



University Early Entry Guide

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Schools Recommendation Scheme

<https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/scholarships-and-schemes/schools-recommendation-schemes>

Key Dates

2 April	Applications Open
TBA	Applications Close

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. They have their own policies on determining SRS eligibility and making offers.

Before you can apply for SRS, you need to apply for undergraduate admission through UAC. When you do, you'll be issued with a UAC application number, which you'll need to commence your SRS application.

This year, the following institutions will be participating in SRS:

- AIE Institute
- Australian Catholic University
- Australian College of Physical Education
- Charles Sturt University
- International College of Management, Sydney
- Macquarie University
- National Art School*
- SAE Creative Media Institute
- Torrens University Australia
- University of Canberra
- University of New England
- University of Newcastle
- University of Notre Dame, Australia
- University of Technology Sydney
- Western Sydney University

Most of these institutions also run their own separate early entry programs, in addition to the SRS scheme. Institutions without a separate early entry program are marked with a *.

Institutions may have other criteria or deadlines for the SRS. It is advised to check with these institutions directly.

For More Information

<https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/scholarships-and-schemes/schools-recommendation-schemes>

Institute Specific Criteria: <https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/scholarships-and-schemes/schools-recommendation-schemes/institution-specific-srs-criteria>



ACU Guarantee

<https://www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/admission-pathways/acu-guarantee>

Key Dates

21 July	Applications Open
15 September	Applications Close
TBA	Dates for individual offer rounds are yet to be advised

Guarantee your place at ACU, even before your Year 12 exams. The ACU Guarantee program offers a place at ACU based on your Year 11 results to Year 12 students who are Australian citizens or Permanent Residents. It is specially designed to reflect achievements in your whole life, not only your academic results.

Offers may be made as early as September. Of course, you must still complete your Year 12 exams, but you can do so secure in the knowledge that you've already met ACU entry requirements. You may also enhance your entry score by including short personal statements that give ACU an insight into your personal circumstances and motivation for university study.

Please note, not all degrees at all campuses are available through this scheme for 2026 entry. Please check the website for a full list of eligible degrees and campuses.

For More Information

<https://www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/admission-pathways/acu-guarantee>

<https://www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/admission-pathways/acu-guarantee/application-faqs/applying-to-acu-guarantee>



ANU Apply Direct

<https://study.anu.edu.au/apply/domestic-undergraduate>

Key Dates

3 March	Applications Open
15 May	Applications Close
26 May	Deadline for submitting supporting documentation
4 September	Early Offers Released
1 October	Early Offer Acceptance Deadline
1 November	Change of preference opens for most programs (see website)
14 December	Change of Preference closes
Late December	Direct Application Offers Released
1 Jan	Change of Preferences closes (January Round)
Late January	January Offers Released
30 Jan	Last day to accept offers

Early offers are released in September each year. In this offer round, we use your Year 11 results, along with adjustment factors, to calculate your Year 11 selection rank that we will use to assess our application.

Once you receive your early offer, all you need to do is successfully complete your Year 12 studies and receive an ATAR, regardless of the ATAR value. This early offer cannot be deferred, so please accept the offer to secure your place at ANU.

After the early offer round, the application portal will reopen for a month, allowing applicants to change their preferences and provide supporting documents for the final offer round.

Final offers will be released in December/January. If you have already received an early offer and kept that program as your highest preference, you will receive your final offer if you have successfully completed your Year 12 studies and received an ATAR.

All direct applicants will be covered by our [accommodation guarantee](#).

For students who are interested in applying for scholarships, their eligibility is automatically assessed through our application process. There are two prestigious scholarships however that we want to call your attention to, these are the [Tuckwell](#) scholarship and the [Kambri Indigenous Undergraduate Scholarship](#).

Please be advised that applying for the **Tuckwell Scholarship** is a long process and will involve a recommendation from your school- students need to be highly organised to engage in this process!

For More Information

<https://study.anu.edu.au/apply/domestic-undergraduate>



Charles Sturt Advantage

<https://study.csu.edu.au/information-for/school-leavers/charles-sturt-advantage>

Key Dates

31 July	Early Bird Applications Close
31 August	Round 2 Applications Close
1 September	Early Bird Offers Released
19 September	Round 2 Offers Released

The Charles Sturt Advantage is your chance to get into uni based on work you've already done and skills you already have. There are three rounds that you can apply for. Some of our most competitive courses will fill in the earlier rounds – so make sure you apply early.

You can apply for the Advantage if you are in Year 12, have completed Year 11 and are an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or New Zealand citizen.

You apply online. You'll need to attach a pdf of your Year 11 results and tell us three things:

- How a Charles Sturt degree will enable you to be a positive influence in your community.
- When you showed resilience during a difficult time.
- A time when you demonstrated empathy and why you took the actions you did.

You can preference three courses in your application. If you're successful, you'll get an offer in order of your preferences.

For More Information

<https://study.csu.edu.au/information-for/school-leavers/charles-sturt-advantage>



La Trobe Aspire Early Entry Program

<https://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire>

Key Dates

Late April	Applications Open (Community Contribution Program)
September	Applications Close

We have multiple streams to choose from, so if you've given back to your community or achieved good results in Year 11, you could gain an early conditional offer and get the reassurance that you have a place in your preferred course before you complete Year 12.

Community Contribution Program

The Aspire Community Contribution program is a great option for students that are looking to use their community service or leadership experience to secure a spot in their dream course at La Trobe.

We consider all past and present community engagement that makes a positive contribution, such as leadership, volunteering, family support or participation.

If you're a student volunteering with one of our partner organisations, you will receive an automatic conditional offer at La Trobe University.

Year 11 Conditional Offer

The Aspire Year 11 Conditional Entry program uses your performance in Year 11 to secure you an early conditional offer into a range of courses at La Trobe.

Once you have secured your place at La Trobe you can take advantage of our other Aspire pathways to unlock access to more than 100 courses at La Trobe. It's the perfect way to take the stress out of Year 12.

It's a requirement of your conditional offer to study at La Trobe that you successfully complete year 12 and meet the minimum subject requirements and any other course prerequisites.

Unless otherwise specified and depending on when you apply, you will receive an early conditional offer two weeks* after you submit your completed application (including your Year 11 results and completed School Endorsement Form).

* this is an estimate and may be longer during peak application periods.

For More Information

<https://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire>

Community Contribution: <https://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire/community-contribution>

Year 11 Conditional Offer: <https://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire/year-11-conditional-entry>



Macquarie University Early Entry Schemes

<https://www.mq.edu.au/study/admissions-and-entry/pathways/schemes>

Key Dates

25 July	Round 1 Applications Close
1 September	Round 1 Offers Released
2 September	Round 2 Applications Open
25 September	Round 2 Offers Released

At Macquarie, we recognise that your ATAR doesn't necessarily reflect your achievements or potential, so we look at a variety of criteria including relevant HSC subjects, community engagement and more.

Leaders and Achievers Early Entry Scheme

You could receive an early entry offer to study at Macquarie if you have performed well academically in Year 11 and demonstrate leadership skills, personal development and dedication through your extracurricular activities. You must meet both academic and leadership criteria.

Academic Criteria	Leadership Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> high-achieving students who have performed well in their Year 11 studies in Australia receiving the New South Wales Higher School Certificate, ACT Senior Secondary Certificate or International Baccalaureate Diploma in Australia in 2025. 	<p>At least two of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership: mentorship, coaching or leading a team, collaboration and teamwork skills, empathy and self-awareness. Service and community engagement: positive benefit to others and active engagement in the school, local or wider community. Contribution and commitment: genuine connection with your chosen purpose, persistence and dedication to manage self and/or work with others to achieve a goal. Initiative: independent thought and action; ability to anticipate needs. Self-efficacy: self-awareness, personal learning and development.

Schools Recommendation Scheme

Macquarie University also participates in UAC's Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS).

Make sure you have your preferred Macquarie course up the top of your preferences to give yourself the best chance of receiving an offer through SRS.

For More Information

SRS: <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/admissions-and-entry/pathways/schemes/schools-recommendation>

Leaders and Achievers: <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/admissions-and-entry/pathways/schemes/leaders-achievers>



SCU Early Offer

<https://www.scu.edu.au/study/high-school-students/entry-pathways/early-offer/>

Key Dates

7 October	Applications Open
30 October	Online portal for school assessment opens
13 November	Offers sent to students

The Early Offer program allows Year 12 students to secure a place in a Southern Cross University degree before Year 12 results are released. It's designed to remove some of the pressure from Year 12 and provide a pathway directly into university study that is not based solely on Year 12 results.

For More Information

<https://www.scu.edu.au/study/high-school-students/entry-pathways/early-offer/>



University of Canberra Early Entry Programs

<https://www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/get-into-uc/admissions-programs>

Key Dates

19 May	Applications Open
17 August	Applications Close
31 August	Early Offer Document Deadline
15 September	Offers Released

At UC there are a number of ways you can gain admission into your preferred course.

University of Canberra Early Offer Round

If you're a current Year 12 student applying to UC for undergraduate study next year, you could receive an early admission offer under the Early Offer Round using criteria other than your ATAR.

To apply, you'll need:

- Your official Year 11 NESA Report
- A 300-word personal statement about which course/s you are interested in studying, and why you have chosen to apply for these course/s at the University of Canberra

To be eligible for the Early Offer Scheme, you must be a current Year 12 student enrolled in a school located in the ACT or NSW and intending to go to university. When applying for the Early Offer Scheme, your achieved results from the relevant Year 11 subjects will be assessed by UC. HSC subjects that are used for the ATAR calculation in NSW, and subjects undertaken in Year 11 through the International Baccalaureate (IB) which are used to calculate your ATAR.

You can find out more about the Early Offer Round by contacting our Future Students Team.

School Recommendation Scheme

University of Canberra also participates in UAC's Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS).

If you apply for the SRS, your school's rating of your aptitudes will be considered, including your capacity for tertiary study. Applying through the SRS doesn't guarantee you an offer to the University of Canberra, as course quotas and other criteria still need to be considered.

Email: study@canberra.edu.au, Phone: [1800 864 226](tel:1800864226)

For More Information

<https://www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/get-into-uc/admissions-programs>

SRS: <https://www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/get-into-uc/admissions-programs/schools-recommendation-scheme>

Early Offer Round: <https://www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/apply-to-uc/early-offer-round>



UNE Early Entry

<https://www.une.edu.au/study/study-on-campus/early-entry>

Key Dates

March	Early Entry applications open
July	Round 1 applications close
September	Round 1 offer letters released
October	Round 2 applications close
November	Round 2 offer letters released

Please check UNE’s website for specific dates, as these are still to be advised.

UNE Early Entry is open to all Year 12 applicants, whether or not you’re expecting to receive an ATAR. Early Entry relies on your school’s assessment of your attributes and abilities: your ability to work and learn independently, and your overall potential for academic success.

Apply with us directly and you can get your offer before the release of the Year 12 results, giving you the certainty that no matter what happens, you have a place at UNE. Based on your school's recommendation, we will guarantee you an offer to start with us in 2026.

In the free online application you will choose up to three course preferences, which, combined with your school's recommendation, will determine the best offer of a university place — no ATAR required.

We guarantee you an offer. If not for one of your three preferences, then for an alternative course to ensure that you have the best chance of success. You will receive your offer directly from UNE in November.

See UNE’s early entry website for eligible courses.

For More Information

<https://www.une.edu.au/study/study-on-campus/early-entry>



UNSW Early Entry Programs

<https://www.unsw.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/undergraduate/admission-pathways>

Key Dates

10 April	Gateway Admission Round 1 opens
5 May	Portfolio Entry Applications Round 1 open
21 July	Portfolio Entry Applications Round 1 close
23 July	Gateway Admission Round 1 closes
4 September	Gateway Admission Round 1 offers release
4 September	Gateway Admission Round 2 opens
5 September	Portfolio Entry Round 1 Conditional Offers Released
6 September	Portfolio Entry Round 2 Round Applications open
12 November	Gateway Admission Round 2 closes
17 November	Portfolio Entry Round 2 Applications close
5 December	Portfolio Entry Round 2 Offers Released
5 December	Gateway Admission Round 2 offers release
18 December	Gateway Admission Firm Offers Released

Gateway Program

If you're in Year 12, the Gateway Admission Pathway is an alternative pathway to UNSW which considers more than just your ATAR. It offers early entry to UNSW or a significantly lower ATAR entry requirement for a range of degrees.

To be eligible for the Gateway Admission Pathway, you must: be an Australian resident, be completing an Australian Year 12 qualification in the year of application and attend a Gateway school or live in a low-socioeconomic area based on IRSAD and IEO indexes of [SEIFA criteria](#).

Portfolio Entry Scheme

The UNSW Portfolio Entry Early Conditional Offer Scheme includes Arts, Design & Architecture Portfolio Entry and Faculty of Engineering Admissions Scheme (FEAS).

The UNSW Portfolio Entry Scheme offers early conditional offers for select degrees across UNSW Arts, Design & Architecture and UNSW Engineering, giving you the opportunity to showcase your passion and talent alongside your ATAR. Successful applicants will receive an early conditional offer with an adjusted ATAR entry requirement of up to 10 ATAR points below the lowest selection rank for a specific degree or range of related degrees.

For More Information

Gateway: <https://www.unsw.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/undergraduate/admission-pathways/Gateway>

Portfolio: <https://www.unsw.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/undergraduate/admission-pathways/portfolio-entry>



University of Newcastle Early Entry Programs

<https://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/undergraduate/getting-in/entry-schemes-school-leaver>

Key Dates

2 April	Early Entry applications open
4 September	Applications Close (Main Round)
4 September	Last Day to Change Preferences (Main Round)
11 September	Offers Released (Main Round)
25 September	Applications Close (Supplementary Round)
25 September	Last Day to Change Preferences (Supplementary Round)
2 October	Offers Released (Supplementary Round)

Early Entry Program

Our free Early Entry Program means you can receive an offer from us before commencing HSC exams. Offers are conditional on you completing the HSC or equivalent.

The University of Newcastle's Early Entry Program is for NSW and ACT students completing Year 12 (Higher School Certificate or International Baccalaureate) in 2025. Early entry considers your Year 11 results so you can earn an offer to your chosen degree before you commence your exams.

You can select up to three preferences when you apply, and you can change your preferences throughout the application period. You will receive an offer based on your highest eligible preference, so make sure to put your preferred degree as your top preference.

If you do not receive an offer in the first round, you can change your preferences for the next (and final) offer round when the portal re-opens.

Schools Recommendation Scheme

The University of Newcastle also participates in UAC's Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS).

For More Information

<https://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/undergraduate/getting-in/entry-schemes#school-leaver>

Early Entry Program: <https://www.newcastle.edu.au/early>

SRS: <https://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/undergraduate/getting-in/entry-schemes/schools-recommendation-scheme>



Young Achievers Early Offer Program

<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/applications-and-admissions/pathways/early-offer>

Key Dates

1 May	Applications open
19 August	Round 1 Applications Close
1 September	Round 1 Offers Released
13 September	Round 2 Applications Close
19 September	Round 2 Offers Released
26 September	Round 3 Applications Close
3 October	Round 3 Offers Released
4 December	Round 4 Applications Close
10 December	Round 4 Offers Released

Notre Dame's Early Offer program is for Year 12 school-leavers completing the ATAR pathway. If you are currently in Year 12 completing the ATAR pathway, you have the opportunity to secure a spot at the university that emphasises the whole person.

To apply, you should submit your 8-digit NESA number and your NESA Student eRecord for Year 11 results ready to provide. You may also collate your Year 11 and Year 12 mid-year reports in a digital file.

We want to know more about you, not just your academic achievements! In the application, you will be asked about your non-academic commitments and you will be able to provide details. You may also wish to upload supporting documentation, which may include:

- A recommendation from your school or community group, or
- Awards, certificates, articles, curriculum vitae, etc

At Notre Dame, we consider the whole person, so get ready to tell us about yourself by answering the following questions in your application form:

- Tell us how you contribute, and how frequently, to community life.
- Why are you applying to study at Notre Dame?
- Why have you chosen to study this degree?

For More Information

<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/applications-and-admissions/pathways/early-offer>



University of Sydney Entry Schemes

<https://www.sydney.edu.au/study/applying/admission-pathways.html>

Key Dates

TBA	Key dates for the programs are yet to be announced
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MySydney Entry and Scholarship

MySydney offers every [eligible student](#) entry on a reduced ATAR, an \$8,500 per annum scholarship for the duration of their undergraduate degree and a range of additional support. No separate application is required.

To be eligible, you must be a domestic student residing in an area listed in the bottom 25 percent according to Australian Bureau of Statistics Socio-Economic Index for Areas (SEIFA) Index of Education and Occupation (IEO) data based on the residential address you enter in your UAC undergraduate application.

To find out if you're eligible for MySydney, place a University of Sydney course in your UAC preference list. Deadlines for doing are TBA for 2026 admission. If you are eligible you will receive advice by email from the University of Sydney. If you're eligible, place your chosen MySydney course as your highest eligible UAC preference.

Gadigal Program

The Gadigal Program is our Indigenous student pathway that supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to study at the University of Sydney. The program includes the opportunity to apply for a Gadigal early conditional offer and lower minimum ATAR requirements.

Application is through UAC, and will appear when you self-identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and place an eligible University of Sydney course in your UAC preferences.

Creative Arts Special Admission Scheme

The Creative Arts Special Admission Scheme offers talented Year 12 students a chance to receive an early offer to study based on their portfolio and academic performance in Year 11 and 12 so far, prior to getting an ATAR. It is available for the Bachelor of Visual Arts, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Music (Composition) and Bachelor of Music (Composition)

No separate application is needed, you must meet the portfolio requirements by the 31 August (Bachelor of Visual Arts) or have applied to the Conservatorium for audition in either July or September (Bachelor of Music).

For More Information

<https://www.sydney.edu.au/study/applying/admission-pathways.html>

MySydney: <https://www.sydney.edu.au/study/applying/admission-pathways/mysydney-entry-and-scholarship-scheme.html>

Gadigal Program: <https://www.sydney.edu.au/study/applying/admission-pathways/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-pathways.html>

Creative Arts Admission Scheme (Visual Arts): <https://www.sydney.edu.au/arts/schools/sydney-college-of-the-arts/creative-arts-special-admission-scheme-casas.html>

Creative Arts Admission Scheme (Music): <https://www.sydney.edu.au/arts/schools/sydney-college-of-the-arts/creative-arts-special-admission-scheme-casas.html>



UTS Early Entry Program

<https://www.uts.edu.au/study/undergraduate/admission-requirements/admissions-schemes/uts-early-entry-program>

Key Dates

TBA	Dates for 2026 early entry applications to be advised
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Details for Early Offers for 2026 admission are to be advised. Check UTS's website for updates.

The UTS Early Entry Program is designed for Year 12 students who have excelled in Year 11. It rewards the hard work and dedication that goes into preparing for the final year of school, by awarding provisional offers to successful students. Offer holders are able to accept and enrol into their UTS course before their HSC/IB exams if they wish to. It is important to note that students must still meet the minimum ATAR requirement for their course. These minimum ATARs are available on UTS's Early Entry website.

You can preference up to three courses in your application and only one offer will be made per application. We encourage you to put the course that you are most interested in as your first preference, as we make offers based on your highest eligible preference.

Schools Recommendation Scheme

Our Schools Recommendation Scheme is aimed at helping Year 12 students gain entry into university when their ATAR alone may not be sufficient. It seeks to recognise students for other skills and achievements outside their performance in Year 12, including their overall suitability for tertiary study, based on a recommendation from their school principal (or careers advisor).

Our focus is on supporting students who have the potential to succeed at university, but may not receive an offer based on their ATAR alone. Applicants must first be eligible for socio-economic disadvantage, school environment (S01C only) or financial hardship under our [inpUTS](#) scheme.

For More Information

<https://www.uts.edu.au/study/undergraduate/admission-requirements/admissions-schemes/uts-early-entry-program>

<https://www.uts.edu.au/study/undergraduate/admission-requirements/admissions-schemes/educational-access-schemes/schools-recommendation-scheme>



UOW Early Admission

<https://www.uow.edu.au/early-admission/>

Key Dates

16 June	Applications open
8 August	Applications close

UOW Early Admission is our early offer program for students completing Year 12 (Higher School Certificate or other Australian equivalents) during 2025.

When you apply for Early Admission, UOW looks beyond your ATAR and considers your unique skills and experiences, alongside your Yr 11 results, so you can earn an offer to uni before you sit your first exam.

Getting into UOW early means less stress for you at that time and provides you with the certainty that next year you'll be studying at a uni who knows you're more than your ATAR.

When you apply for Early Admission, you'll be asked to answer four questions that indicate a student is ready to succeed at university. The questions address the below criteria:

- Academic readiness
- Motivation and passion
- Communication and collaboration
- Planning and persistence

You will also be asked to provide you Year 11 results. We'll look at your results in subjects relevant to the course or courses you select in your application.

For More Information

<https://www.uow.edu.au/early-admission/>

HSC True Reward Early Offer Program

<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/application-pathways/hsc-true-reward>

Key Dates

3 September	Applications Close for Round 1
11 September	Round 1 Offers Released
12 November	Applications Close for Round 2
20 November	Round 2 Offers Released
10 December	Applications Close for Round 3
18 December	Round 3 Offers Released
31 December	Applications Close for Round 4
8 January	Round 4 Offers Released

HSC True Reward is Western's early offer program for domestic and international NSW HSC students finishing their NSW HSC in 2025. The program offers you a place at Western before you receive your ATAR. This unique program recognises that you are much more than your ATAR and focuses on the scores that reflect your strong points and areas of interest.

Search the Year 11 and 12 subject requirements for the HSC True Reward program on Western Sydney University's website. The requirements are subject to change for entry in 2026.

To apply, you must make a free, direct application to Western Sydney University.

For More Information

<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/application-pathways/hsc-true-reward>

<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/application-pathways/hsc-true-reward/subject-bands>

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