

HELP with money at uni?

apply though UAC for Equity Scholarships in 2006

Many university students experience difficulty with the costs of living and studying. These financial difficulties arise from having limited income (eg Centrelink benefits) and having lots of expenses (eg accommodation costs). Equity Scholarships are awarded to help disadvantaged students with costs associated with higher education.

Equity Scholarships include the Commonwealth Learning Scholarships Programme (CLS) established by the Australian Government, and Institution Equity Scholarships (IES) established by individual institutions.

For 2006 admissions UAC's **CLS Central** provides a central processing point for most CLS and IES administered by NSW and ACT institutions participating through UAC (see below for exceptions).

By submitting just one application through UAC's CLS Central an applicant is considered for CLS at all NSW and ACT institutions and for IES at the majority of institutions that participate in UAC.

The UAC CLS Central Equity Scholarships booklet contains all the details. Also see UAC's web site www.uac.edu.au. Both will be available from early August.

Exceptions:

- CLS – you must apply to these institutions directly: Australian Maritime College and La Trobe University.
- IES – you must apply to these institutions directly: Australian Maritime College, Australian National University, Charles Sturt University, La Trobe University, University of New England, University of NSW, University of Wollongong.

Check institution entries in Part 2 of the UAC 2006 Guide or at www.uac.edu.au for application information.

About Commonwealth Learning Scholarships (CLS)

The Commonwealth Learning Scholarships (CLS) Programme was introduced by the Australian Government in 2004 to assist students from low socio-economic backgrounds, particularly those from rural and regional areas and Indigenous students, who are Australian citizens or holders of Australian permanent humanitarian visas, with costs associated with higher education. The scholarships are exempt from social security income tests and are non-repayable.

There are **two** types of CLS:

- Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarships (CECS), for educational costs: valued at \$2 042 in 2005.

- Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarships (CAS), for accommodation costs: valued at \$4 084 in 2005.

Both are indexed annually and are available for a maximum period of four years.

Institutions allocate CECS and CAS using their own selection and offer processes, in line with guidelines issued by the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST).

Check UAC's CLS Central Equity Scholarships booklet for information about institution policies on issues such as whether they will award both a CECS and a CAS, or just one of the scholarships, to a student.

Eligibility for CLS

In **broad** terms, to be eligible for a CLS in 2006 you must:

- be an Australian citizen or the holder of an Australian permanent humanitarian visa;
- be currently enrolled in, or about to commence, an undergraduate course of study in a Commonwealth-supported place (CSP);
- be enrolled as a full-time student, unless there are exceptional circumstances which prevent you from studying full-time;
- receive a means tested Commonwealth income support payment (such as Youth Allowance, Austudy, or ABSTUDY), or provide a statement demonstrating exceptional financial hardship; and
- not already have completed the requirements of a course of study, which is equivalent to or higher than an Australian bachelor award unless such award is a prerequisite to your current undergraduate course of study and there is no alternative pathway into that course at the University.

In addition applicants for CAS must:

- have attended school and/or lived in rural or regional Australia for an extended period and have moved away from that area to undertake their course; or
- have moved away from a rural or regional area to complete the final two years of schooling at a high school or college in a major city and it is necessary to remain in a major city in order to undertake their course.

Check UAC's CLS Central Equity Scholarships booklet for **detailed eligibility criteria**.

Check DEST's web site at www.dest.gov.au for more information about CLS, including the Government's guidelines.

About Institution Equity Scholarships (IES)

NSW and ACT institutions that participate through UAC have their own equity scholarship schemes. The eligibility criteria for IES will vary between institutions and schemes, as will the duration and value of the scholarships.

Check UAC's CLS Central Equity Scholarships booklet for information about IES processed through UAC, including scholarship name, duration and value, and detailed eligibility criteria, together with a link to the institution's web site. You can find summary information about IES for all institutions in the institution entries in Part 2 of the UAC 2006 Guide.

Who applies through CLS Central?

Apply through CLS Central at UAC for CLS and IES if:

- a) you have submitted an application for admission in 2006:
 - to UAC – for admission to a NSW or ACT institution; or
 - to QTAC – for admission to ACU National's Queensland campus, Southern Cross University or the University of New England; or
 - to VTAC – for admission to ACU National's Victorian campus, or Charles Sturt University, Albury campus; or
 - directly to a NSW or ACT institution.
- b) you have an active enrolment (eg you are currently enrolled, or you are on approved leave of absence) at a NSW or ACT institution.

How to apply

You can download the CLS Central Equity Scholarships booklet and application form from UAC's web site at www.uac.edu.au. Copies will also be available from schools and participating institutions from early August.

Closing dates

The main closing date for CLS and IES applications through CLS Central is **Friday 30 September 2005**. The major CLS and IES offer round will be held mid January 2006. To guarantee that your application will be considered in time for the major round, you must submit it to UAC's CLS Central by 30 September 2005. The late closing date for CLS and IES applications through CLS Central is Wednesday 30 November 2005.

Changes to undergraduate degree programs for 2006 at the University of Newcastle

Over the last few months, The University of Newcastle has undertaken an extensive review of its academic offerings. President of Academic Senate Professor Linda Connor says this is something all universities do on an ongoing basis to make sure what is being offered is up to date and of the greatest value to students. Arising from that process, a number of changes have been made to the undergraduate degree program offerings for 2006. *The new arrangements apply only to commencing students in 2006.*

The University has decided to consolidate some programs with similar academic content into a single degree program. Although there has been some consolidation, there has been no cut to the availability of academic disciplines. Current students can be assured that there will be no change in their ability to complete their existing programs. The University makes a commitment to its existing students that the program in which they are currently enrolled will be available for the length of their enrolment.

Prospective students should note that:

- All health professional programs will continue to be offered;
- While there will be no further intake into some degree programs, prospective students will not be disadvantaged. For example, those interested in the study of photonics from Semester 1, 2006, will be able to undertake a photonics major within the Bachelor of Science degree program. Similar arrangements apply for all other programs affected;
- The tables adjacent describe the relevant program and UAC course codes for those programs affected from 2006.

Current Program	Program from 2006	UAC Course Code
Bachelor of Applied Information Technology - Ourimbah	Bachelor of Information Technology - Ourimbah	480635 CSP 490635 DFEE
Bachelor of Applied Information Technology - Port Macquarie	Bachelor of Information Technology - Port Macquarie	480636 CSP
Bachelor of Fine Art - Ourimbah	Bachelor of Fine Art - Callaghan or Bachelor of Arts - Ourimbah	480590 CSP 490590 DFEE 480040 CSP 490040 DFEE
Bachelor of Herbal Therapies - Ourimbah	Bachelor of Science - Ourimbah	480780 CSP 490780 DFEE
Bachelor of Human Nutrition - Ourimbah	Bachelor of Food Science and Human Nutrition	480605 CSP 490605 DFEE
Bachelor of Information Science	Bachelor of Information Technology - Callaghan	480634 CSP 490634 DFEE
Bachelor of Science (Food Technology)	Bachelor of Food Science and Human Nutrition	480605 CSP 490605 DFEE
Bachelor of Science (Forensic)/ Bachelor of Laws	Combined Law Degree or Bachelor of Science - Callaghan	480640 CSP 490640 DFEE 480770 CSP 490770 DFEE
Bachelor of Science (Photonics)	Bachelor of Science - Callaghan	480770 CSP 490770 DFEE
Bachelor of Social Science (Recreation and Tourism)	Bachelor of Social Science - Callaghan or Bachelor of Arts - Callaghan	480870 CSP 490870 DFEE 480030 CSP 490030 DFEE

Note: Those students who deferred their UAC offer from 2005 to 2006 have received written advice from the University guaranteeing that an offer will be made to a renamed or a similar program as per the table above.

The following programs have been renamed and remain essentially unchanged:

Current Program	Program from 2006	UAC Course Code
Bachelor of Design (Industrial)	Bachelor of Industrial Design	480629 CSP 490629 DFEE
Bachelor of Illustration (Natural History)	Bachelor of Natural History Illustration	480745 CSP 490745 DFEE
Bachelor of Science (Biotechnology)	Bachelor of Biotechnology	480105 CSP 490105 DFEE
Bachelor of Design (Visual Communication)	Bachelor of Visual Communication Design	481150 CSP 491150 DFEE

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Multiple criteria entry for Engineering @ UNSW

For 2006 admissions, Engineering @ UNSW has introduced multiple criteria entry requirements for the admission of undergraduate students to its degree programs. Applicants who are genuinely interested in engineering but are anticipating a UAI (or equivalent) between 75 and 85 should consider applying for admission through **Multiple Criteria Entry Requirements (MCER)**. Both current Year 12 and other applicants are eligible to apply.

Applicants' suitability for studies in engineering will be assessed from their attitude, commitment and interest, the subjects undertaken for the HSC or equivalent studies, and UAI (or equivalent). The interview process allows applicants to make a more considered judgement as to whether they might really be suited to Engineering @ UNSW and subsequently to the engineering profession.

Interviews will be held during the week starting Monday 26 September at the University of New South Wales in Sydney and at locations off-campus in Canberra, Coffs Harbour, and Dubbo. Applicants with an estimated UAI between 75 and 85 are strongly encouraged to submit a written application for an interview on an official application form by **Friday 16 September 2005**.

Further information and the official application form will be available from 30 June 2005 at www.eng.unsw.edu.au/multiplecriteria/2005/index.htm, or by: email mcer@unsw.edu.au; telephone: +61 2 9385 6171; fax: +61 2 9385 5456.

AMC change of Open Day date

AMC has changed the date of its 2005 Open Day from 14 August to 28 August.

AMC cancelled courses for 2006

The Australian Maritime College (AMC) has advised that the following courses are no longer available for admission via UAC:

- Advanced Diploma in Marine Engineering (120070)
- Advanced Diploma in Applied Science (Nautical Science) (120090)

Applicants will now need to apply **directly** to the AMC, as these courses are cadet programs requiring sponsorship from shipping companies.

Please remind prospective students to annotate their Year 10 Booklet for University Entry Requirements. UAC has deleted these courses from the *UAC 2006 Guide*.

What's new at the University of Sydney for 2006

Several new degrees and programs are already on offer in 2005 or will be available from 2006, giving prospective students fresh options for both broader-based and more specialised study.

Bachelor of Arts and Sciences

A new Bachelor of Arts and Sciences degree was launched this year, meeting the increasing demand (from both students and employers) for broad-based qualifications. In this three year full-time degree, students can choose subjects from science, arts, economics and business. Two courses in legal studies are also offered, and students complete a major in either science or arts.

The result is a degree that gives a broad foundation on which to build an individually tailored program to suit each student's interests and needs. Depending on your major, the degree prepares students for careers ranging from anthropology and forensic science to journalism and zoology.

Pharmacy changes

A rural pharmacy course will be offered to students at the Camperdown campus starting in 2006. The course was previously offered on the Orange campus. It emphasises the differences between rural and non-rural practice and health care systems.

"While there is a rural focus in the course and it offers continuing links with rural areas, students aren't limited to working in rural practice," says Sandra Harrison, Faculty Manager for the Faculty of Pharmacy. A special entry program is offered to rural students who have gained a slightly lower UAI than other students.

Nursing options

From 2006, a range of articulated Nursing programs* (or double degrees) with arts, science and health science will be on offer through UAC. These programs allow students to study arts, science or health science as an undergraduate degree taken in a planned pattern with a graduate nursing qualification at the master's level. This pattern of study takes four years.

The new graduate level program equips students for working in health and medical industries, in clinical and non-clinical settings such as media and communications, in research, government and public institutions, community organisations and the private sector.

* Subject to final approval

Bachelor of Science and Technology*

In the first year of the new Bachelor of Science and Technology*, students sample a variety of science, technology and design subjects, then in year two they choose the subjects leading to a major. Streams include physical and molecular sciences; life, earth and environmental sciences; information technology; design studies; design technology; and engineering.

Depending on the stream and major selected, this degree can prepare students for a career in business management, financial analysis, commercialisation of intellectual property in science and technology, information technology or laboratory sciences. The other option for graduates is to undertake further study in a professional coursework area. For instance, you might go into engineering, information technology, architecture, medicine, dentistry, law, project management or commerce.

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Bachelor of Health Science (Health Information Management)

The Bachelor of Health Science (Health Information Management) has now been expanded to a four-year program. In the new four-year program, students will take on practical placements during semester rather than during vacations as previously arranged.

Stream changes at Sydney College of the Arts

The Bachelor of Visual Arts (BVA) was previously made up of three separate degree streams: Fine Arts, Media Arts, and Object Art and Design. Students who wanted to pursue a place in more than one studio major that was offered in another stream (for example, Glass and Photomedia) had to use up extra preferences on their UAC application.

The application process has now been simplified to one code for one degree.

This also gives students the flexibility to change their studio major after submitting their application.

Students are still required to complete and return a questionnaire to SCA by 30 September and to be prepared to attend an interview and portfolio presentation. This process encourages students to express their interests and ideas, and to clarify their choice of studio major in the BVA program.

For the latest information about new courses at the University of Sydney, visit www.usyd.edu.au/newcourses, call Helpline on 1300 362 006, or email info@psu.edu.au.

Up close and Personal

UAC News invites readers to contribute copy which is related to the HSC and senior students, for example, Year 12 students, their achievements and path to further study and career options; FAQs to careers advisers from senior students; and the process of applying through UAC. Do you have suggestions for a profile or interview? Please forward your contributions to skaidy@uac.edu.au

Natalee's feeling groovy

STREET buskers, Picasso, family and friends were all inspirations behind the vibrant art work which adorns the cover of UAC's University Entry Requirements 2008 Year 10 Booklet.

Painted by 18-year-old Ballina High School student Natalee Colless, Portraits of Our Youth was selected for the cover from the 2006 Art Express catalogue.

Natalee (pictured) said she initially didn't believe her paintings were selected for Art Express; when offered a commission by UAC she said it was "surreal". "I still can't believe people actually like my artwork," she said.

Natalee's inspiration for the series of psychedelic portraits was the people around her - family, friends, teachers and peers.

"I looked at Picasso and his life and definitely got more inspired and excited about his style everyday," she said.



* Photo courtesy of Northern Star newspaper

"The idea evolved gradually to become a concept about how youth can be whoever they want to be. My models included myself, my brother and sister, buskers on the street, friends and people in magazines."

The teenager confessed she has been interested in art for as long as she could remember, but Art Express was her first exhibition experience - an experience she would like to repeat one day. However, to achieve this goal will take some time.

"It took several months to complete my artwork as it needed a lot of work, with blending colours, and fixing up tonal areas," she said. "And the only other large works I have are a few that are lying around my Mum's house and my grandparents' house."

"My favourite medium is definitely painting but I like to experiment with lots of mediums like spray cans, computer graphics and drawing."

With new knowledge and skills in mind, Natalee decided against going to university this year, instead opting to complete a 12-month TAFE NSW course in graphic design.

"University was a big option for me in deciding what I was going to do. I applied to uni, went to an open day and talked to other past students who were interested in art," she said.

"I decided to go to TAFE instead because I didn't know much about computers and I became more interested in them, but I am still considering university for next year to study Visual Art."

UAC key dates for 2006 admissions

UAC 2006 Guide

The UAC 2006 Guide will be distributed to schools from the week beginning Monday 25 July 2005. The Guide will be available from newsagents from Monday 1 August 2005.

Applications

Early August 2005

Friday 30 September 2005

Monday 31 October 2005

Wednesday 30 November 2005

Thursday 2 February 2006

applications open

on-time applications close

late applications close with \$92 late fee

late applications close with \$103 late fee

final close of applications with \$114 late fee

HSC and UAI

Friday 16 December 2005

Saturday 17 December 2005

2005 NSW HSC results e-released by BOS
UAI's e-released by UAC from 9am on UAC's web site and InfoLine.

Change of preferences

Mid-August 2005 - 5 January 2006

18 January 2006 - 23 January 2006

1 February 2006 - 2 February 2006

for consideration in Main Round

for consideration in Late Round

for consideration in Final Round

Offers

Friday 28 October 2005

Friday 2 December 2005

Wednesday 4 January 2006

Wednesday 18 January 2006

Wednesday 1 February 2006

Wednesday 8 February 2006

Distance Education offers e-released

Early Round offers e-released

Preliminary Round offers e-released

Main Round offers e-released

Late Round offers e-released

Final Round offers e-released

Fee-based offers to be published in 2006

Until now offers to fee-paying courses have not been published. The UAC Board has recently approved the publication in the media of offers to fee-based courses from 2006 admissions. Careers advisers and applicants are asked to note that all applicants have the option of withdrawing their names from publication of any offers.

Application must be made in writing before 9 January 2006 to the Managing Director, UAC, Locked Bag 112, Silverwater NSW 2128.

Report on the Scaling of the 2004 NSW HSC

All schools will receive two reference copies of the 2004 Scaling Report with this edition of the UAC News.

The report and associated tables can also be downloaded from UAC's web site at www.uac.edu.au/admin/uai.html