

# ACCESS AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

## **EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEMES**

For applicants whose studies were negatively affected as a result of circumstances beyond their control or choosing.

## **SCHOOLS RECOMMENDATION SCHEMES**

Early offer programs that provide Year 12 applicants with the opportunity to be assessed on criteria other than, or in addition to, the ATAR.

## **EQUITY SCHOLARSHIPS**

Awarded to applicants who are most in need of financial support while studying.



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## EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEMES

Educational Access Schemes (EAS) aim to help students whose education has been negatively affected during Year 11 and/or Year 12 (or equivalent) due to circumstances beyond their control or choosing.

If you're eligible for consideration under EAS and your ATAR (or equivalent) is below the required selection rank for one or more of your course preferences, institutions can increase your selection rank for those courses and make you more competitive for a place. However, being eligible for EAS does not guarantee you an offer of admission.

### Who can apply?

To apply for EAS you must:

- be able to demonstrate that your Year 11 and/or Year 12 studies (or equivalent) were negatively affected for a period of **at least six months** as a result of circumstances beyond your control or choosing
- be a UAC applicant for undergraduate admission
- be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or a permanent resident of Australia (includes the holder of a permanent humanitarian visa).

Elite athletes and performers can apply for EAS but cannot apply for disadvantages that have arisen as a result of their sporting and/or performance commitments (eg being absent from school to train or compete). To have your sporting commitments considered, contact the relevant institution directly.

### What disadvantages can you claim?

You can claim one or more EAS disadvantages, which are grouped into the following categories:

- disrupted schooling
- financial hardship
- severe family disruption
- excessive family responsibilities
- English language difficulties
- personal illness/disability
- refugee status
- school environment
- socio-economic disadvantage.

Details of the eligibility criteria and required documents for each disadvantage are published on the UAC website. A document that is often required for Year 12 applicants is an educational impact statement written by a teacher/ coordinator at your school or another responsible person who is aware of the circumstances causing your educational disadvantage.

### Automatically-generated applications

After you've applied for undergraduate admission through UAC, we will automatically generate an electronic EAS application for you (ie you don't have to submit an application) if:

- you are a 2019 Year 12 student who attended a school listed in the S01C or S01R schools list (available on the UAC website)

or

- the residential address you entered in your UAC undergraduate application is identified by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as being in the lowest 30% of socio-economic

disadvantage in Australia (search abs.gov.au for information about the Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA)).

To claim additional disadvantages, you still need to submit an EAS application, but you don't need to include details about the disadvantage in your automatically-generated application.

## How to apply

Before starting your application, check the eligibility criteria and documents required for each EAS disadvantage: go to [uac.edu.au/eas](http://uac.edu.au/eas).

**STEP 1** Submit your undergraduate application through UAC.

**STEP 2** Select 'Apply for EAS' at the bottom of the undergraduate application confirmation page, or log in to your completed undergraduate application and select 'EAS'.

**STEP 3** Open the category of disadvantage you wish to claim. Select the specific disadvantages that apply to you and answer the follow-up questions. When you have selected all the relevant disadvantages in that category, click 'Save'. Repeat for each category you wish to claim.

**STEP 4** Agree to the Declaration and Authority and submit your EAS application.

**STEP 5** Download your Confirmation of Application and the document cover sheet for each of your claimed disadvantages. The document cover sheet details the eligibility criteria for the disadvantage and the supporting documents you need to provide.

**STEP 6** Upload completed cover sheets and supporting documents to your application at least two weeks before the undergraduate offer round in which you wish to be considered (or as advised in the key dates on the UAC website).

**Your application can't be assessed until your supporting documents have been uploaded.**

## After you apply

UAC will confirm your EAS application has been submitted by sending you an email. Once you have submitted your EAS application, you can log back in to add disadvantages and upload documents. However, you won't be able to delete disadvantages you have previously selected or documents you have already uploaded.

We will assess your application and, in mid-December, inform you of your eligibility for all institutions regardless of your course preferences. Some institutions have policies that may prevent you from being eligible for an EAS equity adjustment at those particular institutions; therefore you may be eligible for an equity adjustment at some institutions but not at others.

## How is EAS factored into my offer?

Your EAS equity adjustment will automatically be taken into account by all institutions in your list of preferences on the closing date for change of preferences for each offer round.

We cannot specify how many points will be added to your selection rank, but some institutions publish these details on their websites.

You may be eligible for an EAS equity adjustment at an institution and not be offered a place. This is because you still have to compete against other applicants for an offer to your preferred course.

 [uac.edu.au/eas](http://uac.edu.au/eas)

## SCHOOLS RECOMMENDATION SCHEMES

Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS) give you the opportunity to apply for an early offer to undergraduate study. Institutions will assess your application using criteria other than (or in addition to) the ATAR.

### Who can apply?

You must be a Year 12 applicant who is attempting:

- an Australian Year 12 qualification in 2019, or
- an International Baccalaureate in Australia in 2019.

You must also be:

- a UAC applicant for undergraduate admission
- an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or a permanent resident of Australia (includes the holder of a permanent humanitarian visa).

### How you are assessed

Participating institutions will assess your application using one or more of the following:

- your school's rating of your abilities in areas of study
- your school's rating of your aptitudes
- your Year 11 studies
- your Educational Access Schemes (EAS) application (if applicable)
- institution-specific document requirements (if applicable).

Institutions may make offers based:

- solely on school ratings
- on both school ratings and Year 11 studies
- on school ratings, Year 11 studies and ATARs
- on school ratings, Year 11 studies, ATARs and equity criteria.

Each institution has its own policy for determining SRS eligibility and making offers.

Details of the criteria each institution will take into account when considering your application and making offers are published on the UAC website: [uac.edu.au/srs](http://uac.edu.au/srs).

### How to apply

**STEP 1** Submit your undergraduate application through UAC.

**STEP 2** Go to the UAC website, select 'Apply or log in' at the top right of the screen and then 'Schools Recommendation Scheme'. Log in using your UAC application number and PIN. A series of questions and prompts will guide you through the application process.

**STEP 3** Upload documents, if required.

**STEP 4** Review your application summary.

**STEP 5** Agree to the Declaration and Authority and submit your SRS application.

**STEP 6** Download and check your Confirmation of Application.

SRS applications close at midnight on Monday 30 September 2019.

### After you apply

The day after you submit your application, UAC will email your school principal to notify them of your application.

You can log in to SRS Check & Change to:

- access your application summary
- upload or replace supporting documents
- download your SRS Confirmation of Application.

### School ratings

Your school will be asked to rate you in 10 areas of study, which are split into two sub-groups:

- performance in the following Year 12 subjects:
  - Agriculture
  - Creative Arts
  - English/Humanities/Social Sciences
  - Languages
  - Mathematics
  - Science
  - Technology
- suitability for tertiary study in the fields of:
  - Commerce
  - Education
  - Health.

Your school will also rate you according to their assessment of you:

- capacity for abstract thought and analysis
- ability to organise ideas and articulate a position orally and in written form
- ability to work and learn independently
- motivation to achieve long-term goals
- capacity for tertiary study.

## Offers

Institutions will make offers in November. UAC will notify you of your offer by email. Some institutions may contact you earlier to let you know that they would like to make you an offer. This is not your official offer of admission: keep your course preferences in your preferred order until you receive an official offer. First on your list should be the course you'd most like to do.

There are two types of SRS offers:

- unconditional offers (which have no further criteria for you to meet)
- conditional offers (which require you to meet additional criteria).

In November, you can receive one unconditional offer. Accept it, even if it's for your lowest course preference. You will automatically be considered for your higher preferences in later rounds.

If you receive an unconditional offer to one of your higher preferences and want to be considered for all your other preferences in later rounds:

- accept the offer
- log in to your UAC undergraduate application, go to 'Update course preferences' and move that course down to the bottom of your course preference list or remove it entirely (as long as you have accepted the offer, you can't lose it).

If you then receive an offer to a course in your new list, you can decide whether to accept it and withdraw from your original course, or not accept the new offer and keep your place in your original course.

 [uac.edu.au/srs](https://uac.edu.au/srs)





## EQUITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Equity Scholarships are primarily awarded to students from low socio-economic backgrounds, particularly those who receive Centrelink income support payments. There are two types of Equity Scholarships:

- Institution Equity Scholarships: funded by individual institutions (their value, eligibility criteria and duration differ between institutions)
- Indigenous Student Success Program: funded by the Australian Government.

### Who can apply?

You must be enrolled at, or applying for admission to, a participating institution. You can be applying:

- through UAC for undergraduate or postgraduate study, or
- directly to an institution, or
- through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) or the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC).

### What disadvantages can you claim?

When awarding scholarships, institutions consider the following forms of educational disadvantage:

- carer responsibilities
- English language difficulty
- financial hardship
- long-term medical condition/disability or ongoing effects of abuse
- regional or remote disadvantage
- sole parent responsibilities.

If you are Indigenous or have refugee status, these attributes will also be taken into account.

Most applicants who are awarded an equity scholarship are receiving Centrelink income support payments and can demonstrate one or more of the above educational disadvantages and/or attributes.

## How to apply

- STEP 1** Go to the UAC website and select 'Apply or log in' at the top right of the screen.
- STEP 2** Select 'Equity Scholarships application' – a series of questions and prompts will guide you through the application process.
- STEP 3** Agree to the Declaration and Authority and submit your Equity Scholarships application.
- STEP 4** Download and print your Confirmation of Application. If you need to provide supporting documents, a document package will also be generated. (No document package = no required documents.)
- STEP 5** Upload completed cover sheets and supporting documents to your application at least 10 days before the Equity Scholarships offer round in which you wish to be considered (or as advised in the key dates on the UAC website).

## After you apply

If your circumstances change after you've submitted an application, you can log back in and add disadvantages. Additional disadvantages and supporting documentation must be received by UAC at least 10 days before a scholarship offer round to be considered in that round.

## Offers

Applications for Equity Scholarships are highly competitive. Institutions make offers to applicants who demonstrate the greatest level of need.

Offers are emailed the day after each undergraduate offer round, but not all institutions participate in each round. For a list of participating institutions by offer round, visit [uac.edu.au/es-offer-rounds](http://uac.edu.au/es-offer-rounds).

### Successful applicants

Your scholarship offer is made on the condition that you're eligible to receive the scholarship on the first census date for the scholarship period. (The census date is the official deadline for finalising your enrolment and fees.) The institution will confirm your eligibility before any payments are made to you.

### Unsuccessful applicants

There are limited scholarships available, so if you are unsuccessful it doesn't mean that you're not in need; rather, it means that there are other applicants who've been assessed as being in greater need.

Unsuccessful applicants don't need to reapply to be considered again within the same admissions period: your application will remain current for future offer rounds.



### Application fee

There is no fee to apply for Educational Access Schemes, Schools Recommendation Schemes or Equity Scholarships, but there is a fee to apply for undergraduate admission through UAC. You should apply for undergraduate admission before midnight (Sydney time) on Monday 30 September 2019, as application fees increase after that date.

### Your email address

UAC will email you about your application, so you must provide a private (ie not school-based), up-to-date email address when you apply. To prevent emails from UAC reaching your junk folder, add the domain [uac.edu.au](http://uac.edu.au) to your list of safe email contacts.

### Support for applicants with a disability

If you have a disability and are having problems with the UAC application process, call us on 1300 ASK UAC (1300 275 822) or (02) 9752 0200 from mobiles between 8.30am and 4.30pm (Sydney time) Monday to Friday or write to the Equity Unit, UAC Locked Bag 112, Silverwater NSW 2128, Australia.

Educational Access Schemes and Equity Scholarships applicants can email [equity@uac.edu.au](mailto:equity@uac.edu.au).

School Recommendation Scheme applicants can email [srs@uac.edu.au](mailto:srs@uac.edu.au).

### Confidentiality

All information provided by applicants is treated as confidential according to UAC's Privacy Policy and institution privacy statements. Only authorised personnel at UAC and/or institutions will have access to your application.

Your personal information can only be released to a third party in special circumstances, such as where the law requires it, or where you give permission.

All UAC applications require you to declare that the information you provide is true and complete and to authorise UAC to use your information for specific purposes.

Read UAC's Privacy Policy and application declarations at [uac.edu.au/privacy](http://uac.edu.au/privacy).

# PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS: 2019-20

	Equity Scholarships	Educational Access Schemes	Schools Recommendation Schemes
Australian Catholic University	✓	✓	✓
Australian College of Applied Psychology			
Australian Maritime College		✓	
Australian National University		✓	
Charles Sturt University	✓	✓	✓
CQUniversity		✓	
Griffith University		✓	
International College of Management, Sydney	✓	✓	✓
La Trobe University	✓	✓	
Macleay College		✓	
Macquarie University	✓	✓	✓
MIT Sydney			
National Art School			✓
SAE Creative Media Institute			✓
SIBT			
Southern Cross University	✓	✓	
Top Education Institute			
Torrens University Australia	✓	✓	
University of Canberra		✓	✓
University of New England	✓	✓	✓
University of Newcastle	✓	✓	✓
University of Sydney	✓	✓	✓
University of Technology Sydney	✓	✓	✓
University of Wollongong	✓	✓	
UNSW Sydney	✓	✓	
UNSW Canberra at ADFA			
Western Sydney University	✓	✓	✓

Details of participating institutions are correct as at 30 January 2019. Check the UAC website for updates.

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