



Focus on Schools Recommendation & Early Entry

When you make your UAC application, you should also be aware that there are a range of programs and “Early Entry” schemes that are available to you as well. This document outlines many of these schemes and gives you a summary of each, as well as links you can use to get further information.

The Schools Recommendation Scheme:

This scheme is administered by UAC and you apply through UAC (after making your UAC application and submitting your course preferences). It is a scheme where institutions can make you an early offer for a course using criteria other than (or in addition to) the ATAR.

Institutions may use one or more of the following criteria when considering your application:

- Your Year 11 studies
- Your school’s rating of your abilities in areas of study
- Your school’s rating of your aptitudes
- Your EAS application (if applicable)

There are 13 institutions participating in SRS this year:

- Australian Catholic University
- Charles Sturt University
- Macquarie University
- National Art School
- SAE Creative Media Institute
- International College of Management, Sydney
- Western Sydney University
- University of Canberra
- University of New England
- University of Newcastle
- University of Sydney
- University of Technology Sydney
- UNSW Sydney

How do I nominate courses for my SRS application?

All you need to do is to make sure that any course that you wish to be considered for SRS is listed in your list of course preferences when you submit your UAC application (by midnight on Thursday 4 November 2021).

Important Dates:

Thurs. April 1, 2021	SRS applications open
Sun. September 19, 2021	SRS applications and SRS Check & Change close.
Thurs. November 4, 2021	Applicants must have any course they would like to be considered for an SRS offer included in their list of preferences
Friday. November 12, 2021	SRS unconditional and conditional offers are released
Mon December 20, 2021	Conditional offers are converted to unconditional offers for applicants who meet institution criteria
Thurs. January 13, 2022	SRS offers will also be made in this and subsequent offer rounds

What’s the difference between a “conditional” and an “unconditional” offer?

Conditional SRS offers require you to meet other criteria before the institution will make you an unconditional offer. These requirements may include a minimum ATAR, course prerequisites, a personal statement, portfolio, audition, interview or test.

Unconditional SRS offers are where there are no other requirements you need to meet.

The information brochure at <https://www.uac.edu.au/assets/documents/srs/schools-recommendation-scheme.pdf> gives you an overview of the program.

For complete information on the Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS), see: www.uac.edu.au/srs

Individual Institution Schemes:

Many institutions have their own early offer schemes that run separately to the Schools Recommendation Schemes. You need to apply directly to the institutions for these.

The final 4 pages of this document contain a summary of these schemes (and you can also download it from the UAC website at <https://www.uac.edu.au/assets/documents/ug-fact-sheets/ug-fact-sheet-early-offer-schemes.pdf> .

The schemes covered in this document are:

Australian Catholic University	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACU Guarantee
Charles Sturt University	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Charles Sturt Advantage
La Trobe University	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aspire
Macquarie University	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Macquarie Leaders & Achievers Program
University of Newcastle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indigenous & Refugee Law Early Entry Program• Yr 12 Subject Spotlight
University of Wollongong	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early Admission
Western Sydney University	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HSC True Reward
Australian National University	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Direct Application
International College of Management, Sydney	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early Entry• Leadership Entry Program• Elite Athlete/Performer Entry
Macleay College	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Direct Application
Southern Cross University	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• STAR
University of New England	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early Entry Direct
University of Sydney	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• E12 (via SRS application)
Australian College of Applied Psychology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early Acceptance Program Scheme
University of Notre Dame	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early Offer Program

You need to check carefully institution and UAC websites for full details of all these opportunities.

Additional opportunities apply for indigenous students

This list may not be exhaustive – it is the student’s responsibility to research all opportunities and clarify details with participating institutions

NOTE:

This list is designed to cover the Schools Recommendation Scheme and various other “Early Entry” schemes offered by institutions.

There are also a range of “Adjustment Factor” programs (previously known as bonus points) offered by many institutions (generally specific subject related or locality based bonuses) and these adjustments are normally calculated and added directly to your application by UAC. Descriptions of these are not covered here unless a separate application is required.

You can also access links to these programs via the school careers website under the “Post School Options” menu then “University” and “Info about Institutions and Courses”.

If you are considering applying for Early Entry or Alternate Entry programs you should also check with the various institution websites.

Early Offer Schemes

Institutions can make early offers of undergraduate admission to Year 12 students using criteria other than (or in addition to) the ATAR.

Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS): Apply through UAC

All Year 12 applicants applying to the following institutions are encouraged to apply for SRS, although not all courses are included in the scheme:

- Australian Catholic University
- Charles Sturt University
- International College of Management, Sydney
- Macquarie University
- National Art School
- SAE Creative Media Institute
- University of Canberra
- University of New England
- University of Newcastle
- University of Sydney
- University of Technology Sydney
- UNSW Sydney
- Western Sydney University.

Important dates

19 Sep	Applications close
4 Nov	Finalise preferences
12 Nov	First conditional and unconditional (not based on ATAR) offers released
13 Dec	Finalise preferences for Dec Round 2
20 Dec	Conditional offers converted to unconditional offers if based on ATAR

Assessment criteria

Institutions use one or more of the following criteria other than (or in addition to) the ATAR:

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

Institutions make offers based:

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

How your school rates you

Areas of study

Your school will rate you in 10 areas of study, which are split into two sub-groups:

Performance in Year 12

Your school will rate you according to their assessment of your performance in the subjects below:

- Agriculture
- Creative Arts
- English/Humanities/Social Sciences
- Languages
- Mathematics
- Science
- Technology.

Suitability for tertiary study

Your school will rate you according to their assessment of your ability to undertake tertiary study in the fields below:

- Commerce
- Education
- Health.

Aptitudes

Your school will rate you according to their assessment of your:

- capacity for abstract thought and analysis
- ability to organise ideas and articulate a position orally and in written form
- ability to work and learn independently
- motivation to achieve long-term goals
- capacity for tertiary study.

How to apply

1. Submit your undergraduate application through UAC.
2. At the end of this application, select the option to also apply for SRS. If you've already applied for undergraduate study through UAC, use the 'Apply or log in' button at the top right of the UAC website and select the SRS application.

Individual Uni Schemes

Australian Catholic University

ACU Guarantee

Important dates	
24 Sep	Applications close
30 Jun	Offer Round 1
28 Jul	Offer Round 2
11 Aug	Offer Round 3
25 Aug	Offer Round 4
8 Sep	Offer Round 5
22 Sep	Offer Round 6
7 Oct	Offer Round 7

Assessment criteria

- To be eligible, you must be a 2021 Year 12 student (domestic or international) who completed Year 11 (including the IB) in Australia.
- You can also choose to supply a brief statement outlining your personal circumstances and motivation for university study, which may help improve your selection rank.

How to apply

Apply online via the ACU website (acu.edu.au/acu-guarantee).

Australian College of Physical Education

Early Acceptance Program Scheme

Important dates	
Late Aug	Applications open
Late Nov	Applications close
Within three days of submitting application	Conditional offers released

Assessment criteria

- Year 11 and 12 reports.
- Responses to application questions.

How to apply

Apply online via the ACPE website (acpe.edu.au/earlyaccept).

Australian National University

Direct application

Important dates	
24 May	Applications close
9 Aug	Conditional offers released based on your ANU selection rank (This is calculated using a mathematical model that incorporates your Year 11 results and your school's average ATAR performance in previous years.)
Late Dec	First unconditional offers released

Assessment criteria

- Demonstration of co-curricular or service activities during Years 10–12.
- ANU selection rank.

How to apply

Apply online via the ANU website: search for 'domestic applications' at anu.edu.au.

Charles Sturt University

Charles Sturt Advantage

Important dates	
3 May	Round 1 applications open
Late Jun	Round 1 offers released
26 Jul	Round 2 applications open
Late Sep	Round 2 offers released

Assessment criteria

- Short written submission demonstrating soft skills such as resilience, empathy and the motivation to create a world worth living in.
- Year 11 results.

How to apply

Apply online via the CSU website: csu.edu.au/advantage.

International College of Management, Sydney

Early Entry

Leadership Entry Program

Elite Athlete/Performer Entry

Important dates	
10 Sep 2021	Applications close for Early Entry
4 Feb 2022	Applications close for Leadership Entry Program and Elite Athlete/Performer Entry

How to apply

Apply online via the ICMS website:

- Early Entry: icms.edu.au/early-entry
- Leadership Entry Program: icms.edu.au/leadership-entry-program
- Elite Athlete/Performer Entry: icms.edu.au/elite-athletes-performers

La Trobe University

Aspire

Important dates	
17 Sep	Applications close
Early Oct	Conditional offers released
10 Dec	ATAR release: unconditional offers released after this date based on ATAR

Assessment criteria

Two 200–word descriptions of involvement in and impact of your community engagement and/or volunteering.

How to apply

Apply online via La Trobe University website: latrobe.edu.au/aspire.

Macleay College

Direct application

Important dates	
Early Jun	Applications open
After Head of Faculty approval	Offers released

Assessment criteria

- 300-word written submission outlining reasons for undertaking your intended course of study and how it will help achieve your career goals.
- Letter of recommendation from school (principal, year coordinator or equivalent).
- Australian citizenship or permanent residency.

How to apply

Apply online via the Macleay College website: macleay.edu.au/apply-now.

Macquarie University

Macquarie Leaders and Achievers Early Entry Scheme

Important dates	
1 Jun	Applications open
20 Aug	Applications close

Assessment criteria

Applicants need to demonstrate their leadership qualities and/or how they have contributed towards positive change in their community and consistently achieved good results at school.

There are two selection components:

1. demonstration of leadership and service to their community by completing the Macquarie Leaders and Achievers Early Entry Scheme questions when applying online
2. Year 11 studies.

Note that applicants for Bachelor of Marketing and Media and the Bachelor of Actuarial Studies and its double degrees are required to have undertaken specific English and/or mathematics subjects in the HSC, ACT Senior Secondary Certificate or International Baccalaureate.

Applicants for teaching courses need to complete and pass a survey before an offer is made.

All applicants must complete their Year 12 examinations (10 units of HSC courses, including at least 8 units from Category A courses and 2 units of English) or comparable ACT Senior Secondary Certificate or International Baccalaureate subjects.

How to apply

Apply directly to Macquarie. For details, search for 'Macquarie leaders and achievers' at mq.edu.au.

Southern Cross University

STAR

Important dates	
10 Sep	Applications close
5 Nov	Offers released

Assessment criteria

- High school results.
- Principal's recommendation.

How to apply

Apply online via the SCU website: scu.edu.au/star.

Torrens University Australia

Early entry program

Important dates	
24 Sep	Applications close
48 hours after applying	Conditional offers released

Assessment criteria

Standard course admission criteria.

How to apply

Apply online via the Torrens University website: apply.torrens.edu.au.

University of New England

Early Entry Direct

Important dates	
17 Sep	Applications close
Early Nov	Offers released

Assessment criteria

Your school's assessment of your attributes and abilities. The assessment is based around your ability to work and learn independently, as well as your overall potential for academic success at UNE.

How to apply

Apply online via the UNE Early Entry website: earlyentry.une.edu.au
Ensure any additional supporting documentation is attached.

Your application will be sent electronically to your school for the principal's report. Your school will approve and submit the application to UNE on your behalf before the closing date.

University of Newcastle

Indigenous and Refugee Law Early Entry Program

Important dates	
midnight 12 Sep	List 483100 B Laws (Honours) Combined as a UAC preference
midnight 12 Sep	Submit direct application to Newcastle Law School
8 Oct	Offers released (October Round 1)

Assessment criteria

- Strong performance across Year 11.
- School recommendation.
- Selection interview.

How to apply

Submit direct application to UON: search for 'entry schemes' at newcastle.edu.au.

Year 12 Subject Spotlight

Important dates	
11-12 Dec	Eligible applicants notified between the release of HSC results on 10 Dec and the deadline for close of preferences for December Round 2 (13 Dec)
20 Dec	Unconditional offers released in December Round 2

Assessment criteria

Strong performance in one or more subjects related to your degree. View requirements for each degree on the University of Newcastle website: search for 'Year 12 Subject Spotlight' at newcastle.edu.au.

How to apply

Just apply through UAC. No separate application is required.

University of Notre Dame

Early Offer Program

Important dates	
1 Sep	Applications close
Before HSC commences	Offers released

Assessment criteria

- NES A Preliminary Stage 6 (Year 11) courses and grades.
- Year 11 and 12 school reports.

How to apply

Submit direct application to the University of Notre Dame: notredame.edu.au/early-offer.

University of Sydney

E12 (via SRS application)

Important dates	
19 Sep	SRS/E12 applications close. Do not remove your E12 course from your preferences after this date. If you are applying under the financial hardship category, submit your EAS application and supporting documents by 11.59pm to confirm your eligibility for consideration under the E12 Scheme in time for UAC conditional offers on 12 Nov.
11 Nov	Conditional offers released
21 Dec	Unconditional offers released

Assessment criteria

- EAS application
- SEIFA index
- E12 questions
- SRS application.

Tip: If your residential address lies within the lowest 25% of the SEIFA index, you will receive an email to this effect the day after you complete your UAC application for undergraduate admission. You will then know if you have met this criteria.

How to apply

1. Search for 'early offer Year 12 scheme' at sydney.edu.au to check E12 eligibility criteria for admission is met (financial hardship + SEIFA index lowest 25%)
 - choose an E12-eligible course
 - download the E12 application questions.
2. Talk to your principal and careers adviser about applying for E12.
3. Complete your UAC undergraduate application and include your E12-eligible course as a preference.
4. Apply for EAS at the end of your UAC application (disadvantage F01A, F01B, F01C or F01D).
5. Apply for SRS at the end of your UAC application or via the UAC website and upload your answers to the E12 questions.

University of Wollongong

Early Admission

Important dates	
19 Jul	Applications open
13 Aug	Applications close

Assessment criteria

- You need to be on track for an ATAR, IB or equivalent.
- Year 11 and 12 results, including trial results.
- Application responses to questions addressing the themes of academic readiness, motivation and passion, planning and persistence, communication and collaboration.
- Interview and/or registered attendance at Early Admission Day.

How to apply

Apply online via the University of Wollongong website: uow.edu.au/early-admission.

UNSW Sydney

UNSW Gateway Early Conditional Offer Scheme

This scheme will be offered under the Schools Recommendation Scheme for 2022 admission.

Western Sydney University

HSC True Reward

Important dates	
3 Dec	Applications close
10 Dec	Offers released

Assessment criteria

Depending on the undergraduate degree you choose, you need to meet a specified HSC band in nominated courses.

The following courses have previously been excluded from HSC True Reward. Western Sydney University has not yet confirmed the courses to be excluded this year:

- Doctor of Medicine
- Associate Degree in Engineering
- B Architectural Design
- B Arts (Pathway to Teaching – Birth-5 Years/Birth-12 Years)/ Diploma Pathway
- B Education (Primary) – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
- B Community and Social Development
- B Creative Industries (Music)
- B Health Science (Paramedicine)
- B Laws (Graduate Entry)
- B Laws (Non-graduate Entry)
- B Midwifery
- B Music
- B Music (Dean's Scholars)
- B Music/B Creative Industries
- B Nursing (Enrolled Nurse Pathway)
- B Occupational Therapy
- B Physiotherapy
- B Podiatric Medicine
- B Speech Pathology.

How to apply

Apply online via the Western Sydney University website. Search for 'HSC True Reward' at westernsydney.edu.au.