

EARLY ENTRY PROGRAMS - 2023

VICTORIAN INSTITUTES

University	Program	Compulsory to apply via VTAC?	Apply direct?	Closing date
La Trobe University	Aspire Community Contribution	Y	Y	1 September
	Year 11 Conditional Entry	Y	Y	TBC
Australian Catholic University	ACU Guarantee	Y	Y	18 September
Swinburne University	Early Entry Program	Y	Y	9 October
Charles Sturt University	Charles Sturt Advantage	N	Y	30 June (Rnd. 2)
				31 August (Rnd. 3)
Victoria University	VU Guaranteed	Y	Y	October (TBC)
Federation University	Early Offer Program	Y	Y	1 December
Deakin University	Regional Access Scheme	Y	Y	December (TBC)
RMIT University	Early Offer Program	Y	Y	17 September
Monash University	Monash Guarantee	Y	N*	6 October
University of Melbourne	Access Melbourne	Y	N*	6 October
CQUniversity	Principal's Recommendation Scheme	N	Y	1 December
SAE Creative Media Institute	Launchpad	N	Y	Date TBA
Whitehouse Institute of Design	Early Offer Scheme	N	Y	Date TBA

*Apply via VTAC and SEAS

Note: 'apply direct' means complete the online application via the University's website.
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To receive an early admission offer, you will need to:

Complete Year 12.

Achieve the course prerequisites.

Meet all entry requirements set by the university.

For the majority of schemes you will need to:

Sit end of year exams to achieve the prerequisite study score/s.

Preference the course appropriately on your VTAC preference list.

You may also need to

Achieve the minimum ATAR set by the university.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU)

ACU GUARANTEE



Campuses

Melbourne, Ballarat.

Overview

The ACU Guarantee program offers eligible Year 12 students a place at ACU based on their Year 11 results. Offers may be made as early as July.

Selection is based on

Year 11 results (a selection rank will be created from your results).
Personal statement (optional).

Eligibility

Successfully completed Year 11 in Australia.
Complete Year 12 and sit exams.
Meet subject prerequisites for the course.

Benefit

Conditional course offer before exams (ATAR free).

Information and application

www.acu.edu.au/acu-guarantee

Selection rank can be boosted by

Living in a rural or regional area
Attending a partner school
Identify as Aboriginal / Torres Strait Islander
First person in your family to attend university

Personal statement

You may boost your selection rank by providing a personal statement to any of the following:

Impact through empathy: how you have given back to your community, e.g., charity work, volunteering, contributions to local networks helping those in need.

Impact over adversity: how you have overcome financial hardship, personal illness or disability, or disrupted or disadvantaged schooling.

Impact for family: how you have excelled in school in Australia if you are from a non-English speaking background, a refugee background or you have a lot of family responsibilities.

1

Applications open 24 July.
Check the course you would like to apply for is eligible for the program.

2

Complete the online application via the ACU Guarantee website by Monday 18 September.

Upload your Year 11 results (your school will assist with this).

Submit up to 3 personal statements to boost your selection rank (optional).

3

Apply for the course via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) from Monday 31 July and preference the course appropriately, www.vtac.edu.au

4

If you receive a conditional offer from ACU, this will be converted to an official offer if:

The course is your highest eligible VTAC preference, and you achieve the prerequisites for the course.

Offers will be released in December via VTAC.

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

ASPIRE EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM



Campuses

Melbourne, Bendigo, Mildura, Shepparton, Albury-Wodonga.

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION

Selection is based on

Involvement in community service, leadership, or volunteering.

Benefits

Conditional offer for course with a guaranteed 'Aspire ATAR'.

Exclusive events with Aspire peers

Financial support for overseas exchange

Guaranteed conditional offer

Students who volunteer with one of the following organisations will be guaranteed a conditional Community Contribution offer:

Scouts Victoria

Litter Dreamers

St John

State Emergency Service (SES)

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award

Application

See below

YEAR 11 CONDITIONAL OFFER

Selection is based on

Year 11 results (65+).

School Endorsement

Benefits

Conditional offer for desired course (ATAR free)

Exclusive events with Aspire peers

Financial support for overseas exchange

Note: La Trobe courses that have an ATAR of 65 and below are eligible for this pathway.

Application method

See your Career Adviser to organise the School Endorsement form.

Apply for the program at this link www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire and upload the Endorsement form and Year 11 academic report.

Information for both early admission programs

www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire

1

Applications are now open. All courses are eligible for the program.

2

Complete the online application via the La Trobe Aspire website by Friday 1 September.

You will need to provide two 100-word statements about your community service, leadership, or volunteering experiences.

3

Apply for the course/s via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) from Monday 31 July and preference the course appropriately, www.vtac.edu.au

4

If you receive a conditional Aspire offer, this will be converted to an official offer if:

The course is your highest eligible VTAC preference, and you achieve the Aspire ATAR and prerequisites for the course.

Offers will be released late December via VTAC.

SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM



Campuses

Hawthorn, Wantirna.

Overview

Are you in Year 12 and wanting to be part of the next generation of change-makers and big-thinkers? Looking to join the uni that puts innovation, tech, and deep industry partnerships first? Our Early Entry Program means you can apply to Swinburne early and start shaping the next gen_now.

We encourage you to apply for the 2024 Early Entry Program if you feel that your ATAR, or your Year 12 academic results, will not be indicative of who you are and what you're capable of as a uni student.

Selection is based on

Your answers to the next_gen questionnaire
A school recommendation.

Benefits

Conditional offer before exams (ATAR free).

Next_gen questionnaire

The three questions are (up to 200 words each):

Q1: How do you think people can work in collaboration with technology to create a better world?

Q2: Describe how your education and any extracurricular activities, work experiences, or other responsibilities have prepared you for a course at Swinburne.

Q3: Explain why you believe this course will assist you in achieving your career goals, and help you make a difference in the world.

Eligibility

Complete Year 12

Meet subject prerequisites (including study scores) for the course.
School agrees to provide a recommendation.

Information and application

www.swinburne.edu.au

1

Applications are now open.
Check the course you would like to apply for is eligible for the program.

Check if your school is willing to provide a recommendation for you.

2

Complete the online application via the Early Entry website by Monday 9 October.

Forward the recommendation template emailed to you from Swinburne to your school. The school representative will complete this and email it to Swinburne.

3

Apply for the course/s via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) from Monday 31 July and preference the course appropriately,
www.vtac.edu.au

4

If you receive a conditional offer from Swinburne, this will be converted to an official offer if:

The course is your highest eligible VTAC preference.

You achieve the prerequisites for the course.

Offers will be released late December via VTAC.

CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

CHARLES STURT ADVANTAGE



Campus

Albury Wodonga. Note: there are several campuses located across NSW.

Overview

At Charles Sturt we want you to have the best possible start to your next chapter. With the Charles Sturt Advantage you can get a guaranteed spot in your course before you sit your final exams. Last year we made almost 4,000 early offers – and now it's your turn!

Selection is based on

Completion of a soft skills assessment.
Year 11 results.

Benefits

ATAR free guaranteed offer before exams.
Apply direct to Charles Sturt for free and not via VTAC or UAC.
Get exclusive support that will help you step into uni life.
Be considered for exclusive scholarships based on your soft skills.

Soft skills assessment

You will need to answer the following questions for the soft skills assessment.

Q1: Explain how your degree from Charles Sturt University will enable you to be a positive influence in your community and create a world worth living in.

Q2: Resilience is an important trait to have in today's workforce. Tell us about a time where you showed resilience during a difficult time.

Q3: Describe how you show your empathy when dealing with others. Tell us about examples of times when you have showed empathy and why you took the actions you did.

Eligibility

Complete Year 12.
Meet prerequisites for the course.

Information and application

www.csu.edu.au

1

Applications are now open for Round 2. Check the course you would like to apply for is eligible for the program.

2

Complete the online application via the Advantage website by Friday 30 June for Round 2 and 31 August for Round 3.

Upload your Year 11 school reports and provide answers to the soft skills assessment.

3

If you receive an offer from Charles Sturt, accept the offer and either enrol into the course or defer your studies until 2025 (if eligible).

If you don't want the offer, decline, or ignore it.

4

Complete Year 12 (scored or unscored).

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

VU GUARANTEED



Campuses

Several campuses across Victoria including Footscray, St Albans, Melbourne etc.

Overview

Guarantee your place at Victoria University (VU) or VU Polytechnic (VUP), prior to completing Year 12. Feel confident going into your exams with the knowledge that you have a guaranteed a place with us. VU Guaranteed is here to maximise your chances of success in Year 12 and make your final school years less stressful.

Note – guaranteed offers are made for the institution, not a course.

Eligibility

Complete Year 12 at a school in Victoria.
Meet subject prerequisites (including study scores) for the course.
Achieve the required ATAR (if relevant).

Apply by

Date hasn't been released but it's usually October.

Application

You will be required to answer the following questions in your application (to be confirmed):

Why do you want to study at VU?

How do you contribute to your community, school or family?

Who inspires you to succeed?

How would studying at VU help you to make a difference in the world?

Benefits

Access to free study guides.

5 ATAR adjustments towards courses that use the ATAR (not Bachelor of Education P-12).

Tailored advice.

VIP treatment at events.

UniLoge - accommodation discount.

Ignite scholarships.

Information and application

www.vu.edu.au

1

Complete the online application via the VU Guaranteed website by the closing date.

Provide answers to 4 questions during this process.

2

VU courses: apply for the course/s via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) from Monday 31 July and preference the course appropriately, www.vtac.edu.au

VUP courses: apply direct to Victoria University Polytechnic (TAFE courses).

3

Conditional offers will be released within a week of your application.

Official offers for VU courses will be released late December via VTAC and at different stages for VUP courses.

4

If you receive an offer, accept it and either enrol into the course or defer your studies until 2025 (if eligible).

If you don't want the offer, decline, or ignore it.

FEDERATION UNIVERSITY

EARLY OFFER PROGRAM



Campuses

6 campuses across Ballarat, Gippsland, Berwick, and Wimmera.

Overview

Finishing high school can be stressful, so why not give yourself peace of mind with Federation University's Early Offer Program? Not only is an early offer exciting to receive but knowing that you have already secured a place in a degree means you can head into exams fully focused.

Selection is based on

Your application.

Benefits

Receive a conditional course offer before exams.
Exclusive access to university preparation events.

Eligibility

Domestic Year 12 students.
Meet prerequisites for the course.
Meet the guaranteed ATAR set for the course. Check the list here <https://bit.ly/3u789b1>

Apply by

Friday 1 December.

Information and application

<https://federation.edu.au/>

1

Applications are now open.
Check if your course is eligible for the program.

2

Apply for the course via the Federation University Early offer application portal by Friday 1 December.

Conditional offers may be released within a week of your application.

3

Apply for the course/s via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) from Monday 31 July and preference the course appropriately, www.vtac.edu.au

4

If you receive a conditional offer this will be converted to an official offer if:

The course is your highest eligible VTAC preference, and you achieve the prerequisites and guaranteed ATAR for the course.

Offers will be released late December via VTAC.

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

REGIONAL ACCESS SCHEME



Campuses

Geelong (2 campuses), Warrnambool.

Overview

Students from around Australia are using the Deakin Regional Access Scheme as a pathway to undergraduate study at our regional campuses in Geelong and Warrnambool. It allows you to secure a spot at university long before ATARs are released by looking at your skills, experience and achievements. The scheme covers 15 courses at the Geelong and Warrnambool campuses.

Benefits

Receive a conditional course offer before exams (ATAR free).
Have your skills, achievements and experience used for selection rather than your ATAR.

Eligibility

Be a current or recent Year 12 domestic student.
Meet prerequisites for the course (including study scores).
Achieve a minimum ATAR of 50.

Courses

15 Bachelor courses are eligible for the program. They are listed below (to be confirmed).

Arts (Regional Access Scheme)
Business (Regional Access Scheme)
Commerce (Regional Access Scheme)
Communication (Regional Access Scheme)
Construction Management (Honours) (Regional Access Scheme)
Criminology (Regional Access Scheme)
Environmental Engineering (Honours) (Regional Access Scheme)
Health Sciences (Regional Access Scheme)
Information Technology (Regional Access Scheme)
International Studies ((Regional Access Scheme)
Marine Science (Regional Access Scheme)
Public Health and Health Promotion (Regional Access Scheme)
Science (Regional Access Scheme)

Information and application

<https://www.deakin.edu.au/>

1

Applications open in early August. Check if your course is eligible for the program.

2

Complete the online application via the Regional Access Scheme portal by December (TBC) and upload documents to support your application.

3

Apply for the course/s via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) from Monday 31 July and preference the course appropriately, www.vtac.edu.au

4

If you receive a conditional offer from Deakin, this will be converted to an official offer if:

The course is your highest eligible VTAC preference, and you achieve the prerequisites for the course and an ATAR of at least 50.

Offers will be released late December via VTAC.

RMIT UNIVERSITY

SNAP

EARLY OFFER PROGRAM



Campuses

Melbourne, Bundoora, Brunswick.

There are two early admission programs that Year 12 students can apply for.

SCHOOLS NETWORK ACCESS PROGRAM (SNAP)

Eligibility

Be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, a permanent Australian resident, or a person seeking asylum

Be a current student at a SNAP school

Successfully complete any RMIT program prerequisites and extra requirements.

Have an ATAR that is within 20 points of the lowest selection rank (including adjustments) for that course.

For courses that select on a range of criteria such as folio or interview, SNAP applicants receive equivalent consideration on their performance in these tasks.

Benefit

Access Bachelor degree courses with a lower English study score prerequisite.

Application

Step 1: from Monday 31 July, create a Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) account and add the RMIT course/s to your preference list.

Step 2: Between Monday 31 July – Friday 6 October tick yes for Category 1 of SEAS in your VTAC account.

Offers

Offers will be released late December via VTAC.

Information

www.rmit.edu.au

EARLY OFFER PROGRAM

Overview

Are you a Year 12 who has experience being a leader, working with different people, showcasing your creativity or making an impact in the tech world? In 2023, your hobbies, weekend projects and passions can be considered alongside your ATAR. Through RMIT's Early Offer program, your life experience outside the classroom can count towards your dream degree, allowing you to be accepted on a lower ATAR and taking some of the pressure off your final year at high school.

Eligibility

Be a current Australian Year 12 student.

Be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or a permanent resident of Australia.

Meet course prerequisites.

Benefit

Guaranteed ATAR – called the 'Early Offer ATAR'.

Application

Step 1: check that your course is eligible for the Early Offer program.

Step 2: complete the online application via the Early Offer website by Sunday 17 September.

Step 3: Apply for the course via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) from Monday 31 July.

Offers

RMIT will release conditional offers by 28 September.

Official offers will be released via VTAC late December.

Information and application

www.rmit.edu.au

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

ACCESS MELBOURNE



Campus

Parkville

There are two Access Melbourne programs that Year 12 students can apply for.

ACCESS MELBOURNE – GUARANTEED ENTRY

Overview

As an Access Melbourne applicant you may be eligible for guaranteed entry to your preferred undergraduate degree with a lower guaranteed ATAR.

Eligibility

Eligible for at least one of the following Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) categories:

- Disadvantaged financial background
- Resident of a rural or isolated area.
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander

Applicants will need to meet course prerequisites and achieve the required guaranteed ATAR (2024 ATARs haven't been released yet).

Application

Step 1: check that your course is eligible for Access Melbourne.

Step 2: Apply for the course/s via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) from Monday 31 July, www.vtac.edu.au

Step 3: Between 31 July – 6 October submit an application via VTAC for the Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS).

Offers

Official offers will be released via VTAC late December.

Information

<https://study.unimelb.edu.au/>

ACCESS MELBOURNE – STUDY SCORE CONSIDERATION

Overview

Current Year 12 applicants who are eligible for at least one of these four Access Melbourne categories with an ATAR below the usual level selected, may be considered using criteria in addition to the ATAR by achieving a (raw) VCE study score of at least 35 in one or more of the VCE Unit 3+4 subjects (or equivalent) specified for their course(s) of interest and providing a personal statement:

- Disadvantaged financial background
- Resident of a rural or isolated area
- Difficult circumstances
- Disability or medical condition.

Application

Step 1: check that your course is eligible.

Step 2: Apply for the course/s via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) from Monday 31 July, www.vtac.edu.au

Step 3: From Monday 31 July complete a VTAC Personal Statement.

Offers

Official offers will be released via VTAC late December.

Information

<https://study.unimelb.edu.au/>

MONASH UNIVERSITY

MONASH GUARANTEE



Campuses

Clayton, Peninsula, Caulfield, Parkville, Gippsland.

Overview

The Monash Guarantee can get you into a Monash course even if you don't reach the course's lowest selection rank. Most undergraduate courses at Monash have a Monash Guarantee ATAR, which is lower than the expected selection rank for that course. For most courses, if you meet the eligibility criteria, achieve the Monash Guarantee ATAR (starting at 70.00), complete all course prerequisites and any additional selection criteria, you will be eligible for a place at Monash.

Benefit

Guaranteed ATAR that is lower than the expected selection rank for the course.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Monash Guarantee, you must:

- be studying an Australian Year 12 or IB in 2023
- be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, a holder of Australian permanent residency or permanent humanitarian visa
- satisfy all course-specific prerequisites and requirements
- meet the Monash Guarantee ATAR for your preferred course
- demonstrate that you have experienced financial disadvantage; attend a Monash-listed under-represented school; are an Indigenous Australian; or live in a low socio-economic area.

Information

www.monash.edu

1

Applications open Monday 31 July. Check if your course is eligible for the program.

2

Apply for the course/s via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) from Monday 31 July and preference the course appropriately, www.vtac.edu.au

3

Between Monday 31 July – Friday 6 October submit an application via VTAC for the Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS), <https://careernews.click/seas>

4

Offers will be released late December via VTAC.

CQUNIVERSITY

PRINCIPAL'S RECOMMENDATION SCHEME



Campus

Melbourne, online.

Overview

Our Principal's Recommendation Scheme is an early offer scheme that allows Year 12 students to apply to an undergraduate CQUniversity course based on the recommendation of their high school Principal rather than ATAR. Open to all Year 12 students, the Scheme is designed to assist capable students to access entry to CQUniversity, it in no way provides relaxation of the quality and academic standards that students must meet to successfully complete their degree.

Selection is based on

Principal's recommendation from your school.

Benefits

Receive an unconditional offer for a CQUniversity course within 48 hours of submitting your application.
Apply direct to CQUniversity for free.

Information and application

www.cqu.edu.au

Eligibility

Complete year 12.

Meet prerequisites and any additional selection criteria for the course.

Eligible courses

Examples of courses eligible for the scheme include:

On-campus

Bachelor of Accounting

Bachelor of Business

Bachelor of Information Technology

Online

Bachelor of Agriculture

Bachelor of Criminology

Bachelor of Allied Health

Bachelor of Aviation

Bachelor of Building Design

Bachelor of Construction Management (Honours)

Bachelor of Engineering

Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science

Bachelor of Laws

Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science

Bachelor of Nursing

1

Applications are now open.
Check if your course is eligible for the program.

2

Organise a recommendation letter from your school Principal.

3

Apply for the course via the Early Entry application portal by Friday 1 December and upload the recommendation letter.

You will receive a guaranteed course offer within 48 hours of your application. Note: Nursing requires an additional form to be uploaded.

4

Accept the offer and either enrol into the course or defer your studies until 2025.

If you don't want the offer, decline, or ignore it.

SAE CREATIVE MEDIA INSTITUTE

EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM



Campus

Melbourne

Overview

If you are a Year 12 student, you can secure your place at SAE before you sit your final year 12 exams through SAE's Early Entry Program.

Selection is based on

Your application.

Benefits

Receive an unconditional offer for a Diploma, Associate Degree, or Bachelor degree before your exams (ATAR free).

Apply direct to SAE for free.

Requirements

Current Year 12 student, passing all Year 12 subjects, and / or 18 years of age or turning 18 the first year of study with SAE.

An Australian Citizen or permanent resident.

Information and application

<https://sae.edu.au/>

Courses

Examples of courses include:

Animation

Songwriting and Music Production

Audio

Design & Visual Communication

Film

Game Development

Creative Industries

Augmented & Virtual Reality

Screen & Media.

How to apply

Step 1: complete a simple application form that includes your current school name and the course you wish to study.

Step 2: A SAE Course Advisor will then chat with you about your course options and confirm your eligibility.

Applications are now open.

WHITEHOUSE INSTITUTE OF DESIGN

EARLY OFFER SCHEME



Campus

Melbourne

Important

The following information is for the 2022 program and hasn't been updated for the 2023 program. Please bookmark this website and check for updates - <https://bit.ly/43JJzMV>

Overview

WHITEHOUSE is committed to supporting students who have been presented with challenges over recent years. WHITEHOUSE has been offering early entry programs since 2018, in 2022 we will assess applications based on first semester Year 12 results + some examples of your creative work, for guaranteed entry into WHITEHOUSE for February/March 2023.

Selection is based on

First semester Year 12 results.
Year 11 grades.
Examples of your creative work.
Motivational statement.

Benefits

Receive an unconditional course offer before your exams (ATAR free).
Apply direct to WHITEHOUSE for free.

Information and application

<https://whitehouse-design.edu.au/>

Course

Bachelor of Design. You can specialise in one of the following areas:
Fashion Design
Interior Design
Creative Direction and Styling.

How to apply

Complete the WHITEHOUSE direct online application (Apply Now Button).

You'll receive an email from student admissions requesting a copy of your Semester 1 Year 12 report, as well as your Semester 1 and 2 Year 11 reports. Additionally, you'll need to supply forms of identification and a Motivational Statement.

WHITEHOUSE admissions will assess your application and high school grades against the minimum entry requirements for the WHITEHOUSE Bachelor of Design degree.

If you meet the entry requirements, you receive an early offer that guarantees entry to WHITEHOUSE conditional on the completion of Year 12 and any other conditions if they are noted.

When you successfully complete Year 12, your offer becomes unconditional and you are officially a WHITEHOUSE design student!

Applications close in September.