



In the Know with Careers

21 August 2023

UAC

UAC Key Date Reminders

Details of all Semester 1, 2024 courses offered by UAC's participating institutions are now available, so it's a perfect time to get started on your UAC application if you haven't already. Remember, if you apply before 29 September, you'll avoid a significant increase in the application fee.

Your Key Dates:

- 18 September - School Recommendation Scheme applications close
- 29 September - Early Bird Deadline - Significant increase to application fee after this date
- 23 November - Educational Access Scheme (EAS) application and documentation deadline for December Round 2 Offers
- 14 December - 2023 ATAR is released
- 21 December - December Round 2 Offers released

<https://www.uac.edu.au/media-centre/news/dreaming-of-uni>

Have a back-up plan: Pathways to Uni

UAC always recommends that, when you choose your course preferences, you include a 'back-up' course; that is, a course you are confident you will be offered a place in and will be happy to study if you miss out on offers for your higher preferences. For example, you could include a diploma course in a similar area of study as your preferred degree course. You could then use your diploma studies as a stepping stone to the degree: you may even be able to move straight into second year.

<https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/admission-criteria/pathways-to-university>

ATAR Myths Busted

HSC students hear a lot of confusing messages about the ATAR, so UAC's ATAR expert, Dr Helen Tam, has busted the top 5 myths.

<https://www.uac.edu.au/media-centre/news/atar-myths-busted>

University - Institutes

The College at Western Sydney University

Apply for one of our programs and you could be on your way to completing a university degree in no time!

THE COLLEGE PATHWAYS INCLUDE:

Humanities, Arts, Social Sciences and Business

Health and Medicine

Science, Computing, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/application-pathways/the-college/courses>

University of Sydney Webinar Architecture and the Built Environment

13 September

Are you interested in becoming an architect or working within the built environment sector? Come along to this webinar to learn about the degree pathways that you can explore and the careers that you can pursue from undertaking one of our degrees in architecture and the built environment. There's so much more to this industry than just designing buildings.

https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_acPhXbunQ5WbMFsEefy9uA#/registration

University of Sydney Webinar Nutrition and Dietetics at Sydney

13 September

Join us to learn more about the Bachelor of Science/Master of Nutrition and Dietetics degree. Learn about the program, work placements and what a typical student day looks like. This session is delivered by current students studying this fascinating discipline.

https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WhJLY0NkRISPKO69gU0kxg#/registration

Early Offer to Study Visual Arts at the Sydney College of the Arts

Submit by 31 August

Students seeking to apply for an early offer to study Visual Arts at the Sydney College of the Arts (SCA) must submit their portfolio by 31 August.

<https://www.sydney.edu.au/arts/schools/sydney-college-of-the-arts/portfolio.html>

Sydney College of the Arts Portfolio Evening 2023

12 September

Sydney College of the Arts at the University of Sydney invites you to attend our Portfolio evening, to assist you with preparing your portfolio and application to study our three-year Bachelor of Visual Arts and our four-year Bachelor of Visual Arts and Bachelor of Advanced Studies. Join us on main campus in Camperdown for a short presentation followed by 1-1 personal feedback session on your current portfolio to discover if there are areas that can be worked on before your final submission. (Note - no formal grading will occur on the day, just friendly guidance!). You are also invited to join a tour of the facilities by current students, where you can ask firsthand what it's like to study at the SCA!

This event is also available online:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/sydney-college-of-the-arts-portfolio-evening-2023-online-event-tickets-691285622907>

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/sydney-college-of-the-arts-portfolio-evening-2023-in-person-event-tickets-691268060377>

ACU Is a pathway certificate or diploma for me?

By studying a pathway certificate or diploma, you can take advantage of lower entry requirements to begin studying what you love. We will then use any completed grades to help secure your spot in a more advanced course. We offer programs in a wide range of study areas, applying is easy and we are here to help you if you get stuck.

<https://www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/admission-pathways/choose-your-pathway-or-entry-program/pathway-certificates-and-diplomas>

Notre Dame Young Achievers Early Entry Program

Applications Close 30 September

Notre Dame's Early Offer 2024 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. Early Offer applications will need to include your Year 11 and Year 12 school reports and we base your eligibility on your predicted ATAR. You can find out more about our Early Offer minimum academic entry requirements for our programs on our website.

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

Post-UCAT Advice & Medical Interviews Information Session

23 August

This webinar is an excellent opportunity for students, parents, and teachers to find out about the post-UCAT steps medical school applicants are required to take.

The session is packed with invaluable information during which we will be covering the following topics:

- Your UCAT Scores and what they mean
- Applying to universities that do not require UCAT (JCU and Bond)
- Medical Interviews for undergraduate medicine and dentistry courses
- Interview structures and assessment criteria by universities
- Take a look at a few sample questions
- Medical interview preparation advice
- Q and A

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NWXZdFb_Q0i_Rt-46kKm2Q#/registration

UCAT and Pathways into Medicine Information Session

13 September

This forum is an excellent opportunity for teachers, students and their parents to find out about the UCAT, pathways into medicine, and have all questions answered by an expert teacher who has been working in the field since 1999.

Topics Covered Include:

- What is UCAT? UCAT scores? UCAT Sub-tests?
- Year 10, 11 and 12 - things to consider now.
- The Undergraduate Selection Criteria
- Application process into universities for medicine and dentistry
- When and who can sit the UCAT
- UCAT vs UMAT - How is UCAT different and why was UMAT replaced?
- GAMSAT
- Can you prepare for the UCAT?
- Undergraduate interview process
- Gap Year
- Alternative degrees and career choices
- Q & A

<https://www.nie.edu.au/ucat-free/free-ucat-information-sessions>

TAFE

TAFE - I Am Finishing School This Year Info Page

Whatever you are interested in, TAFE NSW has a pathway to get you there.

With hundreds of courses to choose from, including degrees, we can help you find your passion.

Find answers to questions like:

- When do enrolment periods close?
- What are the semester and term dates?
- Do you offer payment plans?
- What is a fee concession and exemption and who is eligible?
- Can I study a degree at TAFE?
- What course will get me into university?

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/open-day/i-am-finishing-school-this-year>

TAFE NSW Degrees and Undergraduate Certificates

You don't need an ATAR to study a degree with TAFE NSW, but you will graduate with a qualification that will change your future. Study a Bachelor degree, post graduate or higher education qualification with TAFE NSW, and graduate with strong theoretical knowledge, practical experience and industry connections that will give you a head start on your career. Plus if you have previously completed a higher education or vocational diploma or certificate qualification, you may be eligible for credit transfer or recognition of prior learning (RPL) towards your degree, which means you could graduate sooner. We also offer short courses comprising one or two subjects designed to meet industry requirements. Check out our short courses! We also offer Undergraduate Certificates. Undergraduate Certificates are short courses requiring completion of just four subjects. They are designed to provide you with the professional skills and knowledge to move into new employment opportunities. If you decide to continue your studies, you will get recognition for the four subjects completed.

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/degrees>

Transport for NSW Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Transport for NSW currently have in both metro and regional areas. Currently on offer are:

- Business Traineeships
- Bridge Construction Apprenticeship
- Heavy Diesel Mechanic Apprenticeship
- Project Management Traineeships
- Electrical Apprenticeship
- Civil Construction Apprenticeship
- Painting and Blasting Traineeship

A number of trainee roles are also available.

<https://jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au/go/Train-Crew-and-Customer-Service-Jobs/7831310/>

Private Colleges

NIDA Holiday Courses

28 Sept - 8 Oct

Our Holiday Program offers fun and engaging skills-based training for all ages and aspirations. From 1week programs to 2-day short courses for adults, children and young people, our Spring courses have something for everyone.

<https://www.open.nida.edu.au/holiday-classes>

Sydney Actors School and Sydney Film School September Open Day

16 September

Come along from 10am-3pm for an action-packed day, and really get a feel for what we are about here at Sydney Actors School and Sydney Film School. We will be running masterclasses in our classrooms, and all are invited to attend! Want to learn how to set up a good quality self tape quickly and easily? Maybe you'd like to get some screenwriting tips or even participate in an Impro workshop! The masterclasses will cover all of these things, and more! You will definitely get a taste of daily life at SAS and SFS. Our current students will be around the building, and participating too, and will only be too happy to chat to you about their experiences. The classes will also be run by our world-class tutors. Our students' work will also be playing in our Screening Room, so you can see for yourself the wonderful talent we have coming through the schools. In the Soundstage we will also have a film shoot set up.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/open-day-2023-tickets-548268043477>

Sydney Film School - Make A Short Film - September School Holidays

Starts 25 September

Calling all young filmmakers! Have you got a great idea for a 2-minute movie? What are you waiting for: it's time for lights, camera, and action! In this course you will learn how to develop a screenplay, plan a film, then shoot it yourself with real cameras and equipment.

But it doesn't stop there: you will cut your movie together with editing software, and at the end of the week it's time to grab the popcorn as you watch your film on the big screen in our Soundstage.

- For students who are passionate about film, television and online media
- Young filmmakers get involved in a variety of roles, from directing to editing
- Suitable for complete beginners, no previous experience is required

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/make-a-short-film-september-intake-tickets-617552043787>

General

Where can I study Architecture?

The following schools offer architecture courses that are recognised by the Australian Institute of Architects and accredited by the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (AACA) and the relevant state/territory architecture boards.

<https://www.architecture.com.au/explore/education-standards>

Projects Abroad Summer Medical Experience Programs

Hospital and community health experiences in Nepal for students in years 10, 11 and 12. Places available for December and January intakes.

<https://www.projects-abroad.com.au/projects/medical-internship-for-teenagers-nepal/>

The 17 Best Questions for you to ask at a Job Interview

It's the end of the interview.

You're almost at the finish line. And then...

"Have you got any questions for me?"

The answer's got to be a yes. You can't fall at the final hurdle.

To make sure you don't, read our list of the best questions to ask and you will be ready to finish your job interview in style. So, let's take it away!

<https://au.jobted.com/blog/questions-to-ask-job-interview>

Conservation Volunteers Australia

People like you who care enough to make a difference - join us on exciting projects which span everything from ocean litter to bushfire resilience, and citizen science to climate change. We exist to strengthen the health of communities and ecosystems for mutual benefit, across Australia. Through our work, we're building a more harmonious and helpful relationship between people and nature. People tell us that they want to play their part to rebalance nature, but they don't know where to start. So, for almost 40 years we have been working to give people that opportunity through hands on volunteering. Now, we're growing our work to empower anyone across Australia to take action for nature through practical activities.

<https://conservationvolunteers.com.au>

ResMed STEM

ResMed STEM is an online platform for students to learn about STEM in a fun, engaging way. It has activities designed to challenge the minds of young people to be creative and innovative, but also to get them excited about science and the way things work.

<https://careers.resmed.com/resmed-stem/>