YOUR GUIDE TO
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NEW UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
2011
“The scholarship I received has been invaluable because I can study what I love and get involved in uni life without the pressures of paid employment. Thanks to my scholarship I can more easily pay for my fees and textbooks, and I know that the University is committed to helping me make the most of my time here.”

VALE SLOANE
BACHELOR OF INTERNATIONAL AND GLOBAL STUDIES
At the University of Sydney, we are determined to help all our students and maximise their potential, whatever their background. That’s why we offer over 500 different scholarship schemes for undergraduate students.

These scholarships help relieve financial concerns and allow you 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 outstanding student life, be it through politics, sport, art or joining one of the 200 clubs and societies run by the student union.

We know that there is more to you than just your academic marks. Because of this, our scholarship program is unique. At Sydney we’re interested in finding the leaders of tomorrow – the amazing young people who are going to achieve academically, professionally, artistically. You could be one of them.

Of course, academic results form a significant part of the scholarships application process, but we also want to know about you as a person. To apply for a scholarship, you therefore need to provide a personal statement to tell us about you and what makes you special.

Best of all, it is really easy to apply! If you send in the application form in this booklet, you will be considered for hundreds of University of Sydney and faculty scholarships.

We also recommend that you look at the Universities Admissions Centre Equity Scholarships application (see www.uac.edu.au) to see whether you might be eligible for University of Sydney Access Scholarships or other equity scholarships.

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

Scholarships are just one way the University of Sydney can support your achievement. We want to be part of your personal success story.

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UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY MERIT AND ENTRY SCHOLARSHIPS
For: Students with minimum ATAR of 95.00* plus other achievements
How much: $6,000 per year
How long: One year (Entry), or ongoing for normal duration of degree (Merit)
Application due: 30 September 2010
How to apply: Complete the application form contained in this booklet.
If the form has already been removed, that’s OK – just download one from sydney.edu.au/scholarships/school

We award these scholarships based on a combination of school examination results, including your Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) or equivalent, and other achievements that show attributes such as leadership, creativity, self-motivation and communication skills. You must be undertaking your university entry qualification – that is your HSC, International Baccalaureate (IB) or equivalent in 2010, and have the University of Sydney as at least one of your UAC preferences.

These scholarships support the students with the skills and attributes to thrive at the University of Sydney – students who can think creatively, challenge ideas and 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 brought you to this point where you’re considering tertiary study? We want to know what drives you, what ignites your passion and keeps you curious.

When completing your application you must also nominate the faculty in which you intend to study – it’s important to choose carefully.

University of Sydney Scholarships are available for all undergraduate degrees and combined degrees at the University, however, 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 only be valid for that faculty (but for any degree in that faculty). Make sure you nominate the same faculty on your University of Sydney Scholarships application form as you have on your UAC application.

*Minimum ATAR of 90.00 applies to students entering courses offered by the Faculty of Dentistry, Sydney College of the Arts or the Sydney Conservatorium of Music.
“I didn’t think I had a chance of receiving a scholarship from Sydney, but my careers adviser encouraged me to apply. I was awarded a faculty scholarship, which allowed me to go overseas to the Mekong River to complete my geography major and study water governance and economic development.”

GEORGINA SNELLING
BACHELOR OF RESOURCE ECONOMICS
UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT
SCHOLARSHIPS

For: Domestic students who achieve an ATAR of 99.95
How much: $10,000 per year
How long: Ongoing for normal duration of 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.

FACULTY SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to participating in the University-wide scholarship program, many faculties also provide their own scholarships for first-year students and scholarships and prizes to current students in their later years of study.

There are too many to list individually, but applicants currently studying for their HSC/IB or interstate equivalent who submit the form in this brochure will be considered for faculty scholarships as well. When you nominate the faculty in which you would like to enrol, you will be assessed for University-wide scholarships and any relevant faculty scholarships.

If you are currently taking a gap year (12 months out of studying to do something else), we recommend that you check each faculty’s website to see if there are any available scholarships.

For more information about the scholarships offered by the faculties, see their web pages. Links are available from: sydney.edu.au/scholarships/school/faculty
SPORT SCHOLARSHIPS
Through Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness, the University will offer sporting scholarships to students either starting or continuing a course at the University in 2011.

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, academic tutoring, international travel grant funding, sports psychology and nutritional advice. In 2010, more than 300 athletes benefited from such support.

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.

Selection criteria depend on your sport. As a general rule, 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 2011 close in January 2011, but applicants are encouraged to complete their application well before that date. Application forms and more information on these scholarships can be found on the Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness website: www.susf.com.au

You can also contact:
Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness
Sports and Aquatic Centre, Building G09
The University of Sydney NSW 2006
T +61 2 9351 4960
E sportsscholarships@sport.usyd.edu.au

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDENT 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.

Commonwealth Indigenous Scholarships applications are made through UAC using the same application as our Access Scholarships. Details are available from sydney.edu.au/scholarships/school/equity

The Koori Centre on the Camperdown Campus and Yooroang Garang on the Cumberland Campus both provide scholarships and facilities dedicated to supporting our Indigenous Australian students. If you identify as Aboriginal or 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 assist with your studies at the University of Sydney.

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Room 224
Old Teachers College
T +61 2 9351 2046
T 1800 622 742 (toll free)
F +61 2 9351 6923
sydney.edu.au/koori

Yooroang Garang
Discipline of Indigenous Health Studies
T 1800 000 418 (toll free)
T +61 2 9351 9393
F +61 2 9351 9400
sydney.edu.au/health_sciences/yooroang_garang

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
The University of Sydney is an international institution and our international students – who come from more than 130 countries across the world – 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 University of Sydney Scholarships and Access Scholarships.

OTHER INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS
The International Office website (see below), provides details of other scholarships that are available to international students. If you’re considering studying at the University, you should look for funding from any source available to you. For example, you may be able to find further scholarship information from companies or universities in your home country, from the Australian mission in your home country or by searching the internet.

T +61 2 9351 2778
E infoschol@io.usyd.edu.au
sydney.edu.au/future_students/international_undergraduate/costs_scholarships/scholarships
“I was so excited to receive an Access Scholarship. It’s taken a load of stress off my mind and I’ve used it for things like textbooks and stationery. The scholarship has given me peace of mind, knowing I would be financially stable and able to study at one of Australia’s best universities.”

JARAD SLATER
BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING/
BACHELOR OF ARTS
In 2011, the University of Sydney will provide 160 Access Scholarships to help students in need with 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 through UAC’s Equity Scholarships application for a University of Sydney Access Scholarship. 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. We know from experience that holders of our Access Scholarships achieve highly during their study, especially with support from the University.
NOT A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT?

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 3 of the application form asks for an endorsement – you must have this section completed by someone at TAFE who can verify your details and achievements for your application to proceed if shortlisted.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS
Scholarships may also be awarded to students sitting university preparation courses. You will need to check that 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 you are sitting final examinations for your course. That is, the year you submit your UAC application.

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 Scholarship or Entry Scholarship, you can apply to defer the scholarship, similar to deferring your offer of admission to a course.

Unfortunately, we are unable to accept applications for our Merit Scholarships and Entry Scholarships if you completed your entry qualification (HSC or equivalent) before 2010.

However, if you are already on a gap year and will be taking up your university place in 2011 but didn’t apply for University of Sydney Scholarships, don’t panic! There may still be some faculty scholarships open 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).

If you are sitting an HSC-equivalent qualification in 2010, you are eligible to apply for University of Sydney Scholarships for 2011. The qualification you are undertaking must result in an ATAR being awarded.
ONCE YOU GET HERE
Access Scholarships are available to commencing and current students, so you may apply each year. We also regularly list new and updated scholarships and prizes on our website – bookmark it to remind yourself to visit the page and check what’s available: sydney.edu.au/scholarships/updates

Financial assistance
Scholarships are not the only financial assistance we offer our students. We have one of Australia’s largest and most generous financial assistance programs for university students, offering loans, bursaries and grants to help students who are experiencing financial difficulties. This program won’t cover all of your living costs, but it can help with expenses such as:
- housing bonds and rent
- phone and electricity bills
- medical expenses
- textbooks/course equipment.

Loans are interest-free and are usually repayable within one year. Bursaries, which are awarded on a mixture of financial need and academic merit, are generally only available to domestic, full-time, undergraduate students. There are a number of advertised bursaries that are open to students. For information regarding financial assistance, see the website: sydney.edu.au/financial_assistance

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 scholarships are paid directly to eligible students through Centrelink. No application is necessary. These payments will not affect your eligibility for University of Sydney Scholarships.

WHAT SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE?
Many types of scholarships are available for students who are completing their HSC, International Baccalaureate (IB) or equivalent. You can apply for most of these by filling in just the one University of Sydney application form (in this booklet) and the UAC Equity Scholarships application online. For full details of scholarships and prizes available to commencing and undergraduate students, please see the website: 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 Scholarships. Usually, your application for a particular scholarship will be assessed before ATARs are released, based on the information you provide (eg school reports, personal statement etc). 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 ‘Advice for HSC/IB students’ section on our website: sydney.edu.au/scholarships/school

WHAT IF I’M NOT A TOP STUDENT?
While most of the scholarships are for students with an ATAR of 95.00 and above, a number are awarded for other reasons. The University of Sydney Access Scholarships, for example, are assessed on a needs and merit basis. Sport scholarships are assessed on sporting prowess.

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 and Access Scholarships. For more information, see page 5.
HOW DO I APPLY?
Use the application form in this booklet (also available from sydney.edu.au/scholarships). If you are in financial need, you can apply for University of Sydney Access Scholarships and Commonwealth Indigenous Scholarships (if you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander) through the UAC Equity Scholarships application (see www.uac.edu.au). You must also apply for admission to the University through UAC.

CAN I APPLY FOR MORE THAN ONE SCHOLARSHIP?
Yes. You can only submit one application for the University of Sydney Scholarships for school leavers (using the form from this booklet), but we 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 Thursday 30 September 2010. Please check application dates carefully for other scholarships.

HOW DO I KNOW MY APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED?
When you apply for the scholarships using the form in the centre of this booklet (or downloaded from the website), we will send you an acknowledgement by email stating that your application has been received. This may take a few weeks. If you have not received confirmation by 29 October 2010, you must contact the Scholarships Office no later than 11 November 2010.

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 2010 or early January 2011. If you do not win a scholarship, you should receive a letter no later than the end of February 2011.

WHAT IF MY SCHOOL OR INSTITUTION DOESN’T GIVE ME MY 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 yet, don’t worry. The assessors know that many schools do not supply references until much later in the year, if at all, and 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 one year, 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 Access Scholarships through UAC. You may be able to apply for some faculty scholarships after taking a gap year. For more information about these scholarships, visit the faculty website, which can be found through 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 2010 (when UAC provides HSC-equivalent marks to the University of Sydney).

WHAT IF I DON’T WIN A SCHOLARSHIP?
You should remember that there is very keen competition for scholarships and selection is based not just on ATAR but on many 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 for the equity scholarships, such as the Access Scholarship, through UAC. There are also many grants and bursaries available once you start at the 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. An Access Scholarship offer is valid for any undergraduate degree in any faculty.

CAN I CHANGE FACULTY?
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 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 HECS-HELP/Commonwealth-supported student, or you are fee-paying.

WHAT IF I’M NOT STUDYING MY HSC/IB/EQUIVALENT IN 2010?
The Access Scholarships and Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships are open to all undergraduate students. Application is through UAC – read the UAC booklet or consult the website: www.uac.edu.au
# IMPORTANT DATES

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<td>By now you should have received an email confirming we have received your application. If not, ring the Scholarships Office on (02) 8627 8450 by 11 November 2010.</td>
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For more information, check out the scholarships website ([sydney.edu.au/scholarships](http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships)) or phone 1300 362 006 for the cost of a local call.

See [sydney.edu.au/scholarships/school](http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/school) for advice on completing your application.
This booklet is a guide to the scholarships offered by the University of Sydney. However, the information set out in it is an expression of intent only and should not be taken as a firm offer or undertaking. The University reserves the right to make alterations to any information contained within this publication without notice.

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