Scholarships and University pathways

Where to source information?

- Finding information
 - Good Universities Guide https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/
 - Quality Indicators of Learning and Teaching(QILT) - https://www.qilt.edu.au/
 - Universities Australiahttps://www.universitiesaustralia.edu.au/

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Quality Indicators of Learning and Teaching



Universities Australia



University Course Structure



Undergraduate

This refers to students studying for their Bachelors degree – the entry level qualification needed for firsttime university students.



Postgraduate

Once a Bachelors degree has been achieved (roughly 3-4 years study), many will go onto postgraduate study such as a Masters, PhD etc.



Course Structure:

Some universities (University of Melbourne and UWA) have moved to a model where students undertake a broad Bachelors Degree (Arts, Science, Commerce etc.) and then apply for postgraduate specialty – i.e. Engineering, Law, Medicine etc.

Other universities (Curtin, Monash etc) will provide a Bachelor of Law or Bachelor of Engineering, Bachelor of Medicine

Applying to university

- Year 12s will receive information from the school regarding how to apply to universities. In WA, this is done through TISC. Other states use other systems (UAC, QTAC, VTAC etc.)
- TISC applications are typically due in September for the following calendar year
- It is possible for a student to apply to study in WA (i.e. through TISC) and also simultaneously apply to study in NSW (i.e. through UAC). If a student is keen to get into a competitive course, they may decide to apply for that course in multiple states.

COVID-19 and University

- All WA universities are now offering early assured entry to their courses. This is typically based on predicted ATAR data from Year 11.
- To apply for early entry, students must apply directly to the university (not through TISC – except for Curtin)
 - UWA: UWA early offers
 - ECU: ECU early offers
 - Curtin: Curtin early offers
 - Murdoch: Murdoch early offers
 - Notre Dame: Notred Dame early offers



Types of scholarships

- Merit based
 - Typically very competitive. Based usually on ATAR and other extracurricular evidence.
 - UWA: Winthrop and Fogarty
 - Curtin: John Curtin Scholarship and Julia Gillard Scholarship
- Faculty based
 - Each department/faculty will often offer a series of scholarships. I.e. school of engineering offer \$20,000 at ECU
- Diversity and Equity based
 - Financial disadvantage, rural/regional, disability, cultural diversity etc.
- Private organisations
 - Some companies and foundations may also provide scholarships.

Overview on scholarships

- Some scholarships will require a detailed application whereby the applicant outlines their academic and extracurricular achievements.
- Other scholarships may simply require a form to be submitted and if you meet the eligibility criteria (means-tested, regional location, atar etc.), it will be awarded.

What do you need to do now?

- Start collecting evidence
- Examples of leadership
- Extra curricular
- Voluntary work
- Work experience
- Strengths/problem solving/teamwork/EQ!

Things to consider when applying for a scholarship

Eligibility

 Look at who is the target here. Do you meet the requirements? Citizenship status, academic achievement, course being applied for etc.

Selection Criteria

- For merit based scholarships, there is often a more detailed selection criteria. I.e. John Curtin scholarship requires students to submit an essay whilst Fogarty/Winthrop requires students to address 5 areas arts, leadership, community, academic, sport.
- If there's a detailed selection criteria, it is important you have supporting evidence and examples to demonstrate your eligibility for this.

Things to consider in your application

- Have I captured the information about me that the reader needs to understand?
- Is my opening statement reflecting the key messages I have chosen?
- Is the balance of information right?
- What are my values? Are they clear in the application?
 - Integrity, honesty, A team player, leader, independent etc.
- Have I provided evidence and examples to support my claims?

Other things to consider before applying for a scholarship

- Where am I prepared to go? Prepared to move to Perth? Prepared to go interstate?
 - Emotional away from family and friends – support network
- Check the closing dates this can vary
 - E.g. John Curtin closes September for the following calendar year

Potential requirements

- Minimum ATAR
- Personal portfolio
- Personal statement
- Teacher reference
- School reference
- Principal's endorsement
- School transcript of results

Remember...

- When applying for a scholarship at a university, you must list the university as your **1st choice**.
- *(this is state based, so you can apply across Australia listing various universities as 1st for that state).

UWA -Winthrop and Fogarty scholarships

- Activities or achievements across a range of criteria that include:
 - Sports
 - Arts
 - Community Contribution
 - Leadership
 - Academic Achievement
- Provide evidence in at least 3 out of the 5 categories
- For each category, no more than four activities or achievements.
- *You must provide documentary evidence

UWA – Winthrop and Fogarty scholarships

- https://www.scholarships.uwa.edu.au/futurestudents/uwa-fogarty-foundation
- Value \$10,000 per annum
- Applications close: May for the next calendar year
- Criteria: **an ATAR of at least 95.** Must excel in at least 3 of the 5 criteria (arts, community, academia, sport, leadership). MRSHS is a Tier A Broadway UWA identified school.

Curtin – John Curtin Undergraduate Scholarship

- https://future.connect.curtin.edu.au/app/answ ers/detail/a id/385/~/john-curtinundergraduate-scholarship
- The financial benefits to the JCUS include:
- free tuition and an annual stipend of \$2,000
- \$6,000 towards an international study experience
- To be eligible for a John Curtin Undergraduate Scholarship, you are required to display strength in academic excellence, leadership and community service.
- You need to be in the top 5% of your cohort to be considered
- Applications close September for the next calendar year

Uni of Melbourne - Hansen Scholarship

- https://scholarships.unimelb.edu.au/hansen
- 20 scholarships per year
- It offers:
 - BENEFITS:
 - Full fee remission, free accommodation, living allowances (\$4000 per year), 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;
 - ELIGIBILITY:
 - experience financial circumstances that present a challenge to attending The University of Melbourne. (e.g. you or your family receive Centrelink benefits).
 - Minimum ATAR: 90
- Due by March for the following calendar year

Tertiary Access Payment (TAP)

- Payment from Federal Govt. First come-first served basis. Each Australian university has a capped amount they can offer.
- Eligibility:
 - meet Australian citizenship or residency requirements. Are from an outer-regional, remote or very remote area (use the <u>Student Regional Area Search</u> tool to check eligibility). Are relocating to study at an education provider at least 90 minutes by public transport from their family home
 - are undertaking eligible tertiary study in the year immediately following completion of Year 12 or equivalent (or the first available semester of their chosen course if the course has a mid-year, or later, start). Are studying face to face, or in dual delivery method, for at least part of the course
 - are enrolled in a Certificate IV or above qualification, with a course duration of at least one academic year. Are enrolled in full-time study with a course duration of at least one academic year, and
 - parent(s) or guardian(s) have a combined income of less than \$250,000
- Benefits
 - \$5000/ year in two instalments
- Further information: https://www.dese.gov.au/higher-education/resources/tap-program-guidelines-university-students

Some examples

Tuckwell Scholarship (ANU) What is your favourite subject and why?

Physics never really drew my eye during the earlier years of high school. It was just another unit in the program, only we'd occasionally play with light bulbs and buzzers. It was only during year 11 when studying motion where it struck me that here were the explanations to things I had never even considered, like why one feels heavy in an ascending elevator and the reason air bags in cars work. From that moment on the subject took on an entirely different meaning for me, becoming my favourite almost overnight, as I saw how waves, electricity and heat were all woven into the fabric of our everyday lives. What astonished me most of all was how an understanding of these basic concepts had led to discovery and innovation thought impossible at the time. As well as this realisation, the strong practical component of Physics means that I can see the concepts we learn about in a real-world context, vastly increasing my interest. What I enjoy most about physics is the way it forces one to constantly look at things from different perspectives, encouraging new ideas and innovation.

Some examples

Tuckwell scholarship (ANU) What is your main activity?

My main activity outside of school is netball. I have been playing since I was 8 and have been fortunate enough to play in regional and state teams, which has exposed me to a huge range of amazing opportunities. I absolutely love the sport, the team spirit and close friendships I've made. I'm addicted to the feeling of adrenaline and competitiveness that comes with each match and I don't think there is a better feeling than sharing a hard fought win with a team after weeks and months of training and development both individually and as a group.