

Equity Scholarships

through UAC

By now you should have received the following resources from UAC:

- copies of the Equity Scholarships booklet
- a copy of the Equity Scholarships Schools Package
- copies of the Equity Scholarships flyer (see picture)

UAC's Equity Scholarships booklet contains detailed information about the scholarship process. Students can download the Equity Scholarships booklet and application form from UAC's web site at www.uac.edu.au/equity/equityschols.html. Copies will also be available from schools and participating institutions.

The on-time closing date for Equity Scholarships applications is Friday 30 September 2005.

The aim of the centralised process is to make it as simple as possible for students to apply for

equity scholarships. Instead of having to submit an application for each institution they're applying to, they now only have to submit just one application through UAC. The centralised process should also reduce the work required of staff at schools, in that there's only one set of equity scholarship application material.

We have structured the booklet and the form in an easy-to-read format, with information provided in summary format rather than dense text. At first glance the equity scholarships material may appear overwhelming, but we are confident that once familiar with the material you'll find it easy to work with.

However, if staff at schools do have queries, we have set up a special email address for our Equity Unit - equity@uac.edu.au.

Your support and assistance in ensuring that the information about equity scholarships is made available to your students is very much appreciated.

Do your students know about Equity Scholarships?

Equity scholarships assist students from low socio-economic backgrounds with higher education costs

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.

Don't forget to add the Equity Scholarships flyer to your notice board for students to see

Going to Uni? Need money?

- Are you receiving a Centrelink* benefit?
- or
- Are you moving (or did you move) from a country area to study at uni and receiving a Centrelink* benefit?
- or
- Are you experiencing other forms of disadvantage and receiving a Centrelink* benefit?

* or experiencing extreme financial disadvantage or expecting to receive a Centrelink benefit in 2006

If you have answered YES to any of the above then YOU may be eligible for an Equity Scholarship in 2006

which include Commonwealth Learning Scholarships⁺ and Institution Equity Scholarships to help you with general education/accommodation costs

+ A fair proportion are awarded to Indigenous Australian applicants

- ▶ They're non-repayable and tax-free for full-time students and WORTH from \$250 to \$6 000 a year
- ▶ Scholarships awarded for periods of 1 to 5 years depending on the type of scholarship and/or the university's policy

...and you only need to submit ONE application through UAC*

* This application is for Equity Scholarships at UAC participating institutions. For Equity Scholarships at other institutions, check their web sites for application procedures.

To apply: Check out www.uac.edu.au/equity/equityschols.html

Closing date: On-time applications close - 30 September 2005

For more information: Call UAC on (02) 9752 0200 or email - equity@uac.edu.au

Universities Admissions Centre (UAC), Locked Bag 112, Silverwater NSW 2128 Tel: (02) 9752 0200

A copy for the:

- Principal
- Careers Adviser
- Year 12 Adviser
- Curriculum Adviser

Copies of the current and previous newsletters can be downloaded from the UAC web site at www.uac.edu.au. Look under 'Publications - Download'.

Are your students eligible to apply for

Educational Access Schemes?

Most of the universities in NSW and the ACT have Educational Access Schemes (EAS) which are designed to help provide access to university for students who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage such as:

- disrupted schooling
- home environment and responsibilities
- financial hardship
- personal illness/disability.

UAC's EAS booklet contains information about the universities' schemes and includes an application form. Students can download the EAS booklet and application form from UAC's web site at www.uac.edu.au/equity/eas.html. Copies will also be available from schools and participating institutions.

If you think your students are eligible, they should start organising their EAS applications as early as possible as they will need to supply supporting documents and statements.

The on-time closing date for EAS applications is Friday 30 September 2005.

Students must submit their EAS application by Friday 30 September to guarantee that it will be considered in time for main round of offers. The late closing date for EAS applications is Wednesday 30 November 2005.

For your information

Acknowledgements

As we have in previous years, UAC will send out acknowledgement letters outlining applicant's personal details and course preferences.

For applicants who applied by 16 October 2005, these letters will be posted in October. For those who apply later than this, letters will be sent out in mid-December 2005 and early January 2006.

If an application is submitted after 5 January 2006, an acknowledgement letter will not be sent. However, applicants can use the online applicant services facility on UAC's web site to view their application summary; check/change their address, telephone number and email address; and check/change their preferences.

Applicants should check their acknowledgement letter carefully to ensure UAC has recorded their correct details. If anything is incorrect they should notify UAC immediately in writing.

Applicants will only be sent one acknowledgement letter. If they change their preferences UAC will not send another acknowledgement letter.

PINS for Year 12 students

UAC Personal Identification Numbers (PINS) have been sent to NSW HSC and ACT Year 12 students. For Year 12 students from other states (and for all non-Year 12 students), their PIN is the first four digits of their date of birth. All UAC applicants can change their PIN on the UAC web site at www.uac.edu.au

Important information about offer rounds

Remember! Most offers are made in the Main Round.

Last admissions period 53 368 offers were made in the Main Round. In the Late Round 6 521 offers were made, and just 1 290 offers were made in the Final Round.

These figures include offers made to both Year 12 and non-Year 12 applicants.

UAC School Kits

Every year UAC sends to schools a kit containing the following:

- an audio cassette - demonstrating the UAC Apply-By-Telephone and the UAC InfoLine
- one copy of the UAC Apply-By-Telephone script
- one copy of the UAC InfoLine script
- a set of UAC overheads
- bookmarks to hand out to your Year 12 students

This year we sent this information on a CD, eliminating the need to use and send a vast amount of paper. The bookmarks with important dates that once were sent as part of the school kits are printed as part of the Guide, for students to tear-off and use as a ready reference - see inside the back cover of the Guide.

Release of

2005 UAI's

Students who have completed the 2005 NSW HSC and ACT Year 12 can access their UAI or Limited UAI from 9am on Saturday 17 December 2005 via:

- UAC's web site at www.uac.edu.au; or
- the UAC InfoLine 1900 957 500.
Calls are charged at 82.5c p/min (higher from mobiles, service not recommended from public phones; service provided by Dialect Solutions)

HSC students will also receive an official UAI/Limited UAI Advice Notice in the mail on Tuesday 20 December 2005.

UAI Enquiry Centre

UAC runs a telephone enquiry centre to support the release of the UAI. It will be staffed by experienced teachers and UAC staff trained especially to answer UAI queries.

Details of the UAI Enquiry Centre will be included in the 'You and Your UAI' booklet, which aims to answer some of the most commonly asked questions by students about the UAI.

The booklet will be mailed to HSC students' homes and to schools in mid-December, along with information on changing preferences and HSC Advisory Days at the institutions.

Changing addresses

UAC receives the addresses of Year 12 students from the files held by the NSW Board of Studies. Every year UAC sends out thousands of undeliverable letters because Year 12 students have either not notified the Board of Studies of a change of address, or the address is incomplete.

Encourage your students to make sure that the address held for them by the Board of Studies is accurate and complete.

Don't forget to tell your students about...

Equity Scholarships

University news and updates

Macquarie University

Notification of offers for current Australian Year 12 candidates

300105 CSP, 310105 DFEE
B Arts by Distance Education

300415 CSP, 310415 DFEE
B Education (Early Childhood Education) by Distance Education

300525 CSP, 310525 DFEE
B Science by Distance Education

Applicants for the above undergraduate distance education courses who are attempting an Australian Year 12 Examination in 2005 will receive notification of the outcome of their applications in the **Main Round of UAC Offers** (e-released **Wednesday 18 January 2006**).

The majority of other applicants will be notified in the Distance Education Round of UAC Offers (e-released Friday 28 October 2005).

University of Newcastle

Change to availability of B Nursing

The Bachelor of Nursing will no longer be offered for mid-year intake from 2006. All B Nursing programs will be available for intake at the start of 2006 (Semester 1). Students interested in applying for Nursing programs should include the following UAC codes in their preferences:

480750 CSP, 490750 DFEE
B Nursing (Callaghan)

480755 CSP, 490755 DFEE
B Nursing (Gosford Hospital)

480756 CSP, 490756 DFEE
B Nursing (Port Macquarie)

Correction to contact numbers for UNISS Scholarships

The correct contact telephone and fax numbers for The University of Newcastle Industry Scholarship Scheme (UNISS) are 02 4921 6155 (phone) and 02 4921 7063 (fax). UNISS offers up to \$80 000 and 78 weeks industry experience for students aspiring to careers in engineering, science, architecture, building or design. More information on these scholarships can be found at www.UNISS.com.au

Cancelled major in B Science

The Herbal Therapies major in the Bachelor of Science has been cancelled and will not be available from 2006.

Part-time study in Building and Architecture

B Construction Management (Building) and B Science (Architecture)/B Architecture will be available to students on a part-time basis from 2006. Students interested in studying in these programs should include the following UAC codes in their preferences:

480200 CSP, 490200 DFEE
B Construction Management (Building)

480790 CSP, 490790 DFEE
B Science (Architecture)/B Architecture

Correction to 480244 B Education (Port Macquarie) availability

The B Education (Port Macquarie) is available only at this location as a domestic fee-paying place. Table 1 of the *UAC 2006 Guide* incorrectly lists the availability of CSP places, however for 2006 fee-paying places only (490244) will be available at this location.

The Part 3 International Table of the *UAC 2006 Guide* also incorrectly lists 480244 B Education (Port Macquarie) as available to International Students. At this stage the B Education offered at this location is available via flexible delivery, which will include some online learning, and is therefore not available to International Students.

Cancelled course

480629 and 490629 B Industrial Design

This course at the University of Newcastle has been discontinued from 2006 admissions. Information for students that have an interest in this area can be found at www.eng.newcastle.edu.au/current/industrialdesign.html

University of Western Sydney

Unique NEW degree meets needs of three professions

The University of Western Sydney is the first to introduce a Bachelor of Financial Advising degree, which is a three year full-time (or equivalent part time) program offered at the Blacktown campus. The degree creates exciting opportunities for its graduates across the accounting, taxation and financial planning professions. This is an innovative alternative to students considering traditional accounting degrees. This new degree also provides students with the opportunity to include taxation and financial planning studies within the degree. Many new subjects have been developed where the emphasis is on communication skills and relationship building and takes a client centred approach. The degree has been developed in

response to the needs of industry and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission education requirements. This new degree meets the demands of the emerging profession of financial services and also meets the requirements of the Financial Planning Association certification process of an undergraduate degree from 2007. Accreditation with the professional Accounting bodies and the Tax Agents Board is currently being sought.

University of Wollongong

Early Entry

Don't wait for your HSC results! Get an early offer for one of our dynamic degrees, commencing in 2006. At the University of Wollongong we recognise that the UAI is not the only indication of your aptitude to excel at university level.

The Early Entry program allows current Year 12 students to apply for early acceptance into a number of degrees. Successful applicants will receive either a guaranteed place or a place that is conditional upon the results of their final exams. Entry is based on the student's academic record (including Trial HSC results) and an interview.

Early Entry applies to courses offered by the Faculties of Engineering, Science, Informatics, and the degrees of Population Health and Indigenous Health in the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences.

For more information on the Early Entry program, please refer to the following web site: http://www.uow.edu.au/prospective/downloads/prospectus/early_entry06.pdf

January Options Day - Wednesday, 4 January 2006

University of Wollongong January Options Day is designed specifically for students who completed their HSC in 2005 to discover the various options and pathways available to them. On January Options Day, Faculty representatives will be available for you to discuss your course options. You should bring your HSC and UAI results. For more information about our Options day go to <http://www.uow.edu.au/prospective/optionsday/>

CSP Commonwealth-supported place: student contributes toward cost of course.

DFEE Domestic fee-paying: student pays a tuition fee (full cost of the course).

UAC key dates

for 2006 admissions

Closing date approaches for on-time applications

On-time applications to university close on Friday 30 September 2005. To avoid paying a late fee, Year 12 students must complete and submit their application by midnight if they are using Apply-By-Web at www.uac.edu.au or Apply-By-Telephone on 1902 221 150.

Encourage your students to apply well before the closing date to avoid possible delays. UAC does not make allowances or take responsibility for inaccessible internet and/or telephone lines.

Last admissions period, in the week leading up to the closing date for on-time applications, UAC received more than 4 800 applications via Apply-By-Web.

If Year 12 students miss the on-time closing date, they will be required to pay the following late fees on top of their \$19 processing charge:

I October 2005 - 31 October 2005	processing charge + \$92 late fee
I November 2005 - 30 November 2005	processing charge + \$103 late fee
I December 2005 - 2 February 2006	processing charge + \$114 late fee

Applications

Early August 2005	applications open
Friday 30 September 2005	on-time applications close
Monday 31 October 2005	late applications close with \$92 late fee
Wednesday 30 November 2005	late applications close with \$103 late fee
Thursday 2 February 2006	final close of applications with \$114 late fee

ACT Year 12

Wednesday 14 December 2005	2005 ACT Year 12 results issued by ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies
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NSW HSC and UAI

Friday 16 December 2005	2005 NSW HSC results e-released by NSW BOS UAIs e-released by UAC
Saturday 17 December 2005	

Change of preferences

Mid-August 2005 – 5 January 2006	for consideration in Main Round
18 January 2006 – 23 January 2006	for consideration in Late Round
1 February 2006 – 2 February 2006	for consideration in Final Round

Offers

Friday 28 October 2005	Distance Education offers e-released
Friday 2 December 2005	Early Round offers e-released
Wednesday 4 January 2006	Preliminary Round offers e-released
Wednesday 18 January 2006	Main Round offers e-released - at 9pm
Wednesday 1 February 2006	Late Round offers e-released - at 9pm
Wednesday 8 February 2006	Final Round offers e-released

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All of the information outlined above is available on the web (www.uac.edu.au).

Tertiary admissions centre web sites

NSW & ACT - UAC
www.uac.edu.au

Queensland - QTAC
www.qtac.edu.au

Victoria - VTAC
www.vtac.edu.au

Western Australia - TISC
www.tisc.edu.au

South Australia - SATAC
www.satac.edu.au

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