# INTRODUCTION TO SRS

## What are Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS)?

Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS) are one way institutions make early offers of admission to current Australian Year 12 students who have applied for undergraduate admission through UAC.

Institutions use a wide range of selection criteria, including school recommendations and senior secondary studies.

Institutions have their own policies on determining SRS eligibility and making offers. Institutions can, for example, make early offers based on:
- SRS criteria only
- SRS criteria and ATAR (or equivalent)
- SRS and equity criteria (eg an Educational Access Schemes assessment).

## Participating institutions

12 institutions are participating in SRS in 2019:

- Australian Catholic University
- University of Canberra
- Charles Sturt University
- International College of Management, Sydney
- Macquarie University
- National Art School
- SAE Creative Media Institute
- University of New England
- University of Newcastle
- University of Sydney
- University of Technology Sydney
- Western Sydney University.

## Key features

- Centralised UAC process, which means students only need to complete one application to be eligible for an offer from one of 12 institutions.
- Offers made in mid-November.
- No additional cost to apply.
- Simple online process for schools and students.
- Open to all Year 12 applicants who are attempting:
  - an Australian Year 12 qualification, or
  - an International Baccalaureate in Australia in 2019,
  and are UAC applicants for undergraduate admission for 2019–20.
- Not open to international applicants (students who are not Australian or New Zealand citizens or Australian permanent residents).
- One permanent member of staff uses online rating system to provide a professional assessment of a student’s ability in areas of study and aptitude.
- Year 11 results for NSW students automatically received from the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) if your school provides a Record of School Achievement (RoSA).

## What do schools need to do?

- Complete ratings.
- Email SRS@uac.edu.au with any queries.
Registration communication

UAC will send emails to relevant school principals each time one or more students submit an SRS application.

The email will contain a link that takes the principal directly to the login page to access details of all SRS applicants from their school.

Principals then need to advise their nominated rater to log on to SRS Rater (via uac.edu.au/schools) and rate each student.

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Key dates

Key dates for schools are as follows:

- **Wednesday 3 April**: Applications for SRS open.
- **Monday 30 September (midnight)**: Applications for SRS close.
- **Wednesday 9 October (midnight)**: Deadline for completion of school ratings.