Murdoch University Year 12 Early Offer Program

Frequently asked questions

Who is eligible to apply through this program?

Year 12 students studying in Australia and graduating in 2022 are eligible to apply through this program. This includes Year 12 students studying both ATAR or non-ATAR subjects. Applications must be made for an undergraduate course for Semester 1, 2023.

Can I apply for all Murdoch courses through this program?

You can apply for all Murdoch undergraduate courses through the Early Offer Program except for the <u>Bachelor of Science / Doctor of Veterinary Medicine</u>. If you'd like to apply for this course, you will need to apply via TISC and meet the entry requirements.

Students applying for Nursing can apply direct to Murdoch via the Early Offer scheme. *Some* early conditional offers will be made on the basis of strong predicted ATARs. Offer rounds for Nursing will include TISC rounds after Yr12 results are released (December -January).

When will applications open and close?

Applications for the Year 12 Early Offer Program will be open from 8am on Monday 4 April 2022, and will close at 5pm on Friday 9 December 2022.

When will offers be made?

Successful applicants will receive a conditional offer on a rolling basis from the date of application. If you qualify, you should receive an offer within two to three of weeks of applying.

Why is my offer conditional, and what does this mean?

A *conditional* offer means there is something we need you to do before we can admit you to your course in 2023. Your conditional offer letter will tell you what your conditions are. For example, it may be that you need to provide evidence of completing Year 12 or another pathway, such as a Certificate IV.

Successful completion of Year 12 and your pathway will not only help you prepare for university study, but it will also enable you to meet our English language requirements. Once you have uploaded evidence of completing Year 12 or another pathway, we'll be able to give you an unconditional offer, which you can accept. This will allow you to formally enrol in your course and sign up to your classes!

Completion of Yr12 can be evidenced from Oct when students receive their School Statement of results. WACE and WASSA can be used when issued in December.

Why apply for an early offer?

We recognise that the COVID-19 pandemic has created disruption to schooling, and that securing a place in a course early based on your results to date and intent, can relieve some of the stresses felt in your final year of schooling. With a successful early offer, you can go through your final year of high school knowing that your university journey with Murdoch is secured. Giving you the freedom to focus solely on seeing out your final year and getting prepared for university.

What do I do if I'm not sure what to apply for?

If you're unsure what direction to take with your studies or career, we have a great team at Murdoch who can help you explore your options and pathways. You can:

- Learn more about courses and pathways at our <u>future student events</u> throughout 2022.
- Make an appointment with our Future Students team for an individual course counselling session.
- Contact our Meet Murdoch team to discuss your options. Our team are available from 8.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday and you can either call 1300 687 3624 or make an enquiry online.

How do I apply to Murdoch University?

There are two ways to apply to Murdoch University, however please only select one option. You can:

- apply direct to Murdoch using our <u>online application system</u> or
- apply via TISC

Both options are open for applications from 4 April. If you're applying for the <u>Bachelor of Science / Doctor of Veterinary Medicine</u>, you will need to apply through TISC.

Offers will be made on a rolling basis from the date of application. Please allow two to three weeks for us to process your application. Please use your personal email address, not your school email address.

What documents will I need to upload with my early offer application?

We have several pathways to meet eligibility to Murdoch courses, so the documents you need to upload will depend on the pathway you are using for your application:

• ATAR or International Baccalaureate: Please upload either your 2021 end of Year 11 report, or your 2022 mid-year Year 12 report.

To apply direct to Murdoch University, firstly ensure you have either your 2021 end of Year 11 report, or your 2022 mid-year Year 12 report ready to upload. You can apply for all courses, with the exception of Veterinary Science. If you receive an offer conditional on completing Year 12, please send us your School Statement of Results (usually issued to you late October) by logging in to the Application Portal and uploading this document to enable us to send you an unconditional offer. If your offer is conditional on you attaining a prescribed ATAR result, then we will be able to check this with TISC when Year 12 results are released in mid-December.

• **Certificate IV**: You'll need to provide evidence of your enrolment in an accredited Certificate IV program, which includes details of the provider delivering the course.

To apply direct to Murdoch University, firstly ensure you have evidence that you are enrolled in an accredited CertIV program, and the details of which provider is delivering that course. Successful completion of an accredited CertIV can meet entry to courses with a selection rank of 70. When you have your completion documents, you'll need to login to the Application Portal to upload.

FlexiTrack High or TLC110: FlexiTrack students should upload a short personal statement and TLC110 students should upload a statement of validation to confirm you are in the program in 2022. To apply direct to Murdoch University, firstly ensure you have a short personal statement identifying that you are in a FlexiHigh or a TLC110 program in 2022. This will help the Admissions team processing the application know that you are on a University endorsed pathway. You can apply for all courses requiring a selection rank of 70. When your pathway program results are released, our Admissions team will have access to these, and will send unconditional offers to successful graduates in December.

• **Portfolio**: If you are intending to apply via Portfolio, please have evidence of your 2022 Year 12 subject enrolment, or a statement about your knowledge and activity that relates to the course you are applying for. Your offer will be conditional on submitting a successful Portfolio Application and School Endorsement form on completion of your Year 12 studies.

To submit this documentation, please login to the Application Portal to upload. To see courses available via Portfolio and required documents go to our <u>Portfolio page</u>

• Other Year 12 Programs: Please upload evidence of your enrolment. Your offer will be conditional on successfully completing that program at the required standard.

For example – Big Picture Academy.

How many preferences am I able to select?

When applying direct to Murdoch, you'll be able to select up to five course preferences.

Your highest preference should be the course you'd most like to study. We recommend making your second preference a course that you can use as a pathway to your first preference. For example, you may put the Bachelor of Laws as your first preference, and the Bachelor of Criminology as your second preference, so if you don't meet the entry requirements for Law, you can study Criminology and apply to transfer to Law after your first semester.

If you decide to make OnTrack your first preference, please make your second preference your desired undergraduate course of interest. That way, you'll receive an offer to study OnTrack in Semester 1, 2023, as well as a conditional offer for your desired course to commence in Semester 2, 2023.

How do I change my preference?

If you decide to change your preferences, simply email preference@murdoch.edu.au and we'll update your application. Please be aware if you have a current conditional offer it will be withdrawn and your new preferences will be assessed. In the email, please include:

- An email subject containing your application ID number (you'll find this on the application confirmation email you would have received from Murdoch).
- Your name and your new course preferences, ordered clearly from 1 to 5.

This will update your previous application. The new preferences will be assessed, and a new conditional offer will be issued in two to three weeks. If the Admissions team need any further information, they will email you.

If you have applied through TISC, you can <u>update your preferences</u> directly.

Will you assess all my preferences?

We'll assess your course preferences up until the point you are eligible to receive an early offer. This means that we'll issue you an early offer for the highest course preference you are eligible for. For example, if you're not eligible for your first preference, you could receive an early offer for your second preference. However, if your Year 12 mid-year or end of year results are better than predicted, you can re-apply for your first preference using these results.

What are unit sets and do they count as preferences?

Unit sets are majors within a course, and they help to make sure your study plan and units selection support your interest area and studies. Make sure you check out the <u>course details</u> before you apply. Unit sets (majors) are counted as course preferences.

What commencement period should I pick?

The early offer program is only available for Semester 1, 2023. If you want to start at a different time, you can apply after you complete Year 12 for an unconditional offer through <u>one of our many pathways</u>.

How will Murdoch assess my grades against the minimum required ATAR score?

If you're applying for a course under the Year 12 Early Offer Program, we'll use your Year 11 ATAR subject results, or mid-year Year 12 ATAR subject results to create a predicted selection rank.

If I score better in my Year 12 ATAR results, can I re-apply for my preferred course?

Yes. Current Year 12 students can re-apply for courses using their final Year 12 ATAR results.

We still encourage students to apply using their 2021 end of Year 11 or 2022 Year 12 mid-year subject results, and the application can be updated if the Year 12 ATAR score is higher.

What are my options if I have not studied ATAR subjects?

We provide many pathways to study at Murdoch University for students who are not completing ATAR subjects. Many of these pathways can be completed during Year 12, such as portfolio entry, Certificate IV, FlexiTrack High, TLC110, and Big Picture Academy. Non-ATAR students who are on a recognised pathway to university are also invited to apply to receive a conditional offer into their desired course.

We also offer flexible post-schooling pathway programs such as <u>OnTrack Sprint</u>, <u>OnTrack and FlexiTrack or our</u> intensive programs like Law Start.

Do I have a time limit to accept my offer?

To be considered under the Early Offer Program you must apply before 5pm on 9 December 2022. You will receive either a conditional offer or an unconditional offer, depending on when you apply and what documents are required (please see question above regarding the documents required for your application). You won't be able to accept your offer until you receive an unconditional offer. We will start making unconditional offers as soon as possible using School Statement of Results, issued toward the end of October, or when you are able to evidence successful completion of your pathway. If you are required to submit evidence showing you have met the conditions of your offer, you will need to do this before the deadline as advised in your conditional offer letter.

Once you receive an unconditional offer, please accept or defer your offer by the date specified in your offer letter.

What happens if all course spots are taken by the rolling offers?

Whether you apply to Murdoch through our Early Offer Program, through TISC, or directly to the University after you receive your final Year 12 results, all pathways will be equally considered.

Do I need my WACE?

No, but you will need to complete Year 12 and supply evidence of this (for example, your School Statement of Results, issued toward the end of October, or the Western Australian Statement of Student Achievement, WASSA, issued by SCSA).

Completion of your WACE is strongly encouraged. The WACE is an important achievement to demonstrate the breadth and depth of learning, and formally recognises your graduation from secondary school. It is important for a range of purposes, including post school employment. Completing your Year 12 studies and trying your best will be an important foundation and preparation for university level study.

Do I need to pass English?

Domestic students

To meet English Language Competency (ELC) requirements for Murdoch University, you will need to complete your Year 11 and 12 studies at an Australian or English speaking school, or complete two years of Vocational Education Training in Australia. If you don't meet ELC this way, then you will need to pass ATAR English or demonstrate your ELC another way.

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You can demonstrate or meet the English requirements for entry by sitting the Written English component of the <u>Special Tertiary Admission Test (STAT)</u> test, which is administered by TISC. You'll need to <u>request permission from Murdoch</u> to sit the test, after which we'll send you a permission letter that will enable you to register for the test

International onshore students

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Some courses require higher levels of ELC for entry and professional registration. Details are on the individual course pages

Can I apply if I'm an international student?

Yes, if you are completing Year 12 (or the equivalent from another state) or the International Baccalaureate (IB) program within Australia, then you can apply for the Year 12 Early Offer Program. You will need to apply as an international student and meet the English requirements. Please see the FAQ on 'Do I need to pass English' for details.

How will my predicted ATAR be calculated?

We will determine your predicted selection rank as it compares to our entry levels based on your end of Year 11, or mid-year Year 12 subject results. When you apply, you'll need to upload your end of Year 11, or mid-year Year 12 school report.

If I am eligible for the RISE adjustment, will this be applied to my Year 11 results?

We will make an upward adjustment of your Year 11 results if you meet one of the following criteria:

- you attend a RISE school
- you live in a RISE postcode
- you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- you are the first in your family to attend university.

A RISE adjustment will also be applied by TISC on Year 12 results after they have been scaled and moderated.

Can I defer my offer?

A conditional offer is not deferrable, however, when you receive your unconditional offer of a place in an Undergraduate degree, this can be deferred for up to two years for most courses.

If I don't get the required grades in Year 12, can I retrospectively use my Year 11 results if they were stronger?

No. Our Year 12 Early Offer Program is only available for applications prior to 9 December 2022. After this date, we will use your final Year 12 results to make an assessment for entry.