

A young woman in a black graduation gown and mortarboard cap is celebrating, with her arms raised in the air. She is smiling and looking upwards. In the background, a large, classical-style building with a prominent green dome is visible under a clear blue sky. The text "Early Entry Programs NSW Universities" is overlaid on the image in a bold, black font.

Early Entry Programs NSW Universities

Early Entry Programs 2020

Schools Recommendation Schemes

Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS) are one way institutions make early offers of undergraduate admission to Year 12 students. They do this by using criteria other than (or in addition to) the ATAR.

Who can apply?

To apply for SRS you must be a Year 12 applicant who is attempting:

- an Australian Year 12 qualification in 2020, or
- an International Baccalaureate in Australia in 2020.

You must also be a UAC applicant for undergraduate admission in 2020–21 and:

- an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or
- a permanent resident of Australia or holder of an Australian permanent resident humanitarian visa.

Institution criteria

Participating institutions may use one or more of the following criteria listed when considering your application:

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

Institutions will then make offers based:

- solely on SRS criteria
- on both SRS criteria and ATAR/selection rank
- on SRS criteria and ATAR and equity criteria.

Each institution has its own policy for determining SRS eligibility and making offers. For example, you may also have to submit an EAS application by institution-defined date/s, or attend a school in a particular region.

SRS is not available for all courses. The institution-specific SRS criteria detail any exceptions.

Institution Specific Criteria here:

Find out which institutions are taking part in SRS and the criteria they set for applicants. [Click here.](#)

How your School rates you across 5 areas

NOTE: Other early entry programs are detailed below. Some are part of the SRS Scheme and also offer additional early entry options .Other early entry schemes run independent of the SRS Scheme.

ACU Community Achiever Program



Facebook Messenger Live Chat

10 July. 11am to 2.00pm

Join us for an online chat session and ask us questions about the Community Achiever Program (CAP).

Speak to ACU staff. Have your questions answered live <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2020/july/community-achiever-program-facebook-messenger-live-chat>

Note: the link below was under maintenance at ACU at the time of publication. Please check back and attend the Live Chat above.

<https://www.acu.edu.au/500.html?aspxerrorpath=/study-at-acu/admission-pathways/i-volunteer-regularly>

CSU Advantage Early Offer Program



Opens 1 June

Closes 31 August

Outcome given mid September

We're looking beyond academic skills and searching for people with soft skills – things like emotional intelligence, collaboration and communication skills, resilience and a commitment to creating a world worth living in. Skills employers are *really* looking for.

If you're successful, you'll unlock a world of possibilities. Not only will you receive a conditional study offer *before* you sit your exams (and an adjustment to the ATAR you'll need to achieve), you'll become part of an exclusive support program that will help you transition to life as an official Charles Sturt student.

Don't forget: the Charles Sturt Advantage early offer program is open to everyone – whether you're finishing Year 12 this year or coming to uni from the workforce.

Want to be kept in the loop about our Charles Sturt Advantage early offer program?

Sign up for updates on all things Charles Sturt to be sent straight to your inbox.

View Courses:

<https://study.csu.edu.au/courses>

Register here:

<https://study.csu.edu.au/study-options/pathways/charles-sturt-advantage#subscribe>

Macquarie University



Macquarie's two early entry schemes for Year 12 students are:

- [Macquarie Leaders and Achievers Early Entry Scheme](#)
- [Schools Recommendation Scheme](#)

Macquarie Leaders and Achievers Early Entry Scheme Opens 1 June

Closes 31 August. 2pm

The Macquarie Leaders and Achievers Early Entry Scheme is open to students completing the NSW Higher School Certificate, the ACT Senior Secondary Certificate or the International Baccalaureate in 2020. This scheme recognises your academic performance and your extracurricular activities beyond the classroom. You're required to provide up to three examples of your involvement in leadership and

service during Year 11 or Year 12. This may include voluntary or paid activities you participated in at your school or within your community.

If your application is successful, you'll receive an offer to study at Macquarie in 2021, before you complete your final exams. Scholarships will be awarded to top applicants.

What you can study

All undergraduate degrees are available through this scheme for 2021 entry, with the exception of Macquarie's Co-op programs.

Before you apply

1. Select your courses

Refer to the Macquarie Leaders and Achievers course list.

You can list up to FIVE courses in your application.

Offer is made to your highest eligible preference.

We encourage you to do your research, speak with your careers adviser, or contact us at Future Students, to help find the right course(s) for you.

2. Obtain referees. These will include:

- A school referee such as your school principal, careers adviser, year adviser or head teacher
- Referees for each of the activities you have included in your application who are familiar with your participation

Note that your referees are **not required** to provide any supplementary written recommendations.

However, you should notify the referees as Macquarie University may contact them.

3. Prepare responses to the Leadership and Community Engagement questions, as well as the teaching questionnaire if applying for teaching courses.

You will need to provide a minimum of two activities and maximum of three to demonstrate your leadership and community engagement.

4. Apply online:

- Visit the application portal and create an account when applications open – use your personal email (not school email) as correspondence will be sent to this email address.
- Complete all questions including the questions related to Leadership and Community Engagement, as well as the teaching questionnaire (if applying for teaching courses)
- Select up to five course preferences and submit. School results

New South Wales Higher School Certificate or ACT Senior Secondary Certificate

Your Year 11 results will be accessed on your behalf via the New South Wales Education Standards Authority (NESA) or the ACT equivalent authority.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

If you are undertaking the International Baccalaureate (IB), you must upload your Year 11 school results together with your application.

After you apply

Once you have submitted your application, we will send a confirmation email to your nominated email address. If you haven't received the email, check your junk folder.

Check your nominated email regularly in case we need to get in touch with you regarding your application.

Your application may take up to six weeks to be assessed.

Outcome of application

You will be notified of the outcome of your application via email.

If you're successful and receive an offer for the course(s) you applied for, follow the steps to accept your offer. We recommend that you complete your acceptance as soon as possible. If you are not successful in your chosen course(s) and are invited to consider alternative courses, follow the steps to change your course preference(s) to secure an offer.

How to apply:

<https://www.mq.edu.au/study/admissions/entry-requirements/domestic/macquarie-entry/macquarie-leaders-and-achievers/how-to-apply>

Macquarie University Courses:

<https://www.mq.edu.au/study/admissions/entry-requirements/domestic/macquarie-entry/macquarie-leaders-and-achievers/courses>

Visit:

<https://www.mq.edu.au/study/admissions/entry-requirements/domestic/macquarie-entry/macquarie-leaders-and-achievers>

Macquarie & Schools Recommendation Scheme

You can receive an early offer to study at Macquarie University before you receive your ATAR under the Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS). This scheme looks at your Year 11 academic achievements and your school's rating of your aptitude.

What you can study

All undergraduate degrees are available through this scheme for 2021 entry, with the exception of

Macquarie's Co-op programs and the Bachelor of Combined Studies.

[Explore our courses](#)

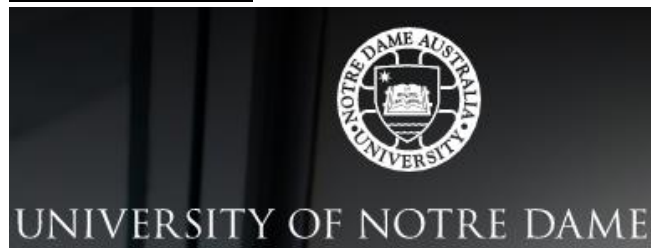
Key dates

Applications now open. Applications close on 20 September 2020.

After you apply

UAC SRS offers will be released from November Round 1, Thursday 12 November onwards.

Notre Dame Sydney



Early Offer Student and Parent Info Evening

2 July 2020

Apply by 31 July

Early Offer applicants will receive an outcome within 2 to 4 weeks of submitting an application. Therefore, the earlier you apply online, the earlier you may receive an offer to study at Notre Dame University.

Gather your available Year 11 and Year 12 reports. If you have not yet received your Year 12 report you can still submit your application.

Ensure these documents are in electronic format to upload to the online application.

Please note: International students need to apply according to international applicant guidelines using the online international application. More information is [available here](#).

Through the online application you can tell us more about yourself. Prepare your response (approx 100 words for each question) so you are ready to enter it into the online application:

- Why are you applying to Notre Dame?
- What motivates you for your chosen degree?
- Tell us about your interests and/or achievements such as work experience, sporting or community involvement.

Once you have completed steps 1 and 2, you are ready to complete and submit the [online application](#). You will receive a confirmation email from our Admissions team.

Early Offer eBook

<https://www.notredame.edu.au/pubs/eos2021/>

Visit:

<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/early-offer/early-offer-sydney>

STAR Southern Cross University



Applications close: 11 September 2020
NSW school recommendations close: 25 September 2020
NSW offers released: 9 November 2020

The STAR program allows you to secure your place in a Southern Cross University degree before your Year 12 results are even released. It's designed to remove some of the pressure from Year 12 and give you a pathway directly into uni study that is not based solely on your Yr12 results.

Why should I apply for STAR?

- This program allows you to gain an offer into a Southern Cross University course of your choice, based on your high school grades and your school principal's recommendation.
- This means that STAR does not take your Year 12 results into consideration. It's free to apply & it's a simple online application.

What can I study?

- You can apply for any undergraduate degree program offered at Southern Cross University across our three campuses as well as online study. With such a broad range of degrees on offer, it's an amazing opportunity to think about your skills, your passions and your future.

How to Apply

Applying for STAR is easy! Create an application nominating your degree and campus of choice.

1. Your application will be saved and you can change your course and location preference all the way up until the closing date.
2. Your school will then assess your application and make their recommendation according to Southern Cross University's guidelines.
3. If you need assistance with the process, you can book an appointment with one of our student advisers who can answer any questions you have.
Call 1800 626 481
4. Once offers are released, we'll be in touch and let you know what the next step is.

Apply here:

https://scu-web.t1cloud.com/T1SMDefault/WebApps/eStudent/sc/star/star10.aspx?r=&f=WAP.STAR.A02.WEB&provider=SCU_STAR_CSS

Visit:

<https://www.scu.edu.au/star-early-offer/>

UNSW Gateway Yr12 Program



Apply by 29 May

Runs July School Holidays on-line

See the link below to check if you attend one of the Gateway schools

<https://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/year-12>

University of Newcastle Subject Spotlight Early Offer Program



Apply via UAC and you will be automatically assessed. We believe that your ATAR doesn't define who you are – it is your unique passions, abilities and ambitions that matter. Our Year 12 Subject Spotlight program rewards you with an offer for your hard work and strong results in one or more subjects related to your degree. So, you can take some of the stress out of your final school exams, knowing your ATAR isn't all that matters. There is no separate application for the program – simply apply through UAC and have the University of Newcastle listed as your first preference to qualify.*

Choose your preferred degree from the drop-down menu below to see what subject marks you'll need to receive an early offer.

Faculty of Health and Medicine degrees are not included in this program.

Courses here:

https://www.newcastle.edu.au/degrees#filter=campaign_subject_spotlight,level_undergraduate,intake_domestic

View:

<https://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/undergraduate/getting-in/entry-schemes/subject-performance-scheme>



Closes 25 September

Notification in early November

UNE Early Entry is open to all year 12 applicants and relies solely on your school's assessment of your attributes and abilities to determine your suitability for entry. The assessment is based around your ability to work and learn independently, as well as your overall potential for academic success at UNE.

Because UNE doesn't need to wait to receive your ATAR or OP score, you can apply to UNE early, receive an offer and secure a place at university, even before scores are released. This gives you the certainty you need to begin making other arrangements such as where to live and finding part-time work to get ahead of the pack..

Benefits of UNE Early Entry Direct:

- Apply directly to UNE online
- No application fees
- Know earlier (November) that you have a place at UNE to relieve the pressure of waiting for results, and let you plan your big move
- No UAC/QTAC applications required - Applying through UNE Early Entry does not prevent you from making another application through a tertiary admissions centre so it's a great way to increase your chances of getting into the course you want.

Who can apply for Early Entry?

Early Entry is available for most UNE degrees, for;

- current Year 12 students
- fulltime students preparing to sit the full NSW HSC in TAFE colleges in NSW and the ACT
- fulltime TAFE Tertiary Preparation Certificate students

For most courses you are offered you will also have the option to accept the offer and defer for up to two years.

Applying directly to UNE for Early Entry

Before you start your online Early Entry application, make sure you:

- select three courses you would like to study from the [Early Entry course list](#)
- use an email address unique to you; ensuring that it is not your school or family email address
- have relevant supporting documents in an electronic format, ready to upload to your application.

Step 1 — Register

- Register and confirm your email address to begin your Early Entry application.

Step Two — Applying

- The Early Entry application is fully online and can be completed and submitted electronically. This will ensure your application is accurately and securely lodged with UNE.
- Complete your application and then submit.
- Remember you can SAVE and RETURN at any time.
- Your application will be sent electronically to your school for the Principal's Report. Please ensure any additional supporting documentation is attached to your application prior to sending it.
- Your school will approve and submit the application to UNE on your behalf before the closing date.
- Applications close Friday 25 September 2020

Step Three — Confirming your application

- You will receive an email advising you that your application has been received by UNE and outlining the next steps you can take.

Step Four — The outcome of your application

- Successful applicants will receive an offer of a university place in early November. You can accept your offer immediately and secure your place for 2021.

If you do not receive an Early Entry place, it doesn't mean you won't get a place at UNE. You may still be considered through [UAC/QTAC application process](#).

For more information on the Universities Admission Centre, Schools Recommendation Scheme, please visit www.uac.edu.au.

Register here:

<https://earlyentry.une.edu.au/apex/f?p=118:1:::>

Courses here:

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

View:

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

University of Sydney E12 Early Offer SRS



Closes 20 September

Receive a conditional offer before the HSC exams even finish and benefit from a \$5,950 scholarship in your first year.

The Early Offer Year 12 (E12) Scheme will help ease the financial pressure of studying in your first year and gives you plenty of support with enrolment, orientation as well as other areas of student life.

If you apply successfully to E12, we will hold a place at the University of Sydney for you. When results are released, you will have a confirmed place providing you meet some additional criteria, including the E12 ATAR (lower than the guaranteed ATAR) and HSC subject requirements for your preferred course.

There are over 90 courses offered through E12, including business, engineering, health sciences, nursing, arts, science, law, agriculture, education, design computing, architecture and creative arts degrees.

Eligibility

To be eligible for E12, you will need to be assessed by UAC via their Educational Access Scheme (EAS) as either:

Experiencing financial hardship

- You will need to make an application to UAC's EAS under the financial hardship (codes: F01A, F01B, F01C and F01D) category that applies to you.
- You must upload the supporting documentation required by UAC to your EAS application by **11.59pm on 20 September 2020** to confirm your eligibility for consideration under the E12 Scheme in time for UAC conditional Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS) offers in mid-November 2020.

Low socio-economic status

- At the time of your UAC application, you must be residing in an area identified by the Australian Bureau of Statistics socio-economic indexes for areas (SEIFA) (code: AG01) as being in the lowest 25 percent of socio-economic disadvantage in Australia.
- UAC will automatically generate an EAS application for you if the residential address you enter in your UAC undergraduate application meets the criteria.
- If an application is generated for you, UAC will email you within 48 hours of completion of your application for admission.

Regional or rural school students

- UAC will automatically generate an EAS application for you if the school you attended during Year 11 and/ or 12 is classified as an Australian rural or regional school (codes: SO1R, SO1C).
- If an application is generated for you, UAC will email you within 48 hours of completion of your application for admission.

You will also need to be:

- undertaking the HSC or International Baccalaureate (IB) at a NSW high school
- supported by your school principal (ratings are to be submitted in the SRS system as part of your application)
- a domestic undergraduate student (international students are not eligible to apply)
- meet any other additional admission criteria.

Answer 3 Questions:

E12 question 1.

Other than your regular schoolwork, consider activities you have been involved in or achievements you have made, which are meaningful to you. These could be sports, cultural, community or school leadership activities. Select the one which best reflects you & describe why you undertook this activity, what you learned from it, and how it may be E12 question 2.

What are your three best academic achievements? Of these, select your proudest achievement and describe why it is important to you, describing the challenges you faced and how you overcame them.

E12 question 3.

Tell us why you want to study the course you have chosen, (include any experience you may have had that relates to this course). What is your interest in this area and what do you hope to achieve from studying this course?

Submit a Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS) application via UAC, upload the E12 supporting document and place the course you wish to be considered for under E12 as your first University of Sydney preference.

Check out our detailed How to Apply section for more information below.

E12 Courses Flyer:

<https://www.sydney.edu.au/content/dam/corporate/documents/study/how-to-apply/admission-pathways/e12-courses-available.pdf>

Visit:

<https://www.sydney.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/admission-pathways/early-offer-year-12-scheme.html>

University of Wollongong Early Admission



Opens on 20 July

Virtual Open Day – 8 August

Closes 14 August

Offers made 13 and 14 October

Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants must be:

- in Year 12 in 2020; and
- completing the HSC, an interstate equivalent, or the International Baccalaureate (IB) at an Australian high school; and
- eligible to be awarded the Higher School Certificate, IB or interstate equivalent.

Students in their final year of HSC Pathways are also eligible to apply.

If you don't meet the above criteria, unfortunately you are not eligible to apply for Early Admission.

However, there are many admission options available.

Email futurestudents@uow.edu.au to find the admission process that's right for your situation.

What important dates do I need to know?

Applications open on Monday 20 July 2020 and close on Friday 14 August 2020.

Late applications will not be accepted and UOW will not be able to offer any extensions.

Take some time to familiarise yourself with the **important dates**.

How do I apply?

UOW has partnered with the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) to provide a user-friendly application portal. All Early Admission applications are submitted direct to UOW, so applying is easy and straightforward.

If you live in NSW and the ACT your personal details, including your Year 11 results, will pre-populate the application form based on **your NESA student number** – so it's even easier to apply!

Once you start your application, we will communicate with you via email to make sure you know what you need to do and when. You will also be able to edit your application once you've submitted it, but be sure to make your final submission before 14 August 2020. Please note: Don't use your school-allocated email address when you apply. When you leave high school, your school email address may be cancelled. We will need to contact you after you leave school and into

2021, so please use a different email address that you check regularly.

How many preferences can I select?

You can select up to two UOW course preferences, with your first preference being the course you most want to study.

Double degrees (eg: the Bachelor of Engineering – Bachelor of Commerce) are considered to be one preference.

What does UOW assess for Early Admission?

UOW takes a holistic view of each individual applicant and considers a range of factors including:

- Year 11 subject performance
- whether the applicant has experienced disadvantage that has impacted performance in Year 11
- the applicant's performance at required interview or participation in compulsory engagement activity (or activities)
- the applicant's responses to UOW's identified indicators of success themes: Academic Readiness, Motivation and Passion, Planning and Persistence, Communication and Collaboration

So you can prepare, take a look at the below four questions which are included in the Early Admission application:

- **Academic Readiness:** What are your study strategies for your final exams?
- **Motivation and Passion:** Why do you want to study at UOW?
- **Communication and Collaboration:** Describe a time when you worked with others to achieve a goal.
- **Planning and Persistence:** How do you manage your time around your studies and other activities? Include three strategies that you've used in Year 12 to prioritise tasks and organise your time.

Will I also need to apply through UAC for UOW Early Admission?

If you apply for UOW Early Admission by the closing date of Friday 14 August 2020, you will not need to apply again through UAC.

Successful Early Admission applicants will receive an official UOW offer in October before they sit their final exams.

There is no requirement to apply again through UAC for UOW Early Admission.

What subjects are most important for specific degrees?

UOW does not have pre-requisites for entry and, as such, there are no specific subject criteria for Early Admission.

We take an all-inclusive view of Early Admission applicants and will conduct our assessments based on the merits of each individual's application and their

performance at interview, or participation in engagement activities.

UOW provides recommended study for courses on entry to Year 11 (speak to your careers adviser). Strong results in relevant Year 11 subjects (eg: mathematics for engineering degrees) is likely to be advantageous.

How will I know if I'm successful? When will I receive an offer?

Successful applicants will receive their official UOW offers in October, before sitting their final exams.

If you are not successful you will be considered for another preference and will either receive an alternative UOW or UOW College offer, depending on your demonstrated capability.

If you applied for two UOW courses, you will receive two separate emails – one for each course.

Can I receive an offer for both my preferences?

Yes, you may be able to receive an offer for both your preferences. A double degree (eg: Bachelor of Commerce – Bachelor of Laws) counts as one preference.

Will my offer come with any conditions?

The main condition that all Early Admission applicants have to clear is to complete Year 12 (NSW HSC, interstate equivalent or International Baccalaureate (IB)), and be eligible for the award of the Higher School Certificate, IB or equivalent.

Some students will additionally need to meet one or more Year 12 subject requirements (either satisfactory completion or a specified band). These conditions will be specified and explained when you receive your official UOW offer.

7 Tips to apply:

<https://www.uow.edu.au/study/high-school/uow-early-admission/7-tips-to-complete-your-application/>

Course Finder:

<https://coursefinder.uow.edu.au/index.html>

Visit:

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

Western Sydney University True Reward Program



The program offers you a place at Western before you receive your ATAR, on the basis of your HSC subject results. This unique program recognises that you are much more than your ATAR. True Reward focuses on the scores that reflect your strong points.

Eligibility

Applications are open to domestic HSC students in NSW. The program is only applicable to Western Sydney University undergraduate courses or pathway courses offered through The College.

Requirements

Depending on the undergraduate degree you choose, **you need to meet a specified HSC Band outcome in nominated subjects.** In addition, you are also required to make a free, direct application to [Western Sydney University](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au)

You can use our [search tool](#) to find out by course/subject what Band outcomes for each degree.

We determine the HSC subjects that match the university course based on the performance of previous students. For each course, we look at past students who did well and what HSC subjects they studied – as well as their band outcome.

Offers

We will send you an offer to the email address you originally used to apply through the Western Application Portal. The email will provide you with details on how to enrol at Western to secure your offer. You'll also receive an SMS, to the mobile phone number you originally used to apply for the program, informing you of the offer.

Your application for HSC True Reward is a direct application to Western Sydney University. You can still apply through UAC for courses that are not available through HSC True Reward, including other unis.

FAQs

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

Check your eligibility:

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

Register your interest here:

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/form/register_your_interest_for_undergraduate_study_at_western

Visit:

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