2025 Scholarships / Competitions/ Conference

WSU HSC True Reward Early Offers - Applications Now Open

Apply by 3 September for first round

Our HSC True Reward early offer program will give school leavers much needed peace of mind, providing students with an early offer into most university degrees based on their Year 11 or Year 12 results.

HSC True Reward was first launched in 2017, providing students with an early offer into Western based on HSC results, instead of a scaled ATAR, following analysis showing subject performance is a reliable indicator of student success.

If you are a year 12 HSC student and have selected eligible course preferences, you will automatically be considered for a HSC True Reward early offer.

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/application-pathways/hsc-true-reward

University of Sydney - Creative Arts Special Admission Scheme

Did you know you can apply to get an early offer from the Con before you get your ATAR? If you've got the talent and the dedication, we want you.

The degrees available under the admissions scheme are:

- Bachelor of Music
- Bachelor of Music (Composition)
- Bachelor of Music (Performance)

The following degrees are not available under CASAS: Bachelor of Music (Music Education) and Bachelor of Music degrees combined with the Bachelor of Advanced Studies.

If you are a current HSC student in NSW, you must do the following:

- Apply to UAC by the audition registration closing date.
- List your chosen music degree as your first preference - one of the applicable degrees listed above.
- Apply directly to the Conservatorium for an audition/portfolio submission for a July or September

audition.

https://www.sydney.edu.au/music/study-music/undergraduate-courses-and-admission/creative-arts-special-admission-scheme-casas.html

Biotech Futures Challenge 2025

Registration Opens 30 April

BIOTech Futures is looking for bright high school students with fresh ideas from around the globe. If you have an idea that solves a problem, we want to hear about it.

BIOTech Futures is an innovation and mentorship program that aims to empower the brightest young minds. Our initiative connects high school students in urban, regional and remote areas with world-class academics to think creatively about scientific inspired solutions to challenges in the fields ranging from medicine and health to sustainable environment, emerging technologies, regulations and ethics.

https://www.biotechfutures.org/

https://www.biotechfutures.org/how-to-enter (your parent/s will need to be your adult supervisor)

Yr 10 ONLY

Santos Science Experience

PICK THE FOLLOWING DATES as they are in your hols. Register soon, 22 spots left- I just checked 🙂

8-10 October - Macquarie University (Best Apply Before 1 September)

The Santos Science Experience is a fun 3 or 4 days of science activities for Year 9 and 10 students.

Each program is designed to provide students who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of scientists who love their work.

The program takes place in over thirty-five universities and tertiary institutions, within many different laboratories and lecture theatres. Participants perform experiments in the laboratories, meet and hear senior lecturers in the lecture theatres, attend site visits and walk around and experience what it is like to be on the campus of a university or tertiary institution. More than 81,000 students have taken this rare opportunity, up to date.

https://www.scienceexperience.com.au/when-where

UNSW Portfolio Entry

Opens 5 May

The UNSW Portfolio Entry Scheme offers early conditional offers for select degrees across UNSW Arts, Design & Architecture and UNSW Engineering, giving you the opportunity to showcase your passion and talent alongside your ATAR. Successful applicants will receive an early conditional offer with an adjusted ATAR entry requirement of up to 10 ATAR points below the lowest selection rank for a specific degree or

range of related degrees.

https://www.unsw.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/undergraduate/admission-pathways/portfolio-entry

Charles Sturt University Scholarships

We have hundreds of scholarships and grants available each year to help you with your studies and make university more affordable.

They are offered by the whole Charles Sturt community – from the uni itself to local organisations, government departments, not-for-profits and alumni.

Every scholarship for university has different eligibility criteria – so you can apply for as many as you're eligible for!

There are scholarships based on your academic performance, volunteering, sporting achievement or community service. For studying a particular courses, or living on a certain campus. There are also dedicated scholarships for First Nations people, LGBTQIA+ students and a whole host of specific circumstances.

https://study.csu.edu.au/apply/scholarships-grants

Reminder - ANU Tuckwell Scholarship – Applications now Open

Apply Before 12 April

One of the most prestigious scholarships in Australia. The program has a focus on giving back to Australia and is the only one of its kind that nurtures Scholars to fulfil their broader community ambitions over and above the pursuit of an undergraduate degree.

Each year we award 25 Scholarships and offer talented and motivated students the opportunity to realise their potential by providing financial support, personal enrichment and development opportunities.

https://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/apply

UTS - Rounds for Applications for Bachelor of Accounting 2026

The closing dates for applications to the 2026 Intake of the Bachelor of Accounting course are as follows:

Round 1 Closing Date - Friday 16 May 2025 by 11.59pm

Round 2 Closing Date - Friday 10 October 2025 by 11.59pm

In person half-day interviews for both rounds will be held: Monday-Friday 10-14 November 2025.

These interviews are for applicants who are considering Bachelor of Accounting as a course preference after the close of on-time UAC applications.

https://www.uts.edu.au/study/business/business-courses/undergraduate-programs/bachelor-accounting/application

ANU Early Application walkthrough

https://study.anu.edu.au/events/anu-early-application-walkthrough

Young ICT Explorers

Registration Now Open

Young ICT Explorers (YICTE) is a non-profit competition, created by SAP, supported by CSIRO Digital Careers and The Smith Family with the help of Industry and University partners across Australia, to encourage primary and high school students in years 3-12 in Australia to solve real-world problems or showcase their passions using technology. That could be anything from creating better ways to recycle, to supporting people with disability; from creating virtual reality worlds, to building entire operating systems and robots from the future –students can use their imagination and their interest in the world around them to create projects, we want students excited about working with technology. The work we do directly with our partner, The Smith Family (TSF), is on a dedicated funding program, which enables disadvantaged youth to have equal access to participate and engage in the competition through our YICTE Accelerator program.

Think of YICTE like a science fair, but for technology and innovation instead. Our goal is to inspire school students of all technical ability levels to use their creativity and innovation to gain a greater understanding of the diverse possibilities available to them through today's technology, encouraging students to consider future study and a career in tech, while solving real world problems with their choice of technology, with YICTE being the showcase event for students to attend each year. Projects can be anything created in class time, or students can enter extracurricular projects they are working on. YICTE compliments the school Digital Technologies curriculum, with almost any technology based projects eligible to enter! Students can work alone or in teams of up to four students (we suggest they team up!) To date, nearly 8,000 students have taken part, from approximately 850 school across Australia and New Zealand.

https://www.youngictexplorers.net.au

University of Newcastle – Joint Medical Program (JMP)

Applications Close 30 September

To apply to the Joint Medical Program in 2026, you must complete the following three steps. Our Joint Medical Program is world-class and entry is competitive. Each year, 170 places are available in the program across both the University of Newcastle and the University of New England; more than 3,000 people apply for those places. Your application will go through a rigorous selection process. If your application isn't successful, we encourage you to apply again the following year or to consider one of the many alternative degrees offered by the University of Newcastle or the University of New England.

https://www.newcastle.edu.au/joint-medical-program/how-to-apply

University of Wollongong - EmpowerHER STEM Summit

Applications Open Now for 22 and 23 April

The University of Wollongong is thrilled to announce the return of the EmpowerHER STEM Summit in 2025. This hands-on, two-day event, taking place during the Autumn school holidays, is exclusively designed for fierce female students in Years 10, 11 & 12.

Brace yourself for an exciting experience as we raise the STEM-bar for girls and ignite their passion for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths (STEM)!

Students will journey through UOW's vibrant Wollongong Campus and mind blowing Bluescope site to witness STEM in action. Accompanied by faculty, current students, and industry professionals, this event promises an enriching, yet collaborative experience.

https://future-students-events.uow.edu.au/EmpowerHERSTEMSummitSenior2025

UTS Bachelor of Accounting (BAcc) Scholarship Applications Opening Soon

Applications Open 1st March

All students in the course receive a tax-free scholarship worth up to $55,000.

If you are a high-achieving school leaver and believe you could be one of Australia's future business leaders, then the Bachelor of Accounting cooperative education scholarship program has been designed just for you.

The Bachelor of Accounting (BAcc) provides you with a multi-skilled accounting degree with strong emphasis on both accounting and financial management, both essential business tools.

https://www.uts.edu.au/study/business/business-courses/undergraduate-programs/bachelor-accounting

UNE Early Offer

UNE Early Entry is open to all Year 12 applicants, whether or not you're expecting to receive an ATAR. Early Entry relies on your school's assessment of your attributes and abilities: your ability

to work and learn independently, and your overall potential for academic success.

Apply with us directly and you can get your offer before the release of the year 12 results, giving you the certainty that no matter what happens, you have a place at UNE. Based on your school's recommendation, we will guarantee you an offer to start with us in 2026*.

Key Dates:

- March — Early Entry applications open.
- 2 May — UNE Open Day.
- July — Residential College applications open.
- July — Round 1 applications close.
- September — Round 1 offer letters released.
- September — Scholarship applications open.
- October — Round 2 applications close.
- November — Round 2 offer letters released.
- 2026 — Start your course.

https://www.une.edu.au/study/study-on-campus/early-entry

ScholarshipsDb.Net

Find scholarships at all levels. A one stop scholarship shop. Refine your search to your own interests.

https://scholarshipdb.net/scholarships?q=scholarship

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https://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/apply

Apply for the International Science School 2025

Applications Close 4 April

The Professor Harry Messel International Science School (ISS) will be held at the University of

Sydney from Monday 7 to Friday 18 July 2025. This is a fully funded two-week program bringing together top science students in Year 11 and 12 from across Australia and around the world, featuring inspiring talks by leading scientists, tours of cutting-edge research facilities, and a range of other amazing activities.

https://www.sydney.edu.au/science/industry-and-community/community-engagement/international-science-school.html

Get Ready for the ANU Tuckwell Scholarship

Opens 5 March (TBC)

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https://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/apply/2026-tuckwell-scholarship-application-guide

ANU Open Day

29 March

Don't just imagine it. Experience your future at ANU Open Day.

What to expect:

- Dive deeper into degrees at information sessions.
- Connect with experts and students at the Study Options Expo.
- Take a campus tour.
- Explore student accommodation.
- Wander around the campus and discover our welcoming community.

https://study.anu.edu.au/events/anu-open-day

The 11 Second Club - Animation Competition

Current Competition ends 28 Feb

The 11 Second Club is a monthly character animation competition open to everyone! Join our 1614169 members and participate in the forums to get feedback on your work.

https://www.11secondclub.com/

Apple Developer - Swift Student Challenge

Submissions open to 23 February

Apple is proud to support and uplift the next generation of developers, creators, and entrepreneurs with the Swift Student Challenge. The Challenge has given thousands of student developers the opportunity to showcase their creativity and coding capabilities through app playgrounds, and earn real-world skills that they can take into their careers and beyond.

https://developer.apple.com/swift-student-challenge/

University of Melbourne – 2025 The Hansen Scholarship Program Open Applications Close 31 March

The Hansen Scholarship is a flagship scholarship program at The University of Melbourne. Each year the Hansen Scholarship recognises students from around Australia who have demonstrated resilience to adversity, and a commitment to supporting others. Recipients will be awarded accommodation, an allowance, and financial and personal support.

Scholarship includes:

- a standard room for 52 weeks each year, at no charge, for the standard full-time, three year undergraduate degree at Little Hall residence in Lincoln Square South;
- an allowance of $4000 per year for general living expenses for the standard full-time duration of the undergraduate degree;
- full fee remission for asylum seekers who would otherwise have to pay international fees;
- a one-time grant of up to $4000 to support an approved activity for the Scholar's development such as an international exchange, an international subject, an internship or similar role;
- access to a mentoring program, pastoral care, and development programs available to all students at Little Hall as well as a tailored program of mentoring and support exclusively for Hansen Scholars;
- priority access to graduate accommodation at Little Hall should the Hansen Scholar wish to pursue graduate studies at Melbourne after completing their undergraduate degree; and
- next steps funding after completion of the scholar's undergraduate degree (competitive process to apply for up to $25,000 for a career-related activity)
- students who meet the requirements for the Melbourne Chancellor's Scholarship will receive the Melbourne Chancellor's Scholarship Guaranteed Commonwealth Supported Place in one of the professional master degrees for students who meet the prerequisite course and entry requirements for the master degree.

https://scholarships.unimelb.edu.au/awards/hansen-scholarship

Best Field Trip in the World 2025 (for Yr 11 and 12 only)

Organisation: University of the Sunshine Coast

Location: Various

Date: April 10 to April 13, 2025

University of the Sunshine Coast's award-winning Best Field Trip competition is back!

This is your chance to win a four-day rollicking adventure for year 11 and 12 students, exploring world-heritage wonders and hanging out with UniSC staff and students as well as some of our sporting superstars. The prize includes:

- Return travel from your residing destination
- All transfers, accommodation and meals

- Tickets to an NRL game at Suncorp Stadium
- Kayaking tour and overnight at Noosa
- Sightseeing and overnight stay at K’gari

We know the best memory is a shared memory, so each winner will be able to bring along a friend!

Entrants to the competition must submit a 100-word entry which responds to the question: What do you think life after high school will be like?

Entries close Sunday 9 March 2025.

Find out more and register