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# Guide for Dalyell Scholars

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This guide explains how you can accept your offer to become a Dalyell Scholar and make the most of your opportunities.

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Congratulations! You've been invited to become a Dalyell Scholar. You and your fellow high-achieving students will engage in experiences that will extend your academic abilities, develop your leadership capabilities and expand your global network.

This booklet is a guide for all your questions about becoming a Dalyell Scholar, and points you to resources for help along the way.

The Dalyell stream gives you access to units of study that are available only to Dalyell Scholars. It also provides tailored mentoring and professional skills development, accelerated learning opportunities and overseas experiences, including a global mobility scholarship.

As a Dalyell Scholar, you will be challenged academically, have opportunities to cultivate professional expertise and leadership, and become part of a worldwide network of leaders as you join the ranks of our most distinguished alumni.

The Dalyell stream is named after Elsie Jean Dalyell OBE (pronounced “dee-ell”), a remarkable alumna of the University of Sydney. Elsie (1881–1948) was a distinguished medical graduate and the first woman to become a full-time academic in our Faculty of Medicine.

Find out more about Elsie at:

– [sydney.edu.au/dalyell-scholars](https://sydney.edu.au/dalyell-scholars)

# What does it mean to be a Dalyell Scholar?

The University expects and supports every Dalyell Scholar to attain three key qualities. By the time you complete the Dalyell stream, you will be able to:

- analyse and interpret complex scenarios, structure problems and develop effective interdisciplinary, novel or research-based solutions to tackle systemic societal and global problems
- demonstrate a high degree of capability, resilience and agility in operating across cultural boundaries and engage ethically, respectfully and professionally in inter- and cross-cultural settings and on the world stage
- integrate deep disciplinary knowledge and synthesise multiple viewpoints, practices or disciplines into your own perspective and use this to influence others.

The intention for Dalyell Scholars is that you will cultivate these qualities to a high level through both the academic and co-curricular opportunities available within the stream.



# Accepting your offer

Entry to the Dalyell stream is available for students applying to the University for the first time, or after one year of full-time tertiary study, or equivalent credit points if you have been studying part time.

If you are entering the Dalyell stream after completing one year of study with the University of Sydney, you will be asked to accept your Dalyell Scholars invitation within Sydney Student. This option will appear in your Sydney Student 'My Studies' screen.

**Q. My offer specifically states “Dalyell Scholars” in the course title. Do I still have to accept the separate offer to be a Dalyell Scholar?**

**A.** Yes, you need to accept the separate offer to activate your Dalyell Scholar status.

**Q. If I initially do not accept my offer to become a Dalyell Scholar but then change my mind, can I accept the offer later?**

**A.** Yes, you will still be able to accept your offer to become a Dalyell Scholar at enrolment. However, you will not be able to access this offer after the enrolment period for your course closes for your first semester (generally the second Friday after classes start). For important University dates, please visit [sydney.edu.au/dates](https://sydney.edu.au/dates).

**Q. If I decline my offer to become a Dalyell Scholar, can I still accept my place in my course?**

**A.** Yes, your offer to become a Dalyell Scholar is separate to your course offer.

**Q. I haven't been made an offer to join the Dalyell stream although I attained an ATAR of 98+. Why haven't I been invited to join the stream?**

**A.** The Dalyell stream is not available in all degrees. For a full list of degrees in which you can take the Dalyell stream, please visit [sydney.edu.au/dalyell-scholars](https://sydney.edu.au/dalyell-scholars).





**Q. I haven't been made an offer to join the Dalyell stream on starting my studies at the University as I did not meet the requirements. Can I join the Dalyell stream later in my degree? What is the process?**

**A.** Yes, you will be invited to join the Dalyell stream after you have completed one year of full-time study if you achieve a cross- semester average mark (CSAM) of 80+ and you are studying a course in which the Dalyell stream is available.

If this is the case, your eligibility to join the stream will automatically be assessed after you have completed 48 credit points at the University. You will be able to accept your invitation to join the Dalyell stream by accessing Sydney Student and selecting the 'My Studies' tab.

**Q. What if I've gained entry into a course that offers the Dalyell stream and I have received credit for my prior studies?**

**A.** It's important to consider whether you have the capacity to accommodate the required 12 credit points of Dalyell units. Please discuss this with your Dalyell faculty lead.

– [sydney.edu.au/handbooks/dalyell-stream](https://sydney.edu.au/handbooks/dalyell-stream)

**Q. I've accepted an offer to become a Dalyell Scholar and I'm taking a combined degree. Which faculty manages my Dalyell stream?**

**A.** Start by searching for your degree at [sydney.edu.au/courses](https://sydney.edu.au/courses).

The faculty administering this degree will be listed under 'Course details'. You can then look up the relevant faculty handbook at [sydney.edu.au/handbooks](https://sydney.edu.au/handbooks) for course rules and resolutions.

#### **Dalyell coordinator**

Once you become a Dalyell Scholar, you will be contacted by a Dalyell coordinator from your faculty who will be your main point of contact. If you are unsure of who your Dalyell coordinator is, or if you have questions before you join the stream, you can contact the Dalyell faculty lead. A list of leads for each faculty is found in the Interdisciplinary Studies Handbook.

– [sydney.edu.au/handbooks/dalyell-stream](https://sydney.edu.au/handbooks/dalyell-stream)



# Enrolling in your course

You can enrol in your course about 24 hours after accepting your University offer. As a Dalyell Scholar, you will have access to a list of exclusive Dalyell units on your 'Unit of study selection' screen.

You do not have to take these Dalyell units in your first year of study, although we recommend that you take at least one to avoid enrolment constraints later in your degree.

Please see the list of Dalyell units in the Interdisciplinary Studies Handbook.

– [sydney.edu.au/handbooks/dalyell-units](https://sydney.edu.au/handbooks/dalyell-units)

You need to complete 12 credit points of Dalyell units to satisfy the Dalyell stream requirements and graduate as a Dalyell Scholar at the completion of your degree.

Dalyell units of study are available exclusively to Dalyell Scholars. They cannot be core units within degrees, streams, programs or majors. Dalyell units will help you cultivate the University's graduate qualities to a high level by:

- drawing on the best available expertise in the University and challenging you to gain greater depth of understanding and breadth of learning
- emphasising societal contribution and/or a high level of capability in operating across disciplinary and cultural boundaries, and
- cultivating the vision, adaptability and perspective that will equip you to tackle the global challenges of the future.

**Q. My degree program has an Open Learning Environment (OLE) credit point requirement. Do I need to complete six credit points of OLE units of study?**

**A.** Dalyell Scholars who commenced a degree with an OLE credit point requirement prior to 2024 are required to complete a minimum of six credit points of OLE. Dalyell Scholars who commenced a degree with an OLE credit point requirement after 1 January 2024 are not required to complete any OLE units. You may be able to take OLE units in place of electives. Note that the number of OLE units you can complete can be capped; please check your degree resolutions.

**Q. Do I have to complete the Dalyell units offered by my home faculty, or can I take any unit in the suite of Dalyell units available in the shared pool?**

**A.** You can complete any unit in the Dalyell table, regardless of the faculty offering the units and you are encouraged to consider Dalyell units offered by other faculties as well as your own. Please see the list of Dalyell units in the Interdisciplinary Studies Handbook.

– [sydney.edu.au/handbooks/dalyell-units](https://sydney.edu.au/handbooks/dalyell-units)

**Q. How do the Dalyell units fit into my degree structure?**

**A.** Your Dalyell units will typically replace electives in your degree, and can be taken in your first, second or third year, depending on how you choose to structure your course. See the example degree structures to the right.

**Q. My degree program has a different structure and I don't know when I should enrol in my Dalyell units. What should I do?**

**A.** You should contact your Dalyell coordinator or faculty lead who can advise you.

**Q. What if I want to do a Dalyell unit but I have already used up my 12 credit points of required Dalyell units of study?**

**A.** It is possible to take additional Dalyell units of study as electives if you have space in your degree. Please contact our Student Centre for further information.

– [sydney.edu.au/students/student-contacts-enquiries](https://sydney.edu.au/students/student-contacts-enquiries)

**Q. If I transfer into a new degree, will I lose my Dalyell status?**

**A.** If you decide to transfer into a new degree which offers the Dalyell stream, your Dalyell status may not automatically transfer in the system. Please reach out to the Dalyell faculty lead or coordinator from the faculty of your new degree to discuss your transfer and ensure your enrolment in the Dalyell stream is maintained. Please note that if you don't have enough space to complete the Dalyell requirements in addition to the requirements of your new degree, you may not be able to keep your Dalyell status.

## Example degree structures

### Three-year bachelor's degree with Dalyell units taken in first and second year

Year	Units of study							
1	Major 1	Major 1	Core/ Elective	Core/ Elective	Dalyell unit(s)	OLE* Elective	Minor/ Major 2	Minor/ Major 2
2	Major 1	Major 1	Major 1	Core/ Elective	Dalyell unit(s)	Core/ Elective	Minor/ Major 2	Minor/ Major 2
3	Major 1	Major 1	Major 1	Core/ Elective	Elective/ Minor/ Major 2	Elective/ Minor/ Major 2	Minor/ Major 2	Minor/ Major 2

### Three-year bachelor's degree with Dalyell units taken in second and third year

Year	Units of study							
1	Major 1	Major 1	Core/ Elective	Core/ Elective	Core/ Elective	OLE* Elective	Minor/ Major 2	Minor/ Major 2
2	Major 1	Major 1	Major 1	Dalyell unit(s)	Core/ Elective	Core/ Elective	Minor/ Major 2	Minor/ Major 2
3	Major 1	Major 1	Major 1	Dalyell unit(s)	Elective/ Minor/ Major 2	Elective/ Minor/ Major 2	Minor/ Major 2	Minor/ Major 2

Both of the three-year options above can be followed in the four-year combined bachelor/Bachelor of Advanced Studies.

### Four-year bachelor/Bachelor of Advanced Studies degree with Dalyell units taken in first and second year

Year	Units of study							
1	Major 1	Major 1	Core/ Elective	Core/ Elective	Dalyell unit(s)	OLE* Elective	Major 2	Major 2
2	Major 1	Major 1	Major 1	Core/ Elective	Dalyell unit(s)	Core/ Elective	Major 2	Major 2
3	Major 1	Major 1	Major 1	Core/ Elective	Major 2	Major 2	Major 2	Major 2
4	Project	Project	Project/ AdvCW	Project/ AdvCW	Project/ AdvCW	Project/ AdvCW	AdvCW	AdvCW

### Four-year bachelor/Bachelor of Advanced Studies degree with Dalyell units taken in second and third year

Year	Units of study							
1	Major 1	Major 1	Core/ Elective	Core/ Elective	Core/ Elective	OLE* Elective	Major 2	Major 2
2	Major 1	Major 1	Major 1	Dalyell unit(s)	Core/ Elective	Core/ Elective	Major 2	Major 2
3	Major 1	Major 1	Major 1	Dalyell unit(s)	Major 2	Major 2	Major 2	Major 2
4	Project	Project	Project/ AdvCW	Project/ AdvCW	Project/ AdvCW	Project/ AdvCW	AdvCW	AdvCW

## Connect with other Dalyell Scholars

Dalyell Scholars form a group of high-achieving students who are studying across various faculties, schools and disciplines. Along with the academic opportunities on offer, your community of Dalyell Scholars will develop vision, adaptability and the capability to understand and operate across disciplinary and cultural boundaries.

You will have several opportunities to connect with other Dalyell Scholars both in your faculty and across the wider University at events organised for Dalyell Scholars.

### Dalyell Scholars e-Community

When you join the stream, during the first week of semester, the University will automatically add you to the Dalyell Scholars e-Community in Canvas (the University's online learning management system). This e-Community allows you to interact with your peers who are enrolled in the stream and come from a wide range of courses across the University. Announcements are regularly posted by Dalyell faculty leads; this is a great way to find out about co-curricular aspects of the stream, and receive important messages from your faculty.

#### Q. How do I find other Dalyell Scholars in my faculty?

**A.** Your Dalyell coordinator or faculty lead will contact you soon after you enrol. They are your best resource for connecting with other Dalyell Scholars in your faculty.

## Mentoring and professional skills development

We offer mentoring to provide advice and help you develop your leadership potential and associated capabilities such as self-awareness and community contribution. The Dalyell stream provides a variety of mentoring opportunities across three stages.

The first stage involves peer-to-peer mentoring so you can get to know your fellow Dalyell Scholars and transition successfully to university.

Stage two includes academic mentoring to help you think about your personal, educational and professional goals.

In the third stage, you will have access to professional mentoring from alumni professionals and academics to explore career pathways as you prepare to enter the workforce.

#### Q. How do I get a Dalyell mentor?

**A.** Your Dalyell coordinator or faculty lead will provide you with details about the mentoring program in your faculty.

#### Q. Do I have to participate in the mentoring program every year?

**A.** Mentoring is optional each year. However, as it is a key feature of the Dalyell stream, we encourage you to participate.

## Acceleration and enrichment units

As a Dalyell Scholar, you will have early access to more advanced units of study in your chosen field and enrichment units outside of your discipline that enhance the depth and breadth of your study.

Accelerated enrolment means you can take units at a higher level than your current year of enrolment, as long as the units are within the same field of study as your selected program, major(s) or minor(s).

Some degrees offer the opportunity to substitute units in the curriculum with units offering advanced understanding, additional content or research. You may substitute these for units in your core or program, major or minor. These will contribute to the credit point requirement for those components of your degree. Your Dalyell coordinator or faculty lead can guide you on opportunities that may be available in your degree.

You may also take enrichment units as electives from a pre-approved list outside your area of study – and you do not need to have completed prerequisites for these. Enrichment opportunities offer research and entrepreneurship experiences in academic, industry and community settings.

Units of study on offer as enrichment opportunities are listed in the Interdisciplinary Studies Handbook.

– [sydney.edu.au/handbooks/dalyell-enrichment-units](https://sydney.edu.au/handbooks/dalyell-enrichment-units)



**Q. How do I access acceleration and enrichment opportunities?**

**A.** Your Dalyell coordinator or faculty lead will advise on acceleration opportunities. You will need to seek permission to enrol in the unit of study that you wish to take as an acceleration opportunity. You can do this by logging into Sydney Student.

A list of enrichment units of study is shown in the Interdisciplinary Studies Handbook.

– [sydney.edu.au/handbooks/dalyell-enrichment-units](https://sydney.edu.au/handbooks/dalyell-enrichment-units)

You are able to enrol in enrichment units of study via the special permission process, as long as they are not offered more than two years beyond your current level of enrolment.

For example, as a first-year Dalyell Scholar, you can enrol in 2000 and 3000-level units of study from the list of enrichment units. When you enter your second year, you will be able to access units of study up to 4000-level from the enrichment list.

**Q. I don't have enough elective space in my degree to access enrichment units. Can I still complete the Dalyell stream?**

**A.** Enrichment units are not compulsory. The only units that are required to complete the Dalyell stream are the Dalyell units.

**Q. Are acceleration and enrichment units different to the Dalyell units?**

**A.** Yes, you need to complete the 12 credit points of Dalyell units to be recognised as a Dalyell Scholar. Acceleration and enrichment units are optional opportunities.

## Global mobility opportunities

Your Dalyell Scholar status entitles you to a global mobility scholarship of \$2000. We encourage you to use this towards either a short-term (winter, summer or internship) mobility opportunity worth at least six credit points, or a semester exchange program.

### **Q. Where do I find information about studying overseas, including partner institutions and how to apply?**

**A.** The University has student exchange agreements with around 290 partner universities from 43 countries, and a range of short-term and semester exchange programs to choose from. The best place to start is the Sydney Abroad website.

– [sydney.edu.au/studyabroad](https://sydney.edu.au/studyabroad)

There you will find a number of helpful resources, including links to a comprehensive guide and the global mobility database where you can browse available overseas options and search for an opportunity suited to your needs.

### **Q. How can I access the global mobility scholarship?**

**A.** Once you apply for and are accepted into a global mobility program, you will be required to apply for the Dalyell scholarship via an online application, providing details of your acceptance into this program. For the global mobility scholarship terms and conditions and application portal, visit:

– [sydney.edu.au/students/dalyell-scholars](https://sydney.edu.au/students/dalyell-scholars)

### **Q. Can I apply for credit towards my Dalyell requirements while I am on exchange?**

**A.** Yes, you may apply to have units undertaken while on exchange credited as exchange credit towards the 12 credit points of Dalyell units required for the Dalyell Stream. Decisions about exchange credit for Dalyell units will be taken by the relevant Associate Dean, in consultation with Dalyell faculty leads of the faculty administering the degree in which you are enrolled. Students who wish to do this must apply for conditional credit approval as set out in the Student Outbound Mobility Policy 2018.

### **Q. If I choose not to study abroad, am I still able to apply for the global mobility scholarship?**

**A.** In response to international travel restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic, current Dalyell Scholars may also use the Dalyell Global Mobility Scholarship towards domestic and virtual enrichment experiences as long as they meet agreed criteria. All domestic and virtual enrichment experiences must meet the intent of the scholarship, be of direct relevance to your course of study, and be approved by your Dalyell Faculty Lead.

## Progression within the Dalyell stream

As a Dalyell Scholar, you are expected to maintain an average mark of 75 or higher for every full-time year of study or equivalent. The cross-semester average mark (CSAM) is used to calculate your marks for the purposes of evaluating your eligibility to remain in the stream. The CSAM averages the marks you have achieved over a period of 48 credit points.

Units of study that are assessed only as pass/fail and credit transfer subjects (from another institution) are excluded from these calculations. However, the marks from all attempts at a unit of study are included.

### **Q. What happens if I don't achieve a cross-semester average mark (CSAM) of 75?**

**A.** Should this happen, the University will notify your Dalyell coordinator or faculty lead, who may ask to meet with you to discuss the circumstances.

It may result in you being removed from the Dalyell stream. However, if you have completed Dalyell units, these will still count towards your degree where possible. Your enrolment in your course will not be compromised if you are removed from the Dalyell stream.

If you are removed from the Dalyell stream and have already completed at least six credit points of Dalyell units, you will not be required to complete six credit points of Open Learning Environment units (OLE units).

In some cases, you may experience genuine extenuating circumstances that mean you're unable to maintain the mark required to remain in the Dalyell stream. If you find yourself in this situation, you may be able to outline your circumstances and demonstrate reasons why you should remain in the stream. If you feel that your performance in the Dalyell stream was significantly affected by extenuating circumstances, you should make an appointment with your faculty lead as soon as possible. You'll need to provide any supporting documents that demonstrate your circumstances.

### **Q. If I decide I no longer wish to participate in the Dalyell stream, how do I ask to be removed?**

**A.** You will be able to manage your Dalyell status via your student portal. We recommend you do not enrol in any Dalyell units and that you contact your Dalyell coordinator to discuss the process before you elect to opt out.

### **Q. If I have been removed, or have removed myself, from the Dalyell stream, is there an opportunity to re-enter?**

**A.** Unfortunately, it will not be possible to re-enter the Dalyell stream.

## Recognition

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Both your academic transcript and your degree certificate (testamur) will reflect your Dalyell Scholar status.

Your participation in the Dalyell stream will be listed for each year, and included in your award detail upon graduation.

You must remain in the stream for the duration of your degree and meet the stream requirements for your Dalyell Scholar status to be reflected on your degree certificate.

If you complete the graduation requirements for your degree but do not satisfy the requirements of the Dalyell stream, you will still graduate with your degree, but you will not be awarded the Dalyell stream on your degree certificate (testamur).

## Student representation

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The University values our Dalyell Scholars as future leaders and aims to give you a role in shaping the opportunities available to you within the Dalyell stream. Each year, two student representatives will be appointed by the Dalyell faculty lead from each faculty or University school offering degrees that include the stream.

These representatives are invited to participate in a Dalyell Scholar Student Liaison Committee and to meet regularly with all of the Dalyell faculty leads.

If you are interested in becoming a faculty representative, please approach your Dalyell faculty lead.





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