

EQUITY SCHOLARSHIPS

2018-19

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

FOR TERTIARY STUDY



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KEY DATES

2018

Wednesday 1 August	ES applications open
Friday 31 August	ES offer round
Friday 14 September	ES offer round
Friday 28 September	ES offer round
Friday 12 October	ES offer round
Friday 26 October	ES offer round
Friday 16 November	ES offer round
Friday 30 November	ES offer round
Friday 7 December	ES offer round
Friday 21 December	ES offer round

2019

Saturday 12 January	ES offer round
Saturday 26 January	ES offer round
Friday 8 February	ES applications close
	ES offer round
Friday 15 February	ES offer round
Friday 8 March	ES offer round

The most important scholarship offer rounds for Year 12 students are on **Friday 21 December 2018** and **Saturday 12 January 2019**. These rounds are when most Year 12 applicants receive their Equity Scholarship offers.

Further scholarship offer rounds are available in 2019. For full details of offer rounds and participating institutions, go to uac.edu.au/es. Check our website regularly as offer round participation by different institutions can and does change.

Supporting documentation must be received by UAC no later than 10 days before a scholarship offer round to ensure assessment is complete.

EQUITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Equity Scholarships help disadvantaged students with the general costs associated with tertiary study.





INTRODUCTION TO EQUITY SCHOLARSHIPS

WHAT ARE THEY?

Equity Scholarships (ES) are awarded to students from low socio-economic backgrounds, particularly those who receive Centrelink income support payments such as ABSTUDY, Austudy, Youth Allowance, Newstart Allowance, Disability Support Pension, Parenting Payment (Single) or the Carer Payment.

There are two types of ES:

- Institution Equity Scholarships: these are funded by individual institutions and their value, eligibility criteria and duration differ between institutions.
- Indigenous Student Success Program: these are funded by the Australian Government and are not covered in this booklet.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

In order to be considered eligible for ES, you must be enrolled at a participating institution (see page 16) or applying for admission to a participating institution in any of the following ways:

- through UAC for admission as an undergraduate, postgraduate or international student
- directly to an institution (a direct applicant)
- through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) or the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC).

Institutions make ES offers to applicants demonstrating the greatest level of need in a competitive application process.

When awarding ES, institutions will consider any specific requirements for individual scholarships, which can be found on their individual websites (see page 16).

Most institutions award ES to applicants who are receiving Centrelink income support payments and/or who can demonstrate additional types of disadvantage listed on pages 3–7.

Being eligible doesn't guarantee a scholarship

Meeting ES eligibility criteria doesn't guarantee that you'll be awarded a scholarship. There are limited scholarships and there are more applicants than scholarships. As part of a competitive application process, you are ranked against the eligibility criteria, and institutions award scholarships to applicants who best meet the eligibility criteria.

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.

EDUCATIONAL DISADVANTAGES

Institutions make ES offers to applicants demonstrating the greatest level of need in a competitive application process.

When awarding scholarships, institutions will consider their scholarship-specific requirements, as well as the forms of educational disadvantage listed in the tables below.

If you have to provide supporting documents, a document package will be produced automatically when you apply. If you are not prompted to download a document package, you don't need to supply supporting documents.

CARER RESPONSIBILITIES

Definition
<p>A person of any age who, without being paid, cares for another person who needs ongoing support because of a long-term medical condition, a mental illness, a disability, frailty or the need for palliative care. A carer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– may or may not be a family member and may or may not live with the person they care for– may be in receipt of a Centrelink Carer Allowance or Carer Payment. <p>Volunteers under the auspices of a voluntary organisation are not included.</p>
Supporting documentation required
<p>One (only) of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– your Centrelink Customer Reference Number (CRN) if you are receiving a Carer Payment or Carer Allowance. You will be required to enter your CRN in your ES application– an independent statement to support your eligibility for carer responsibilities, completed and signed by a responsible person (see page 15) who knows your circumstances. You will need to explain why you are not in receipt of a Carer Payment or Carer Allowance.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE DIFFICULTY

Definition
<p>A person who satisfies all of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– due to their non-English speaking background, experiences difficulties that affect their ability to study– came to Australia from a non-English speaking country within the last five years– didn't previously undertake any formal education at an institution where the language of instruction was English– hasn't undertaken two or more years of full-time study in Australia in a diploma, advanced diploma, bachelor degree or higher level award.
Supporting documentation required
<p>All of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– details of the studies you have undertaken– a copy of your first immigration visa (if your current immigration visa specifies a different residency visa from that specified on your first, attach a copy of both) or, if that cannot be provided, an international movement record– a statement of attendance from an Intensive English Centre (if applicable).

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

There are four categories of financial hardship. A person is considered to be experiencing financial hardship if they satisfy one (only) of the following definitions.

Definition

A person currently receiving a Centrelink (or other Commonwealth) means-tested income support payment (such as a Disability Support Pension, Parenting Payment (Single) or Carer Payment).

Supporting documentation required

Your Centrelink Customer Reference Number (CRN). The CRN must be in your name. You will be required to enter your CRN in your ES application.

Definition

A person expecting to receive a Centrelink (or other Commonwealth) means-tested income support payment in 2018–19.

Supporting documentation required

In your ES application you will be asked when you expect to receive a Centrelink (or other Commonwealth) means-tested income support payment.

No documentation is required to support eligibility for the expectation of receipt of a means-tested payment when you apply. However, after enrolment and prior to payment of a scholarship, you must provide your institution with evidence that you have received a support payment. Alternatively, email your CRN to equity@uac.edu.au once your first payment has been credited to your bank account and we will update your assessment.

Definition

A person able to provide comprehensive information demonstrating exceptional financial hardship that is beyond their control or choosing.

If you are eligible to claim a Centrelink means-tested allowance but choose not to, you are not eligible to claim exceptional financial hardship.

If your family income is above the Centrelink eligibility threshold, you are generally not eligible to claim exceptional financial hardship.

Supporting documentation required

Evidence of eligibility for exceptional financial hardship demonstrating a level of real and enduring financial hardship. Supporting documentation requirements are provided in the document package.



Definition

A dependent student between the ages of 16 and 19 years old (up to the end of the calendar year they turn 19) who is currently undertaking a Year 12 qualification and whose parent/guardian is in receipt of Family Tax Benefit (FTB) Part A.

You are not eligible to claim this disadvantage if you are a parent receiving FTB Part A.

Supporting documentation required

One (only) of the following:

- a recent Centrelink family assistance letter (no older than three months prior to the date you applied for ES) issued to your parent/s or guardian/s demonstrating receipt of FTB Part A
- a copy of a Centrelink income statement issued to your parent/s or guardian/s (no older than three months prior to the date you applied for ES) demonstrating receipt of FTB Part A.

Note: Your parent/s or guardian/s can view and download their Centrelink income statement/s by logging into their Centrelink online account, or myGov, if they have set up an account. Alternatively, your parent/s or guardian/s must call or visit a Centrelink office to obtain a Centrelink family assistance letter. Allow at least a week for Centrelink to process your request.

If you have any queries about this documentation, email equity@uac.edu.au.

INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIAN

Definition

A person who satisfies all of the following criteria:

- is of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
- identifies as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- is accepted as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander in the community in which they live or have lived.

Institutions may use this criteria in conjunction with other demonstrated disadvantages.

Supporting documentation required

One (only) of the following:

- your Centrelink Customer Reference Number (CRN) so UAC can confirm you currently receive ABSTUDY. You will be required to enter your CRN in your ES application
- 'Declaration – Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander'. You will be able to print this declaration at the end of your ES application. You will need to correctly complete and return the declaration to UAC.

If your Aboriginality is questioned, you will be asked to provide further evidence.



LONG-TERM MEDICAL CONDITION/DISABILITY OR ONGOING EFFECTS OF ABUSE

Definition

A person whose ability to study at university is being affected, or is likely to be affected, by the long-term and ongoing effects of one of the following:

- a severe and long-term (or a severe and recurrent) medical/psychiatric condition or illness
- a learning, sensory, physical, psychological or other disability/disorder
- trauma or abuse.

Supporting documentation required

All of the following:

- a personal statement (see your document package)
- a medical impact statement (see page 15) completed by a registered health professional who is treating you for your condition
- an educational impact statement (see page 15) completed by a responsible person who can comment on the impact of your studies.

REFUGEE STATUS

Definition

A person who entered Australia in one of the following ways:

- as a refugee
- on a Global Special Humanitarian visa (subclass 202)

or was granted either of the above by the Australian Government after arriving in Australia.

Institutions may use this criterion in conjunction with other demonstrated disadvantages.

Supporting documentation required

One (only) of the following:

- a copy of your Australian entry visa showing refugee status
- a copy of your Red Cross or United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) registration if you arrived in Australia on a non-refugee visa
- a copy of your document for travelling to Australia
- a copy of your Global Special Humanitarian visa (subclass 202).



REGIONAL OR REMOTE DISADVANTAGE

Definition

A person who, within the two years immediately prior to the start of their current or proposed period of higher education study, lived in a regional or remote area of Australia for at least 12 months.

Supporting documentation required

Documents substantiating your residential (not postal) address in a regional or remote area of Australia for a period of at least 12 months in the two years immediately prior to the start of your current or proposed higher education course of study.

Documents must be in your name and may include: bank statements; a letter of attendance from your school or higher education provider showing your home address at the time you attended; Centrelink letters; electoral commission enrolment form; utilities bill; phone bill.

Your permanent residence postcode/s will be used to assess whether you lived in a regional or remote area of Australia.

The Australian Standard Geographic Classification Remoteness Areas (ASGC-RA) system map can be accessed at doctorconnect.gov.au. You can use this tool as a guide for your postcode. All categories other than 'RA1 – Major Cities of Australia' are considered to be regional or remote.

Contact equity@uac.edu.au if you need more information about the documents you must provide.

SOLE PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Definition

A person of any age who is single and has at least one dependent child under 18 who is wholly or primarily in their care and who is living in Australia.

Supporting documentation required

One (only) of the following:

- your Centrelink Customer Reference Number (CRN) if you are receiving a Parenting Payment (Single). You will be required to enter your CRN in your ES application
- another Centrelink (or other Commonwealth) means-tested income support payment as a single person with at least one dependent child, such as Newstart Allowance
- an independent statement to support your eligibility for sole parent responsibilities, completed and signed by a responsible person (see page 15) who knows your circumstances. You will need to explain why you are not in receipt of a Parenting Payment (Single).





APPLYING

Your application remains 'live' throughout the admissions period and will be considered by participating institutions for all relevant ES offer rounds.

You can only submit one ES application during the 2018–19 admissions period. Duplicate applications will be withdrawn.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Go to the UAC website, select 'Apply or log in' at the top right of the screen and then 'Equity Scholarships application'. A series of questions and prompts will guide you through the application process.

After you enter your contact information in your ES application, an ES application number and four-digit ES PIN will be generated.

When you apply, you don't have to nominate the scholarship you're applying for, but you will be asked for details about your application for admission. If you don't supply all the relevant information you may miss out on being awarded a scholarship.

You will also need to agree to the Declaration and Authority – you can read the printed version on page 10.

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, email us at equity@uac.edu.au or write to the Equity Unit, UAC Locked Bag 112, Silverwater NSW 2128, Australia. We will help you with your application.

CONFIRMATION OF APPLICATION

Once you have submitted your ES application, download and print your Confirmation of Application.

DOCUMENT PACKAGE

Download your document package to check whether you need to provide supporting documents to UAC.

If you do need to provide supporting documents, you can upload them by logging in to your application.

Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre and Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre applicants

Five institutions accept ES applications through UAC from students applying for admission to tertiary study through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) or the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC).

Institution	Accepts ES applications from UAC applicants	Accepts ES applications from VTAC applicants	Accepts ES applications from QTAC applicants
Australian Catholic University	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Charles Sturt University	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
La Trobe University	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Southern Cross University	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
University of New England	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Confidentiality - who sees my application?

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. Read UAC's Privacy Policy at uac.edu.au/privacy.



PROVISION OF FALSE INFORMATION

If UAC or any participating institution knows or has reason to believe that a student in receipt of an Equity Scholarship has provided false or misleading information, UAC, on behalf of the institution/s, is required to reassess the student's entitlement to the scholarship. UAC must then notify the relevant institution of the suspected offence and provide the institution with a copy of the student's application and any other relevant information requested by the institution.

DECLARATION AND AUTHORITY

This is a printed version of the online Declaration and Authority you will have to accept when you apply through UAC.

- 1 I declare that all the information submitted is true and complete.
- 2 I declare that I have read and understood the UAC Privacy Policy.
- 3 I authorise UAC to verify any information provided by me.
- 4 I authorise:
 - UAC to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform a Centrelink enquiry of my Centrelink Customer details and concession card status in order to enable UAC to determine if I qualify for Equity Scholarships
 - the Australian Government Department of Human Services (the department) to provide the results of that enquiry to UAC.
- I understand:
 - The department will disclose personal information to UAC, including my name, address, concession card status, payment type, payment status, one-off payment, income, assets, deductions, shared care arrangements, partner status, Youth Allowance Independence rate, to confirm my eligibility for relevant Equity Scholarships.
 - This consent, once signed, remains valid while I am an applicant of UAC unless I withdraw it by contacting UAC or the department.
 - I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from the department and provide it to UAC so that my eligibility for Equity Scholarships can be determined.
 - If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for Equity Scholarships provided through UAC.
- 5 I understand that UAC and the participating institutions may check my visa and residency status using Visa Entitlement Verification Online (VEVO), and I authorise UAC and the participating institutions to do so.
- 6 I authorise UAC to provide all information and documents provided with and/or obtained in connection with this application to all institutions participating in Equity Scholarships through UAC or their affiliates for any purpose connected with this application.
- 7 I authorise UAC to collect, receive, store, transfer and use any information provided by me, or any information obtained in connection with this application, and to disclose such information to all participating institutions, Universities Australia (UA), UA member institutions, the members of the Australasian Conference of Tertiary Admissions Centres (ACTAC), and any other authority or tertiary educational institution either in Australia or overseas, where UAC reasonably considers it necessary to make such disclosure.
- 8 I understand that UAC may disclose the personal information I have given in this application to the Department of Social Services, or its successor, for the purposes of administering Relocation Scholarships and Student Start up Loans.
- 9 I understand that UAC and the participating institutions have the right to vary or cancel an Equity Scholarships application and/or application for admission or an enrolment made on the basis of what UAC or a participating institution determines to be untrue or incomplete information from any source.
- 10 I understand that institutions make Equity Scholarship offers based on the information provided by me and on advice received from UAC. If a participating institution subsequently finds that the information or advice was incorrect, it may withdraw the offer.
- 11 I understand that information and documents provided with and/or obtained in connection with this application may be used by UAC for training, research or other purposes and that I must notify UAC in writing within 7 days of applying if I do not wish this information to be used.

PROVIDING DOCUMENTS

If you need to provide any documents to UAC in support of your ES application, they will be specified in your document package, which you'll be prompted to download when you complete your application.

DO I NEED TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTS?

If a document package is not generated when you complete your application, you don't need to supply supporting documents.

If you do need to provide documents, they can be:

- uploaded by logging in to your application, or
- posted in hard copy to UAC.

Supporting documentation does not need to be verified.

To ensure your ES application is assessed correctly, all documents you submit must be legible and easy to read, especially visas and stamps with dates.

WHEN DO I PROVIDE DOCUMENTS?

In order for your ES application to be assessed in time for a particular offer round, you should apply and provide your documentation as early as possible.

Supporting documentation must be received by UAC no later than 10 days before a scholarship offer round to ensure assessment is complete. See 'Offer round dates' on page 14 or check the key dates on the UAC website at uac.edu.au/key-dates.

OVERSEAS DOCUMENTS

If your documents are not in English, you must supply a copy of:

- the document in the original language
- an English language translation of the document.

Your documents must be translated by:

- Multicultural NSW (visit multicultural.nsw.gov.au), or
- a translator accredited by the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI). A list of NAATI-accredited translators in Australia and some overseas locations is available at naati.com.au or call (02) 9267 1357.

CHANGE OF NAME

If you have documents under a previous name, you must supply documentary evidence to prove your change of name, such as a marriage certificate, deed poll registration or other registration with the Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages.

The documentation must show your previous and current name/s.

TRANSFERRING YOUR DOCUMENTS TO A NEW APPLICATION

It is suggested that you provide updated documents that demonstrate your current and/or predicted disadvantages for your new application as your circumstances may have changed since your previous application. Contact equity@uac.edu.au if you have any queries about this process.

You can request that your documents from a previous admissions period be transferred to the 2018–19 admissions period. We may ask for additional information if the transferred documents are insufficient or the information is outdated for the assessment of your new application.

The documents must relate to an application made within the last five years and you will have to pay a fee of \$92.

To have your documents transferred, download the 'Document transfer' form available at uac.edu.au/contact, provide your payment details as requested and post to UAC.

HAVING YOUR DOCUMENTS RETURNED TO YOU

Any documents you provide to UAC can be returned to you for a fee. If the documents relate to the current admissions period, the fee is \$42. If the documents relate to a previous admissions period (up to five years), the fee is \$92.

To have your documents returned, complete the 'EAS and Equity Scholarships document retrieval' form at uac.edu.au/ contact, provide your payment details as requested and post to UAC.

AFTER YOU APPLY

MAKING CHANGES TO YOUR APPLICATION

If your circumstances change after you have submitted an ES application, do not commence a new application within the same admissions period. Log in to your application to:

- change your ES PIN
- change your contact details
- view and print your Confirmation of Application and document package
- add disadvantages
- view and print your outcome letter.

You will need your ES application number and ES PIN to log in.

If you need to make any other type of change to your application, email equity@uac.edu.au.

ADDING DISADVANTAGES TO YOUR APPLICATION

Log in to your application to add disadvantages. Do not start a new application.

Remember to download your Confirmation of Application and document package if you've added disadvantage/s, as you may need to supply additional supporting documents.

Additional disadvantages and all associated supporting documentation must be received by UAC at least 10 days before a scholarship offer round to be considered in that round.

Viewing correspondence from UAC

You must provide an email address when you submit your ES application as UAC will email you about the status of your application. Some email accounts might send emails from UAC to your junk folder. Add the domain uac.edu.au to your list of safe email contacts to stop this from happening. It is your responsibility to check your emails regularly (including your junk emails) for any messages from UAC.

OFFERS

You can only receive an ES offer from an institution:

- from which you've received an offer of admission, or
- at which you're currently enrolled.

ES offers are made to applicants by UAC on behalf of UAC's participating institutions in conjunction with each undergraduate offer round. Log in to your application and select the 'Your outcome' tab.

Being eligible doesn't guarantee the offer of a scholarship; you will compete against other eligible applicants.

Institutions decide which scholarship rounds they will participate in and who they will make ES offers to. UAC doesn't select applicants, or have the power to persuade institutions to make a particular offer, or question decisions made by institutions.

OFFER ROUND PARTICIPATION

Not all institutions make scholarship offers in every offer round. To check institution participation, visit uac.edu.au/es-offer-rounds.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

If you've been awarded a scholarship, you'll receive an email from UAC advising that you have been made an offer. The institution will provide more detailed information regarding when and how your payment will be made.

Your scholarship offer is made on the condition that you're eligible to receive the scholarship on your first census date for the scholarship period. Institutions will confirm your eligibility before any payments are made to you.

If you have any enquiries about your scholarship offer, the associated terms and conditions, or the acceptance process, contact the institution that has awarded your scholarship.

UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

If you haven't been awarded a scholarship in the most recent offer round, the following message will be displayed in the 'Your outcome' tab of your application:

You have not, as yet, been made an Equity Scholarship offer. Your application will be considered in future offer rounds. To be considered for an Equity Scholarship offer you must be currently enrolled at, or have received an offer of admission to, an institution participating in the relevant scholarship offer round(s).

If you're unsuccessful, your application will stay active and may be considered in future offer rounds in the 2018–19 admissions period provided the institution at which you are currently enrolled, or from which you have received an offer of admission, is participating in that offer round (visit uac.edu.au/es-offer-rounds).

If your ES application is unsuccessful in the 2018–19 admissions period, you're welcome to reapply in future admissions periods if you meet the scholarship eligibility criteria of the institution at which you are enrolled or to which you are applying.

UAC won't use any of your previous application material for subsequent ES applications. You must submit a new application (and new supporting documentation if required).

Do not submit more than one ES application in the same admissions period. Duplicate applications will be withdrawn.

Some institutions make scholarship offers directly to successful applicants. You may still receive a scholarship offer from an institution even if you have received an unsuccessful outcome through UAC.

OFFER ROUND DATES

Supporting documentation must be received at UAC at least seven working days before an ES offer round in order to be considered in that round.

ES offer round	Apply by and documents received at UAC by 4.30pm	ES offer outcomes released
August Round 1	Wednesday 22 August 2018	Friday 31 August 2018
September Round 1	Wednesday 5 September 2018	Friday 14 September 2018
September Round 2	Wednesday 19 September 2018	Friday 28 September 2018
October Round 1	Wednesday 3 October 2018	Friday 12 October 2018
October Round 2	Wednesday 17 October 2018	Friday 26 October 2018
November Round 1	Wednesday 7 November 2018	Friday 16 November 2018
November Round 2	Wednesday 14 November 2018	Friday 30 November 2018
December Round 1	Wednesday 28 November 2018	Friday 7 December 2018
December Round 2	Wednesday 12 December 2018	Friday 21 December 2018
January Round 1	Friday 4 January 2019	Saturday 12 January 2019
January Round 2	Friday 18 January 2019	Saturday 26 January 2019
February Round 1	Wednesday 30 January 2019	Friday 8 February 2019
February Round 2	Friday 8 February 2019	Friday 15 February 2019
March Round 1	Friday 8 February 2019	Friday 8 March 2019

COMMON TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

CENSUS DATE

The date on which all your enrolment requirements must be finalised. It is the last day you can withdraw from a course without financial penalty.

COMMONWEALTH-SUPPORTED PLACE (CSP)

A place in a course to which the Australian Government contributes towards the cost, and the student pays a student contribution.

CONTINUING STUDENTS

Students who have an active enrolment at a participating institution (ie students who are currently enrolled in, or on approved leave of absence from, their higher education studies).

DIRECT APPLICANT

An applicant who applies for admission directly to the universities (ie doesn't apply for admission through a tertiary admissions centre). If you're a direct applicant for admission, in your Equity Scholarships application you will be asked to provide your application or reference number given to you by the institution when you applied. If you don't have it you will need to provide information about the course you've applied for.

DOMESTIC FEE-PAYING (DFEE) COURSE

A course not subsidised by the Australian Government; the student meets the entire cost of their studies through tuition fees.

EDUCATIONAL IMPACT STATEMENT

A statement about the impact your medical condition/disability has, or will have, on your studies. If your application for Equity Scholarships includes a claim for consideration of a medical disadvantage, you need to arrange for the statement to be completed by a responsible person (see the definition of a 'Responsible person'). A blank statement is provided in your Equity Scholarships document package.

FULL-TIME STUDY

To be eligible for most institution Equity Scholarships you must be studying full-time, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

To be considered a full-time student you must be undertaking a study load that is equivalent to at least 75 per cent of the equivalent full-time study load (EFTSL). If your course load falls below 75 per cent of a normal full-time load, your eligibility status will be reviewed by the institution. Check each institution's website for specific definitions.

If you have queries about part-time study, you should contact the institution directly. Each institution has its own policies to assess your eligibility for a scholarship.

HECS-HELP

A loan for eligible Commonwealth-supported students to pay their student contributions.

INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT PROGRAM (ISSP)

Scholarships for Indigenous students funded by the Australian Government.

INTERNAL STUDENT

A student who, for the majority of units of study in which they're enrolled in the scholarship period, is required to attend regular classes on campus.

MEDICAL IMPACT STATEMENT

A statement about the medical condition/disability you have claimed will have an effect on your studies. If your application for Equity Scholarships includes a claim for consideration of a medical disadvantage, you need to arrange for the statement to be completed by a registered health professional who is treating your medical condition/disability. A blank medical impact statement is provided in your Equity Scholarships document package.

RESPONSIBLE PERSON

A responsible person may be a higher education educator, doctor, specialist medical professional, lawyer, accountant, social worker, counsellor, religious or community leader. They must be familiar with your circumstances and able to comment and provide information about your educational disadvantage and its effect on your ability to study.

Your educational impact statement must be completed by a responsible person. If you're a 2018 Year 12 applicant, a responsible person is your school/college principal, counsellor, year adviser or careers adviser. If you're unable to have your school complete the statement, you must attach an explanation as to why your school can't complete it and the relationship between you and the responsible person.

PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

Australian Catholic University

tel: 1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228)
email: scholarships@acu.edu.au
website: acu.edu.au/scholarships

Australian National University

tel: 135 ANU (135 268)
email: student@anu.edu.au
website: anu.edu.au/students/scholarships/uac-equity-scholarships

Charles Sturt University

tel: Freecall 1800 334 733
(02) 6051 9976 CSU Scholarship Office
email: scholarships.officer@csu.edu.au
website: csu.edu.au/scholarships

International College of Management, Sydney

tel: Freecall 1800 110 490
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website: icms.edu.au/scholarships

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Australian Catholic University

Introduction	At ACU, we believe that where you came from doesn't have to define where you're going. We will support you as you achieve your professional and personal goals. ACU Equity Scholarships are just one way we empower you to determine your future.
How to apply	Apply through UAC.
Scholarship details	acu.edu.au/scholarships

Australian National University

Introduction	<p>ANU is committed to reflecting the extraordinary and increasing diversity of Australia. In addition to government-funded scholarships, ANU offers a range of philanthropically-funded scholarships.</p> <p>ANU offers a unique student experience, with residential opportunities and pastoral care, which extends learning well beyond the classroom. Our Equity Scholarships ensure that talented undergraduate and postgraduate students facing economic, social or geographic disadvantage have the chance to be part of the ANU community.</p>
How to apply	<p>Apply through UAC.</p> <p>Some scholarships may require additional information or supporting statements to be sent directly to ANU. Read the relevant information on each individual scholarships page on the ANU website carefully and ensure you provide what is required. Incomplete applications will not be considered.</p>
Scholarship details	anu.edu.au/students/scholarships/uac-equity-scholarships
Other information	Scholarship opening and closing dates, as well as the offer rounds, will be published on the individual scholarship pages on the ANU website.

Charles Sturt University

Introduction	<p>CSU recognises that accessing tertiary education can be an expensive undertaking and, in response, offers a comprehensive range of scholarships across courses at all levels for commencing and continuing students. In 2017 CSU awarded over \$3 million in scholarships to its students.</p> <p>At CSU we are committed to increasing access to higher education for students who are experiencing economic, social or geographical disadvantage and offer the Charles Sturt University Equity Scholarships (CSUES) to support them during their studies.</p> <p>When awarding the CSUES, the University gives preference to applicants who demonstrate that they meet the low socio-economic (financial hardship) criteria and have experienced other educational disadvantages.</p>
How to apply	Apply through UAC.
Scholarship details	csu.edu.au/scholarships
Other information	Refer to the CSU scholarships website and guidelines for eligibility criteria and terms and conditions for scholarships.

International College of Management, Sydney	
Introduction	<p>ICMS is dedicated to providing students access to career-focused higher education.</p> <p>ICMS has an expansive scholarship program which offers a number of scholarships each year to students who are experiencing educational disadvantage and financial hardship.</p> <p>Financial support for tuition and or accommodation can be a significant help to a student starting college.</p>
How to apply	Apply through UAC or directly to ICMS via the website below.
Scholarship details	icms.edu.au/scholarship/equity-scholarships

La Trobe University	
Introduction	<p>La Trobe University has a number of scholarships available each year to assist students who are experiencing financial hardship and/or educational disadvantage and are commencing full-time undergraduate studies for the first time. Students who have previously commenced a bachelor degree or higher award at a tertiary institution, whether or not it was completed and regardless of how long ago they were enrolled, will not be considered for La Trobe Equity Scholarships.</p>
How to apply	Apply through UAC.
Scholarship details	latrobe.edu.au/scholarships
Other information	<p>A student who enrolled at La Trobe after 30 June 2018 and who meets all of the criteria for commencing students at the time of that enrolment will be defined as a 'commencing student' for the purpose of this condition and will be eligible to be considered for La Trobe Equity Scholarships for 2019.</p>

Macquarie University	
Introduction	<p>Through the provision of Equity Scholarships, Macquarie University seeks to support students whose opportunities to study at university have been hampered by disadvantages beyond their control. Applicants must demonstrate financial hardship, with consideration given to applicants who can also demonstrate any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – capacity to triumph over hardship – English language difficulty – geographic disadvantage – long term medical condition/ disability – ongoing effects of abuse.
How to apply	Apply through UAC.
Scholarship details	mq.edu.au/scholarships

Southern Cross University	
Introduction	<p>SCU is committed to supporting the access and success of students who experience educational disadvantage associated with low income, social and geographic circumstances.</p> <p>Commencing and continuing students who meet low socio-economic criteria are eligible for either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Southern Cross University Equity Scholarships, or – Southern Cross University Equity Book Bursaries. <p>SCU Equity Book Bursaries are vouchers valued at up to \$500.</p> <p>Scholarships are offered to the most disadvantaged students and range in value from \$500 to \$2,000.</p> <p>SCU will select successful students for either a book bursary or a scholarship.</p> <p>In addition to these two programs of support, applications from Australian Indigenous students will be considered for a range of other scholarships.</p> <p>For more details about SCU's program of financial support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, go to scu.edu.au/scholarships.</p>
How to apply	<p>Apply through UAC.</p> <p>Applications made between 1 August 2018 and 8 February 2019 are for 2019 session 1 scholarships only. To be considered for scholarships in sessions 2 and 3, you will need to re-apply when applications open again in April.</p>
Scholarship details	<p>scu.edu.au/scholarships</p>
Other information	<p>In 2019, SCU Equity Scholarships will be offered at a pro-rata basis: \$500 per unit enrolment. The maximum value for a scholarship will be \$2,000.</p> <p>Need to find a place to live or some career advice? Perhaps a small loan, a counsellor or a visit to a medical practice? You don't have to be on campus to access many of the services and support resources available to you as an SCU student.</p> <p>SCU has a range of student support services. These include counselling, chaplaincy, academic assistance and learning support, and employment and career advice. Facilities vary depending on the campus and may include a medical centre, computing centre, sporting and recreation facilities, and a childcare centre. The University supports a variety of student organisations, clubs and societies for students to become involved in campus life.</p> <p>For more information, visit scu.edu.au/studentssupportservices.</p>

Torrens University Australia	
Introduction	Torrens Equity Scholarships aim to increase participation of Indigenous students from low socio-economic backgrounds by providing financial assistance towards the costs of studying full-time.
How to apply	Apply through UAC.
Scholarship details	torrens.edu.au

University of New England	
Introduction	<p>UNE is one of Australia's great teaching and research centres, with a unique regional perspective. We are an innovator of flexible education delivery with leading academic authorities in a variety of teaching and research areas.</p> <p>We want you to do well at UNE, so we have a range of services, scholarships and programs in place to help you overcome your challenges and reach your goals. Our focus on student support has earned us a 5-star (maximum) rating in the 2018 Good Universities Guide, which puts us in the top 20 per cent of Australian universities.</p> <p>See all that UNE has to offer at une.edu.au.</p>
How to apply	<p>Apply through UAC.</p> <p>There are also several additional scholarships available directly through UNE: apply at une.edu.au/scholarships.</p>
Scholarship details	une.edu.au/scholarships



University of Newcastle

Introduction	<p>UON has a proud reputation of supporting motivated and talented students, regardless of their background or circumstances; not just to gain entry, but to thrive in their field of study.</p> <p>We are committed to providing assistance to students who are experiencing educational disadvantage and offer a comprehensive range of scholarships across different programs and study levels to support new and continuing students. In 2018, UON awarded over \$3.5 million in scholarships, which supported over 1,000 students who otherwise may not have been able to study.</p> <p>When awarding UON Equity Scholarships, the University gives preference to applicants who demonstrate financial hardship plus other educational disadvantages.</p>
How to apply	<p>Apply through UAC.</p> <p>There are also several additional scholarships available directly through UON. Apply at newcastle.edu.au/scholarships. Apply for as many scholarships as you meet the criteria for.</p>
Scholarship details	<p>newcastle.edu.au/scholarships</p>
Other information	<p>UON offers a wide range of scholarships that are open for individual application via the University website. Visit newcastle.edu.au/scholarships regularly to keep up to date with the latest in scholarships information and availability.</p> <p>The UON Student Loans Scheme also provides interest-free and fee-free emergency loans to students who demonstrate genuine need.</p> <p>Contact student-loansandwelfare@newcastle.edu.au for further information.</p>



University of Sydney	
Introduction	<p>When you study at the University of Sydney you become part of one of the most vibrant and diverse academic communities in the world.</p> <p>We know that students who overcome disadvantage can achieve excellent results, especially with support from the University. The University's Equity Scholarships assist academically gifted students with demonstrated financial disadvantage to pursue their tertiary education. Our Equity Scholarships are awarded for any undergraduate degree.</p> <p>When awarding Equity Scholarships, the University gives preference to academically gifted students who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – are currently experiencing financial hardship (substantiated by current payment from Centrelink), or – are predicted to have financial hardship in 2019* <p>and have experienced one or more of the following educational disadvantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – carer responsibilities – Indigenous Australian – long-term medical condition/disability or ongoing effects of abuse – refugee status – regional or remote disadvantage – sole parent responsibilities. <p><small>* Scholarships and bursaries awarded based on predicted financial hardship will be subject to the provision of evidence to the University or the Department of Human Services by the deadline stated in the offer notification. Awards will automatically lapse if the document required is not presented by the deadline.</small></p>
How to apply	<p>Apply through UAC.</p> <p>If you are a school leaver, you also need to submit a Sydney Scholars application to the University. The Sydney Scholars application can be found at sydney.edu.au/scholarships/undergraduate/year12/sydney-scholars-award.shtml.</p>
Scholarship details	<p>sydney.edu.au/scholarships/undergraduate/year12/equity.shtml</p>
Other information	<p>Commencing students wishing to apply for University Accommodation Scholarships should also apply for on-campus housing at sydney.edu.au/campus-life/accommodation.html by 1 December 2018. Further information about Accommodation Scholarships can be found on the above Equity Scholarships link.</p>

University of Technology Sydney	
Introduction	<p>At UTS we consider support for equity, diversity and social justice as integral to delivering on our objective to help students build strong professional identities, future-focused graduate capabilities and global citizenship. UTS recognises the financial challenges that many students face and is committed to providing financial assistance to support students reach their educational goals.</p> <p>UTS provides a diverse range of Equity Scholarships for students who demonstrate financial hardship through the UAC Equity Scholarship application. In addition to financial hardship, UTS also considers educational barriers such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – rural or regional background – sole parent responsibilities – carer responsibilities – long-term medical condition/disability or ongoing effects of abuse – Indigenous Australian descent – refugee status. <p>The main source of financial assistance UTS provides to students is the Diversity Access Scholarship, with approximately 600 scholarships awarded each year. Further information is available at uts.edu.au/das.</p> <p>Applicants who are not in receipt of a means-tested income support payment may be considered in cases of exceptional financial hardship if they are able to provide relevant supporting documentation.</p>
How to apply	<p>Apply through UAC.</p> <p>UTS recognises that a student's circumstances may change over the course of their study and therefore students are required to update their information with UAC should their financial situation change.</p> <p>Students must re-apply for an Equity Scholarship each year. Full details are outlined at uts.edu.au/future-students/scholarships.</p>
Scholarship details	<p>In addition to the Diversity Access Scholarships, UTS offers other Equity Scholarships, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>University wide</i>: The Gradwell Brungs Scholarship, Vice Chancellor's Merit Scholarship, Lawrence Vidoni Scholarship – <i>Business</i>: Peter and Sharon Ivany Access Scholarship, UTS Business Inclusion and Diversity Scholarship – <i>Engineering and Information Technology</i>: WJ and LM Sinclair Scholarship, Linden Little Equity Scholarship, Eleanor Dunn Scholarship, John Hughes Memorial Scholarship, Women in Engineering Equity Scholarship, CallidusCloud Scholarship in Information Technology, Intech Credit Bank Scholarship in Information Technology – <i>Law</i>: Law Equity Scholarship, Ezekiel Solomon Scholarship, Eric Dreikurs Scholarship – <i>Arts and Social Sciences</i>: Undergraduate Student Merit Scholarship – <i>Scholarships available to Australian Indigenous and/or Torres Strait Islander students</i>: Laurie Cowled Scholarship, UTS Council Indigenous Scholarship, Robyn Kemmis Scholarship, UTS Council Indigenous Scholarship, The Schiff Family Scholarship, Lindsay Croft Postgraduate Memorial Scholarship – <i>Design, Architecture and Building</i>: Garth Barnett Scholarship, Droga Indigenous Architecture Scholarship Program. <p>For more information about the full range of Equity Scholarships available at UTS, visit uts.edu.au/scholarships or contact the UTS Scholarships Office. Refer to page 16 for contact details.</p>

University of Wollongong

Introduction	<p>Here at UOW, we offer a comprehensive range of scholarships and financial support to help you achieve your goals. Our Equity Scholarships are specifically designed for students who are experiencing social and/or financial disadvantage, because we believe that everyone should have the opportunity to succeed in higher education.</p> <p>Equity Scholarships on offer at UOW may include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– UOW Equity Scholarships– Living and Learning Partners Residential Scholarships– Learning and Development Scholarships– Pathway Scholarships– Indigenous Student Success Programs.
How to apply	Apply through UAC.
Scholarship details	uow.edu.au/about/scholarships
Other information	<p>Applicants must be commencing study in 2019 as a first-year undergraduate student at UOW, with no previous enrolment at the University.</p> <p>Part-time students will be considered if they are able to demonstrate that exceptional circumstances prevent them from studying full-time.</p> <p>UOW will generally award scholarships to students who demonstrate multiple disadvantages under the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– carer responsibilities– coming from a non-English speaking background– financial hardship– identifying as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander– long-term medical condition/disability or ongoing effects of abuse– moving from a regional or remote area– sole parent responsibilities.



UNSW Sydney	
Introduction	<p>UNSW's 2025 Strategy aims to provide ongoing support to students from disadvantaged and under-represented groups, Indigenous students and low socio-economic background students. UNSW offers a wide range of Equity Scholarships to assist students to undertake full-time study for the duration of their degree program.</p> <p>Our Equity Scholarship programs for commencing students include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – UNSW Accommodation Scholarships (valued at \$22,000 per year for normal program duration) – UNSW Access Scholarships (valued at \$10,000 per year for normal program duration) – UNSW President and Vice-Chancellor's Equity Scholarships (valued at \$5,000 per year for normal program duration). <p>Equity Scholarships and grants are open to students commencing or currently enrolled in a UNSW undergraduate or postgraduate coursework program.</p> <p>When awarding Equity Scholarships, UNSW may consider factors such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – financial hardship – carer responsibilities – long-term medical condition/ disability or ongoing effects of abuse – regional or remote disadvantage – sole parent responsibilities – refugee status – Indigenous Australian identity. <p>Over 200 new Equity Scholarship offers will be made each year to commencing students. Other bursaries and grants are also available.</p>
How to apply	<p>Apply through UAC.</p> <p>UAC undergraduate applicants who have applied for the UAC Educational Access Scheme will also be considered for Equity Scholarships.</p> <p>For more information, visit scholarships.unsw.edu.au.</p>
Scholarship details	scholarships.unsw.edu.au
Other information	UNSW will be participating in multiple Equity Scholarships offer rounds throughout the year. For more details, visit scholarships.unsw.edu.au .

Western Sydney University	
Introduction	<p>Western Sydney University has a proud tradition of broadening access to education for the residents of Western Sydney.</p> <p>The University is committed to providing scholarship opportunities to support motivated students from disadvantaged backgrounds.</p> <p>Opportunity scholarships are awarded to students who come from one or more of the University's defined equity or personal disadvantage groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – people with a disability or long-term medical condition – people of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent – people experiencing financial hardship circumstances – people from rural and isolated areas – people from a non-English speaking background. <p>Western students may also be eligible to apply for a range of donor-funded Equity Scholarships.</p>
How to apply	Apply through UAC.
Scholarship details	Use our Find a Scholarships tool to find a scholarship that suits your needs. For more information and to apply, visit westernsydney.edu.au/scholarships .

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