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early entry guide

A guide to early entry to university programs offered in Australia for students commencing study in 2023.

VERSION 1

The programs in this guide may be subject to change at any time. In our experience, programs may change at short notice, and you should always check directly with the provider before applying. We have verified the information in this guide, but in some cases the information may differ from that provided on third party websites or printed material.

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what is early entry?

YOU COULD GET AN OFFER BEFORE YOU SIT YOUR ATAR EXAMS

If you're successful, you'll get an offer much sooner than you would through the traditional university application process.

Many of the programs will give you an offer in August, September, or October, well before your exams start. Some will process your application and get back to you within a week or two.

YOU CAN STILL APPLY THE 'NORMAL' WAY

You can get an early offer and in many cases still apply through the normal application process, which should give you more options to choose from.

Rather than simply hoping you get your first preference, you'll be able to apply for multiple programs, then when you have all your offers, you can decide where to go.

YOU APPLY EARLIER IN THE YEAR

Some Universities and Tertiary Admissions Centres (TACs) have programs that allow you to apply earlier in the year.

Some are already open, others allow you to apply any time and give you an answer almost straight away.

You could receive a conditional (or guaranteed) offer before you've sat your final exams and well before the main December and January offer rounds, when the majority of your cohort will get their offers.

NOT ALL PROGRAMS THAT OPEN EARLY GIVE YOU AN EARLY OFFER

The Early Entry Programs are different from entry programs for specialised courses such as Teaching, which require you to apply early but won't give you an early offer.

These options have been excluded from our Early Entry Guide and we've focused on those where you could receive an offer before the main December offer round.

early entry could be for you if you...

have good marks

have sporting achievements

are recommended by your school

are an artist or musician

are active in your community

are a rural applicant

have leadership experience

have been disadvantaged

The selection board will look at a combination of factors including your results, any awards or achievements you've received, test results, auditions, portfolios and more to decide if they want to make you an early offer.

You may still have time to improve your application and increase your chances of getting a place, so it's a good idea to keep nurturing your extra-curricular and community activities throughout the year.

Every program is different, and they all have different eligibility criteria, so check that you meet the criteria before you start your application. If you don't meet the criteria, either find another program or apply though the traditional pathways.

Not every university offers an Early Entry program, so if you can't find a program from the university you want to attend then you may need to apply as per normal.

eligibility checker

How are your marks?

- [ ] Good
- [ ] Average
- [ ] Need improvement

Do you have any sporting achievements?

- [ ] Lots
- [ ] Some
- [ ] Not many

Can you get a recommendation from your school?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] Possibly...
- [ ] Unlikely

Do you have any artistic or musical achievements?

- [ ] Lots
- [ ] Some
- [ ] No

Have you participated in any community activities?

- [ ] Yes, often
- [ ] Sometimes
- [ ] Never

Are you from a rural area?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] I'm not sure

Have you been a school or community leader?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Have you suffered an illness, a loss in your family, domestic violence, or other trauma?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

not sure if you want to go to university?

That's totally ok - university isn't for everyone, and it's wise to keep your options open as you approach the end of school.

Even if you're not sure if you want to go to university, you can still apply for Early Entry programs.

That way, if/when you get your offers you can make an informed decision about the available pathways. If you decide to start an apprenticeship or traineeship, or to go straight into work, then at least you'll have had the power to choose.

There are loads of other great pathways that don't involve university, and you should always carefully consider if university is the right path for you.

If you're not sure where to start then make a time to speak with your Careers Advisor or Year Level Coordinator, as they may be able to help you clarify your options.

How are you feeling about university right now? Circle the face you feel most similar to:

early entry vs alternative entry

early entry

You can usually submit an application and receive an offer (conditional or guaranteed) into a course before you have sat your Year 12 final exams.

Early Entry is often (but not always) merit based, for students who stand out above the crowd with things like:

- Principal's recommendation
- Academic results
- Leadership or community engagement
- Other achievements

alternative entry

Enables you to achieve your goals even if you didn't get the ATAR you wanted, didn't receive an offer for the course you wanted, or didn't complete Year 12.

Alternative Entry Programs include:

- Bridging and Foundation courses
- Adjustment Factors
- Access Schemes
- Internal Transfers
- External Transfers
- Specialised Testing e.g. STAT
- Portfolio Applications
- Indigenous Access Programs

the application process

If you're thinking that you'd like an early offer then you need to learn about the application process. It's not quick, especially if you're going to apply for more than one program, so be prepared to fill in a fair bit of paperwork.

The good news is that this is good practice for once you leave school, when you'll need to apply for lots of different things.

If you don't have a portfolio of your achievements then now is a good time to put one together. Start by collecting all your certificates and awards into the one place - everything counts at this stage - then make a list of all your achievements in order from newest to oldest.

You may need to get a copy of your reports and any recent assessment scores - even though you won't need your ATAR right now (which is good, because you don't have it), the universities are likely to want to see how you are performing and if there have been any changes.

They'll also be keen to see if you're ready for university, so you may need a letter of recommendation or you may need to sit for an interview.

If you need a letter of recommendation then make sure you ask the person with plenty of time left, as they are probably busy and it may take them a little while to draft the letter.

track your application

Just as every program has different dates, benefits and eligibility criteria, each program also has a different application process. The good news is that there are some similarities across the programs, so you can follow these steps and skip any that don't apply for your program.

step 1 - find one or more programs to apply for

Do you want to go to that university, and can you study the courses you'd like there? Is the program still open?

Completed: ☐

step 2 - check if you are eligible

Do you have evidence of your achievements or to prove that you meet the eligibility criteria? If you're not sure reach out to the university to check before you apply.

Completed: ☐

step 3 - gather the paperwork

You'll need to fill in an application, and may need to supply supporting documents. If you need a recommendation from a teacher or your Principal get that as well.

Completed: ☐

step 4 - apply to the right organisation

Do you need to apply directly to the university, or through a TAC? Make sure you apply on time, and pay any fees if there are any.

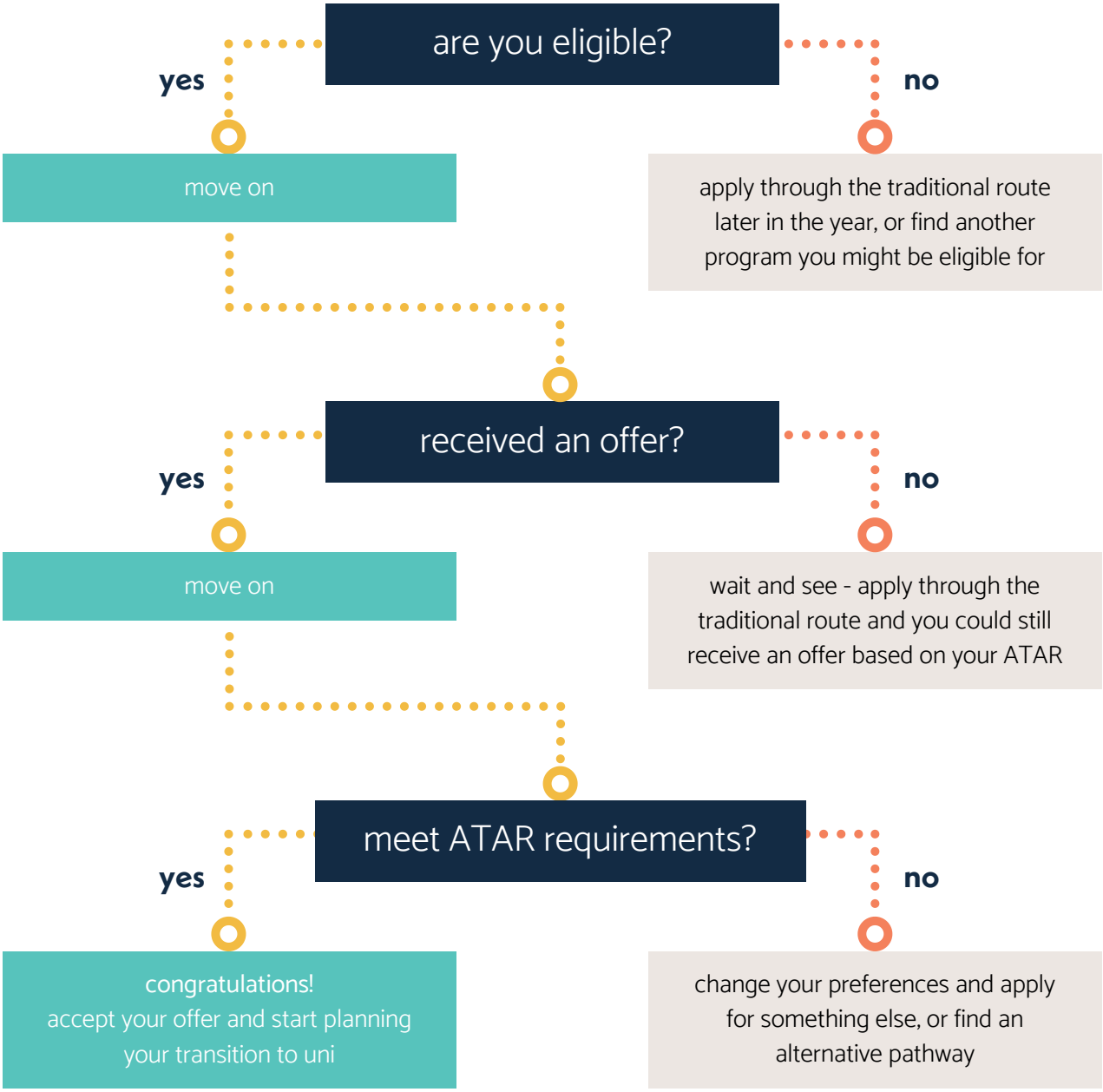
Completed: ☐

step 5 - wait for your outcome

It's a good idea to keep track of the expected notification date, so you'll know when you can expect to hear the result of your application.

Completed: ☐

the offer flowchart



thoughts so far

What do you think getting an early offer would mean for your plans?

How do you feel about going through the application process?

Which eligibility criteria do you think you will be able to meet?

programs for early entry in 2023

new south wales

victoria

queensland

australian capital territory

south australia

western australia

australian capital territory

tasmania

Understand the application requirements and always check directly with the university if you have any queries.

Remember to look at these items:

- Eligibility criteria
- Key dates
- Application process
- If any costs apply

australian catholic university

ACU Guarantee

open	close	offers from
tbc	tbc	tbc

ACU Guarantee is open to all Year 12 students finishing high school in 2022. Benefits include an early offer, with offers based on Year 11 results, and offers can be deferred. Adjustment factors may also be granted. Apply online direct to ACU.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

campion college

Early Offer Scheme

open	close	offers from
tbc	tbc	tbc

Campion's Early Offer Scheme gives Year 12 students and non-school leavers the chance to receive an early offer. Benefits include an early offer, and automatic consideration for selected scholarships. Apply online direct to Campion.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

charles sturt university

Charles Sturt Advantage

now	31 aug	1 may
open	close	offers from

The Charles Sturt Advantage offers students a pathway to university based on their Year 11 results and soft skills. Benefits include an early offer, ATAR adjustment, and entry to an exclusive support program. Apply direct to Charles Sturt online.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

macquarie university

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Entry Pathway

tbc	tbc	tbc
open	close	offers from

Macquarie's Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Entry Pathway provides a pathway for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people to study an undergraduate degree at Macquarie. Benefits include an early offer, even if your ATAR is lower than expected. Apply direct to Macquarie, and submit an application through UAC.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

macquarie university

Gifted and Talented Entry Program

now	11 jul	tbc
open	close	offers from

Macquarie's Gifted and Talented Program provides high performing students the chance to receive an early offer to study. Benefits include an early offer, and the chance to study university-level subjects at school. Apply direct to Macquarie. Note that subject fees apply.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

macquarie university

Leaders and Achievers Scheme

tbc	tbc	tbc
open	close	offers from

Macquarie's Leaders and Achievers Scheme is open to Year 12 students from NSW who can demonstrate leadership qualities and have contributed to positive change in their communities. Benefits include an early offer, scholarships for top applicants, and access to the Macquarie Essentials Program. Apply online direct to Macquarie.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

southern cross university

Early Offer Program

may	tbc	tbc
open	close	offers from

SCU's Early Offer Program program is your chance to receive an offer to university before Year 12 results are released. It's free to apply, and open to any student completing Year 12 in Australia in 2022. Applications are based on grades and a recommendation, not ATAR. Apply online direct to SCU.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

torrens university australia

Early Entry Program

may	tbc	tbc
open	close	offers from

Torrens' Early Entry Program is open to all Year 12 students in NSW, QLD and SA. Benefits include an early offer, free application, and the ability to defer your offer. Apply online direct to Torrens. Note that SA students must also apply through SATAC.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

uac

Schools Recommendation Scheme

12 apr	19 sep	11 nov
open	close	offers from

The Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS) is 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. Benefits include an early offer, and the ability to apply to more than one institution. Apply online through UAC.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

university of newcastle

Indigenous Early Entry Scheme

tbc	tbc	tbc
open	close	offers from

Newcastle's Indigenous Early Entry Scheme provides a pathway for Indigenous students to enter the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) Combined. Benefits include an early offer, guaranteed accommodation, and access to mentoring and support services. Apply via UAC and submit extra documentation direct to Newcastle.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

university of new england

Early Entry

now	23 sep	7 nov
open	close	offers from

UNE's Early Entry Program is open to all students completing Year 12 in Australia. Benefits include an early guaranteed offer, no application fees, no need to apply through UAC/QTAC, and offers based on results not ATAR. Applications are submitted online direct to UNE.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

university of new south wales

UNSW Gateway

tbc	tbc	tbc
open	close	offers from

UNSW Gateway Early Entry Program is open to Year 12 students from Gateway schools, or students eligible for UAC's Educational Access Scheme. Benefits include an early offer, application based on personal statement and school assessment instead of ATAR, and priority for UNSW Equity Scholarships. Apply online direct to UNSW.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

university of notre dame

Young Achievers Early Offer Program

4 apr	30 sep	jul
open	close	offers from

Notre Dame's Young Achievers Early Offer Program offers Year 12 students the opportunity to receive an early offer based on Year 11 and mid-year Year 12 results. Benefits include an early offer, consideration for an Academic Merit Scholarship, and no application costs. Applications are made direct online to Notre Dame.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

university of sydney

Creative Arts Special Admission Scheme (CASAS)

12 apr	1 sep	11 aug
open	close	offers from

The Creative Arts Special Admissions Scheme offers Year 12 students a chance to receive an early offer to study visual arts based on their portfolio and academic performance in year 11 and 12 so far. NSW students apply through UAC. Interstate students must also submit academic results directly to the university.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

university of sydney

Early Offer Year 12 (E12) Scheme

12 apr	19 sep	11 nov
open	close	offers from

The E12 Scheme provides disadvantaged Year 12 NSW students the chance for an early offer. Benefits include and early offer, a special scholarship, and extra support from the University of Sydney. Apply through UAC's Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS).

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

university of sydney

Future Leaders Scheme

tbc	tbc	tbc
open	close	offers from

The Future Leaders Scheme allows high school captains and dux students to gain entry to eligible courses with a lower ATAR requirement. Benefits include a guaranteed offer and lower entry requirements. Apply direct to the University of Sydney and through UAC.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

university of technology sydney

Early Entry Program

open	close	offers from
tbc	tbc	tbc

The UTS Early Entry Program is designed for high-achieving students, allowing you to receive an offer based on Year 11 results. Benefits include an early offer, and free application. You can preference up to 3 UTS courses in your application. Apply online direct to UTS.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

university of technology sydney

Engineering and IT Early Entry Program – Edge

open	close	offers from
may	tbc	tbc

UTS' Edge Program allows students interested in studying Engineering and IT the chance to receive an early offer based on Year 11 results and Edge Points. Edge Points are calculated from your portfolio, subject results, and the Women in Engineering and IT (WIEIT) initiative. Apply online direct to UTS.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

university of wollongong

Early Admission

open	close	offers from
tbc	tbc	tbc

UOW's Early Admission Scheme is open to any Year 12 student on track to finish high school in 2022. Benefits include an early offer, offers based on Year 11 and short questionnaire results, and the opportunity to defer your offer. Applications are submitted online direct to UOW.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

western sydney university

HSC True Reward Early Offer Program

open	close	offers from
tbc	tbc	tbc

WSU's HSC True Reward is open to current domestic HSC students in NSW. Benefits include an early offer, no application fees, offers based on results not ATAR, and the ability to defer your offer. Applications are submitted online direct to WSU.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

western sydney university

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pathway Program

12 apr	13 oct	through-out the year
open	close	offers from

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pathway Program is an alternative entry pathway open to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Offers are made based on an online assessment and interview. Benefits include an early offer, no application fees, and the opportunity to defer. Apply online via UAC.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

federation university

Early Offer Program

tbc	tbc	tbc
open	close	offers from

Federation University's Early Offer Program gives Year 12 students in Victoria the chance to receive an offer from just 48 hours after applying. Benefits include an early offer, and access to an exclusive series of events to prepare you for uni. Apply direct to Federation and through VTAC.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

la trobe university

Aspire Early Admissions Program

open	close	offers from
tbc	tbc	tbc

The Aspire Early Admissions Program allows Year 12 students to receive an offer based on involvement in community, leadership, and volunteering. Benefits include an early offer, exclusive scholarships, adjusted ATAR, and access to free revision lectures and study guides. Apply direct to La Trobe online, as well as through VTAC/UAC.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

la trobe university

Achieve and Achieve Plus

open	close	offers from
tbc	tbc	tbc

Achieve and Achieve Plus allow Year 12 students to study university subjects at school. Students can then use their La Trobe Entrance Score to receive an early conditional offer. Benefits include an early offer, credit for completed subjects, and the program is free. Apply online direct to La Trobe.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

la trobe university

Prepare for La Trobe

now	1 may	tbc
open	close	offers from

Prepare for La Trobe is open to all current Year 11 and 12 students. Students will study micro-subjects online, and results are used to calculate a La Trobe Entrance Score, which can be used to receive an early conditional offer. Benefits include an early offer, and the program is online and free. Apply online direct to La Trobe.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

rmit

Early Offer Program

may	sep	oct
open	close	offers from

RMIT's Early Offer Program is open to all current Year 12 students. It allows you to receive an early conditional offer based on your participation in extra-curricular activities, leadership, and volunteering. Benefits include an early offer, and the option to complete a microcredential as one of your experiences. Apply online direct to RMIT and through VTAC.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

swinburne university of technology

Early Entry Program

open	close	offers from
tbc	tbc	tbc

Swinburne's Early Entry Program offers a way into uni for Year 12 students that doesn't rely on ATAR. Applications are based on a recommendation from a school representative. Benefits include an early offer, and consideration of your skills and experience. Apply direct to Swinburne and through VTAC.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

victoria university

VU Guaranteed

open	close	offers from
tbc	tbc	tbc

VU Guaranteed offers Year 11 and 12 students at eligible schools the chance to receive an early offer. Benefits include an early offer, scholarship opportunities, 5 bonus ATAR points, access to exclusive opportunities, and more. Apply direct to VU and through VTAC.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

bond university

Year 12 Early Entry

open	close	offers from
tbc	tbc	tbc

Bond University is assessing applications from all Year 12 students based on their Year 11 and Year 12 mid-year results. Benefits include an early conditional offer, and no application fees. Apply online direct to Bond.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

cquniversity

Principal's Recommendation Scheme

open	close	offers from
now	1 dec	48 hours post app-lication

Open to all Year 12 students, CQUni's Principal's Recommendation Scheme is designed to assist capable students to access entry to CQUniversity. Benefits include an early unconditional offer, based on a recommendation from your school instead of ATAR. Apply online direct to CQUni.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

griffith university

Year 12 Early Offer Guarantee

open	close	offers from
tbc	tbc	tbc

Griffith's Year 12 Early Offer Guarantee is open to Year 12 students in QLD and NSW. It gives peace of mind to students who are meeting minimum subject marks. Benefits include an early offer, and the ability to defer your offer. Apply through QTAC.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

james cook university

Early Offer Program

open	close	offers from
16 may	14 oct	48 hours post app-lication

JCU's Early Offer Program is open to all students completing Year 12 in Australia. Students have the opportunity to receive an early offer based on a school recommendation. Benefits include an early offer, and early access to JCU support services. Apply direct to JCU and via QTAC.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

university of southern queensland

USQ Early Offer

open	close	offers from
tbc	tbc	tbc

USQ's Early Offer program is open to all Year 12 students. Offers are based on a principal's recommendation, or completion of USQ Head Start. Benefits include an early offer, and access to one month of free accommodation. Apply direct to USQ and via QTAC.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

usc

Early Offer Guarantee

open	close	offers from
tbc	tbc	tbc

USC's Early Offer Guarantee gives Year 12 students in Australia the opportunity to secure a guaranteed place at USC. Offers are made based on a recommendation from your school. Benefits include an early offer, and entry based on criteria other than ATAR. Applications are made directly to USC.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

flinders university

Year 11 Grades Admission Pathway

open	close	offers from
tbc	tbc	tbc

The Flinders Year 11 Grades Admission Pathway is open to Year 12 students in SA and the NT. Students can receive an early offer based on their Year 11 results. Benefits include an early conditional offer before you sit exams. Apply direct to Flinders and via SATAC.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

university of adelaide

Year 11 Entry Pathway

open	close	offers from
tbc	tbc	tbc

The Year 11 Entry Pathway allows students to receive an offer based on their Year 11 results. Benefits include an early offer, and the ability to defer your offer. Apply through SATAC, and have your school provide your Year 11 results to the University of Adelaide.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

curtin university

Predicted ATAR Entry

4 apr	30 sep	5 apr
open	close	offers from

Year 12 students interested in an early offer to Curtin are invited to apply using their predicted ATAR. Your predicted ATAR is based on your Year 11 results. Benefits include an early conditional offer, and the ability to defer your offer. Apply through TISC.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

edith cowan university

Early Offer Program

tbc	tbc	tbc
open	close	offers from

ECU's Early Offer Program is open to Year 12 students expecting to receive an ATAR or completing a Certificate IV. Benefits include an early conditional offer, based on your predicted ATAR or latest school results. Apply direct to ECU.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

murdoch university

Year 12 Early Offer Program

4 apr	tbc	made on a rolling basis
open	close	offers from

Murdoch's Year 12 Early Offer Program offers students the chance to receive an early offer based on their Year 11 results. You can also apply if you are on a recognised pathway to meet entry requirements, such as completing a Certificate IV. Apply direct to Murdoch.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

university of western australia

Predicted ATAR Entry

4 apr	16 dec	asap
open	close	offers from

UWA's Predicted ATAR Entry program provides students an early offer to UWA based on their predicted ATAR. If your predicted ATAR does not meet requirements, you can still receive a conditional offer, which becomes final if you achieve the minimum required ATAR. Apply direct to UWA.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

australian national university

Direct Entry

now	23 may	5 sep
open	close	offers from

Year 12 students in 2022 are invited to apply direct to ANU. Applications are based on Year 11 results. Benefits include an early offer, and applying for admission, scholarships, and accommodation all in one application. Apply direct to ANU.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

university of canberra

Fast Forward Program

tbc	tbc	tbc
open	close	offers from

UC's Fast Forward Program is open to Year 11 students from the ACT and surrounds. Benefits include an early conditional offer, access to exclusive workshops and events, and a $2,000 study grant in your first year of uni. Apply direct to UC.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

university of canberra

Portfolio Admissions Pathway

12 apr	on close of UAC applications	tbc
open	close	offers from

UC's Portfolio Admissions Pathway is for students looking to gain entry to a degree in arts, built environment, communication and media, or design. Benefits include an early offer, and admission based on criteria other than your ATAR. Apply through UAC and submit your portfolio direct to UC.

for entry requirements, application details and key dates, go here

university of tasmania

Schools Recommendation Program

30 jun	7 oct	25 aug
open	close	offers from

UTAS' Schools Recommendation Program provides Year 12 students the chance to receive an early offer to uni. Applications are based on your school's recommendation and Year 11 results. Apply direct to UTAS.

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