Introduction to SRS

What is the Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS)?

The Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS) gives Australian Year 12 students who have applied for undergraduate admission through UAC an opportunity to be assessed on criteria other than, or in addition to, the ATAR.

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 Scheme assessment).

Participating institutions

13 institutions are participating in SRS in 2021:

- 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
- UNSW
- 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 Australian Year 12 applicants who are attempting one of the following qualifications in 2021:
 - an Australian Year 12 qualification
 - an International Baccalaureate in Australia

and are UAC applicants for undergraduate admission in 2022.

- 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 five aptitudes.
- 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 gueries.



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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. Email any queries to SRS@uac.edu.au .
Key dates	 Key dates for schools are as follows: Thursday 1 April: Applications for SRS open. Sunday 19 September (midnight): Applications for SRS close. Thursday 30 September (midnight): Deadline for completion of school ratings.