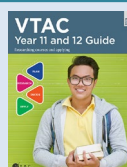


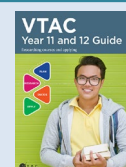


Dates to Diarise in Term 4

- Very late VTAC Applications – 1 November to 6 December



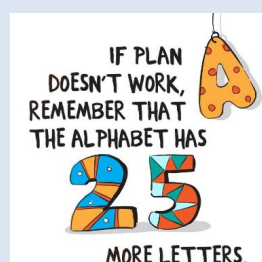
Reminder: VTAC 2020 Key Dates



VTAC Personal Statement	Friday 6 December 2019
ATARs Released	Thursday 12 December 2019
CoP for December Round Offers closes	Saturday 14 December 2019
December Round Offers	Wednesday 18 December 2019
Change of Preference (COP) closes	Friday 20 December 2019
January Round International Offers	Tuesday 7 January 2020
January Round Domestic Offers	Wednesday 15 January 2020
February Offer Rounds	Monday 3 February 2020 onwards

For a full list of cancelled, amended, and new courses, visit [VTAC Course Updates](#)

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The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020

The World University Rankings 2020 were recently released with the world's top ten universities being in the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

The ***Times Higher Education*** [World University Rankings 2020](#) includes more than 1,400 universities across 92 countries, making it the biggest international league table to date. This table is also the only global university performance table to judge ***research-intensive universities*** across all of their core missions: teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook.

Noting that the rankings are based on ***more than 1,250 research-intensive universities***, the Australian universities that rank in the top 500 on the world stage are:

32	University of Melbourne
50	Australian National University
60	University of Sydney
66	University of Queensland
71	University of New South Wales
75	Monash University
120	University of Adelaide
131	University of Western Australia
179	Queensland University of Technology
193	University of Canberra
194	University of Technology, Sydney
201 - 250	Griffiths University
	James Cook University
	Macquarie University
	University of Wollongong
251 – 300	Curtin University
	Flinders University
	La Trobe University
	University of South Australia
	Western Sydney University
301 – 350	Deakin University
	Newcastle University
	University of Tasmania
	Victoria University
351 – 400	Australian Catholic University
	RMIT University
	Swinburne University
401 – 500	Bond University
	Edith Cowen University
	Murdoch University



Australian National University (ANU) launched the *Tuckwell Scholarship Program* in 2013. *The Tuckwell Scholarship Program at the ANU is the most transformational undergraduate scholarship program in Australia.* A Tuckwell is not just about a student's intellect. It is also about their desire and determination to use their natural abilities to realise their full potential so that they can make a difference in the world. All up one could say, **this is no ordinary scholarship!**

So, Tuckwell Scholar students will receive:

- \$21,850 per annum (2019 rate) (increasing with inflation) for each year of the length of their undergraduate degree, to cover on-campus residential costs, books and general living expenses
- priority access guaranteed to ANU-approved student accommodation
- an annual allowance of up to \$2,000 to assist with their move to Canberra and to support two annual return journeys (e.g. airfares) between their home and the University for each year of their degree. The allowance will be dependent on the proximity of their family home to ANU.
- a domestic economy return airfare, or other transport costs, for their parents to visit at the start of the program, and
- an [ANU Sports Centre membership](#) for the length of their degree.

Scholarships are awarded based on four criteria:

- academic potential and achievements to date;
- other significant achievements to date, of any type;
- demonstration of the [Attributes of a Tuckwell Scholar](#); and
- a [desire to eventually give back to Australia](#).

Applying for a Tuckwell Scholarship is a three-stage process which commences with an initial application from yourself and a recommendation from a school teacher. Applications will begin in March 2020.

For more information about the Tuckwell Scholarship Program visit [Tuckwell Scholarship](#).



University Terms

When students are looking into university study, they often come across words or terms they are unfamiliar with. So, here are a few of the more commonly used terms to help students understand what is being talked about!

Associated Degree – an associate degree is generally a two-year qualification that is made up of two-thirds of a bachelor degree and may be offered by both TAFEs and universities. Students often use this as a steppingstone to the full Bachelor Degree.

Assumed knowledge – refers to subjects the university recommends or prefers a student to have studied at school before starting the course

ATAR – Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank – the figure used by UAC and VTAC to calculate the entrance ranking for a university course

Bachelor Degree – the award/qualification a student gains when they have completed studies in an undergraduate course, which takes between 3 or 4 years of full-time study. This is the traditional starting point of a university qualification.

Bridging Course – an introductory course to help students achieve the preferred entry level to a degree, e.g. a bridging maths course for students who do not have the preferred maths but need it to access a course

Census Date – the last day a student can withdraw from their university course and not owe fees

Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) – a student's enrolment in a university degree for which the Commonwealth government makes a contribution towards the cost of that student's education (formerly known as a HECS place)

Credit – if a student has previously studied – perhaps at TAFE – and has Recognised Prior Learning (RPL), the student may be able to receive credit for a subject or subjects in their course. Also often referred to as *Advanced Standing*.

Double degree – a student can choose to complete a double degree – this integrates studies in two degrees resulting in an award of two degrees, usually after a minimum of 4 years of study. Often also referred to as *Combined Degrees*.

Defer – a student may choose to delay starting their course. Deferring an offer of a place might mean delaying for 6, 12, 18 or 24 months. Deferral ensures the student is guaranteed their place in their selected course

Elective – a subject that is not core to the degree and is often from another faculty, e.g. a commerce student might choose psychology (from the Arts Faculty) as an elective

Faculty – a department within a university devoted to a particular area of study – so, Faculty of Arts or Faculty of Science

FEE-HELP – a loan scheme for domestic students used to pay all or part of an eligible student's tuition fees for university courses but cannot be used for additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. A 20% - 25% loan fee may apply.

HECS-HELP – a loan scheme that assists domestic students with a CSP place to pay their contribution. Students may choose to pay their fees upfront, or choose to defer payment via the HECS-HELP loan scheme

Honours – many Bachelor degrees offer a fourth year – called an Honours year. The Honours year allows students to further focus on a particular an area of interest. The Honours year can either be integrated into a 4-year Bachelor degree or be offered as a separate year after completion of a 3-year Bachelor degree

Lecture – a period of teaching given by a lecturer to a large group of students in a lecture theatre; can often be as many as 300 students in a lecture

Major study – an area within a course that allows in-depth study in a particular field. More than one major may be allowed in some courses

Minor study – a grouping of subjects allowing a broader understanding of a few subjects, with less emphasis on in-depth study

Prerequisite – a set of conditions – usually a completion of a subject – that must be met before enrollment in a subject or course is allowed.

SA-HELP – SA-HELP is a loan scheme that assists eligible students to pay for all or part of their student services and amenities fees – so, non-academic fees.

Transcript – this is the university academic record each student receives, like a school report

Tutorial – a period of teaching given to a small group of students – involving discussion and participation

Undergraduate – a student studying at university for a first level degree, e.g. a Bachelor degree

VET Student Loans – a loan scheme for domestic students used to pay all or part of an eligible student's tuition fees for TAFE courses, but cannot be used for additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. A 20% loan fee applies.

Workplace learning – practical training in a workplace, such as internships or practical work experience. This is a hands-on experience – some universities call it *Industry Based Learning* or *Work Integrated Learning*.