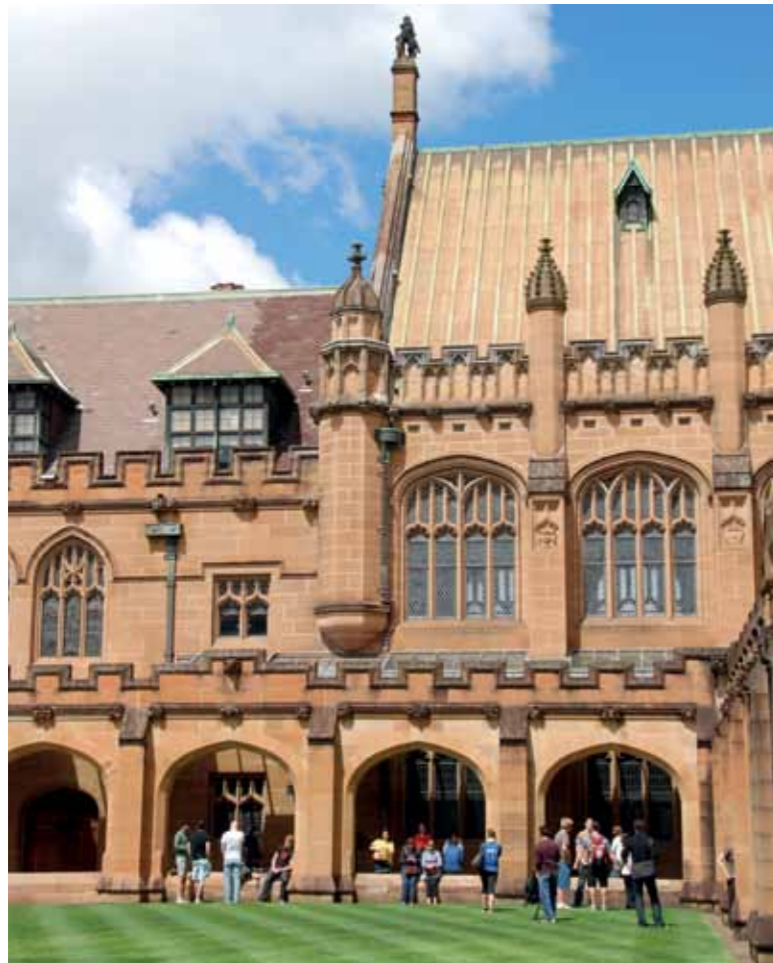
Commonwealth income support for students

Full-time students in an approved scholarship course who are receiving Youth Allowance, AUSTUDY or ABSTUDY may be eligible for the 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 'Youth Allowances – Other Benefits' on Centrelink's website: www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/payments/ya_benefits.htm

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



WHAT SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE?

Many types of scholarships are available for students who are completing their High School Certificate (HSC), International Baccalaureate (IB) or equivalent. You can apply for most of these by filling in the single University of Sydney scholarships application form (in this booklet) and the UAC Equity Scholarships application online at www.uac.edu.au/equity

For full details of scholarships and prizes available to commencing and continuing students, please see sydney.edu.au/scholarships

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.

HOW CAN I INCREASE MY CHANCES?

Read the 'Application Hints & Tips' brochure on our website: sydney.edu.au/scholarships/prospective

WHAT IF I'M NOT A TOP STUDENT?

Even though most scholarships are for students with an ATAR (or equivalent) of 95.00 and above, some are awarded for other reasons. For example, University of Sydney Access scholarships are assessed on the basis of needs and merit. Sports scholarships are assessed on sporting prowess. For more information on sports scholarships, see page 5.

WHAT IF I'M AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT?

If you are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC), you are eligible to apply for University of Sydney scholarships. For more information, see page 7.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Use the application form in this booklet, or download a copy from sydney.edu.au/scholarships

If you are in financial need you can apply for an Access scholarship, and/or a Commonwealth Indigenous scholarship (if you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander).

In both cases you apply through the UAC Equity Scholarships application. You also need to be applying for a University place through UAC. For more information, see UAC's website: www.uac.edu.au/equity

CAN I APPLY FOR MORE THAN ONE SCHOLARSHIP?

Yes. To apply for the University of Sydney scholarships (Entry, Merit and faculty), use the single application form in this booklet. We also recommend you research and apply for as many other schemes as you can, such as the Equity scholarships available through UAC.

WHEN IS MY APPLICATION DUE?

The closing date for applications for University of Sydney scholarships (see application form) is Friday 30 September 2011. Please check application dates carefully for other scholarships.

HOW DO I KNOW MY APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED?

When you apply for the various University of Sydney scholarships using the form in this booklet (or downloaded from the website), we will send you an email to acknowledge we have received your application. This may take a few weeks. If you do not receive a confirmation by 28 October 2011, you need to contact the Scholarships Office before 11 November 2011.

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 late December 2011 or early January 2012. Unsuccessful applicants should receive a letter by the end of February 2012.

WHAT IF MY SCHOOL OR INSTITUTION DOESN'T GIVE ME A REPORT OR REFERENCE BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE?

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 (usually Year 11) report. 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.

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 must apply for a scholarship in the year you sit your HSC/IB or equivalent. You cannot apply for University of Sydney scholarships after taking a gap year, unless you are applying for an Access scholarship through UAC. You may be able to apply for some faculty scholarships after taking a gap year. For more information about these scholarships, see your faculty's website. Links are given here: sydney.edu.au/scholarships/school/faculty

WILL I STILL BE CONSIDERED IF I AM TAKING AN EXAM OTHER THAN THE HSC, SUCH AS TAFE, INTERSTATE/OVERSEAS QUALIFICATIONS, 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 for 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 2012 (when UAC provides HSC-equivalent marks to the University of Sydney).

WHAT IF I'M NOT A HECS-HELP OR COMMONWEALTH-SUPPORTED STUDENT?

University of Sydney Merit and Entry scholarships are open to all school leavers for any undergraduate degree at the University, whether you are a fee-paying, HECS-HELP or Commonwealth-supported student.

WHAT IF I DON'T WIN A SCHOLARSHIP?

Bear in mind there is very keen competition for scholarships and selection is based not just on ATAR but other factors as well, such as self-motivation and creativity. If you miss out now, there are many other scholarships and prizes for enrolled students, based on performance during your degree. If you are in financial need, you should also apply (through UAC) for equity scholarships, such as the Access scholarship. In addition, many grants and bursaries are available once you start university.

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 on the form. Offers for Access and Outstanding Achievement scholarships are valid for any undergraduate degree in any faculty.

CAN I CHANGE FACULTIES?

You can't 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'M NOT STUDYING MY HSC/IB OR EQUIVALENT IN 2011?

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, phone 1300 362 006 (for the cost of a local call), or visit the scholarships website: sydney.edu.au/scholarships
See sydney.edu.au/scholarships/prospective for advice on completing your application.



MORE INFORMATION

Scholarships Office

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E scholarships.reception@sydney.edu.au

sydney.edu.au/scholarships



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