



MATURE AGE ASYLUM SEEKERS: GUIDE TO APPLYING FOR UNIVERSITY

Are you an asylum seeker on a bridging visa with unlimited study rights and are considering tertiary education? Here's what you need to know about the process of applying for a university place and scholarship in Australia.

SOME IMPORTANT THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW WHEN THINKING ABOUT UNIVERSITY:

- 1** Students who are seeking asylum and are on bridging visas are considered as **international students** when applying for university. Unless you receive a scholarship you will have to pay international student fees (around \$30,000 per annum) to attend university.
- 2** Some Universities provide **scholarships** for people seeking asylum/refugees, that cover the **full cost** of the international student fee. However, it is important to note that not all universities provide these scholarships and there are only a limited number available. You also have to study full-time to be eligible for a scholarship.
- 3** When **looking for a university course** that interests you, make note of which universities offer scholarships for asylum seekers that cover the **full costs of tuition fees**. You'll also need to make sure you meet the entry requirements for this course.
- 4** When you find a university that offers a 'full tuition fee' scholarship it means you will need to apply to the same university for both:
 - a place in the degree course and,
 - an Asylum Seeker or Humanitarian scholarship from that university, which covers the full cost of your tuition fees.

- 5** You will need to meet the **specific entry standards** that the university requires for the course you are interested in. If you have educational or work qualifications gained outside Australia, you will need to find out whether these can be used within Australia for entry to university (ASC can assist you with this).
- 6** Although a university may offer you a scholarship that covers all your course tuition fees, you or your family will still need to be able to cover the **costs for your living, travel and study materials**. For most students this means they will have to work while studying.

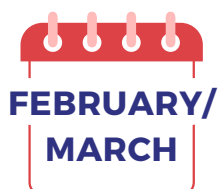


We can assist you with applications, either online or in person! Please let us know if you need further assistance - if you are not an existing client of ASC, please contact us on 9078 1900 to ask for assistance with your university application.

KEY DATES FOR UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

Applications for course places and scholarships need to be lodged in the year before you want to start university (i.e. apply in 2023 to start in February/ March 2024).

Applications for course places can be submitted throughout the year.



**First university
semester begins**



**Scholarships
advertised**



**Scholarship
applications close**

Note: Very few Asylum Seeker/ Humanitarian Scholarships are available for commencing in the second semester June/ July.

Scholarship dates change each year and have not yet been published, so you will need to check each university's website for the opening and closing dates of their scholarship applications.

Remember to check two sets of dates - one for the closing date of course applications for international students and one for the deadlines for Asylum Seeker/ Humanitarian Scholarships. These dates are often different.

IMPORTANT RESOURCES TO LOOK AT:

A USEFUL STARTING POINT

Read the **Deakin University Guide for Applicants** that explains the process of both applying for a university place and scholarship.

<https://www.deakin.edu.au/international-students/how-to-apply>

CAREERS ADVICE

The **Australian government website** provides information on different types of jobs and careers

<https://www.yourcareer.gov.au>

CHOOSING A UNIVERSITY COURSE

The Universities Admission Centre (UAC) lists all the university courses for the coming academic year. **Look on their website** to identify which courses you are interested in and for which you meet the entry requirements

<https://uac.edu.au/course-search/undergraduate/find-a-course.html>

You can only use this resource for information, you cannot apply for university places through UAC if you have not attended an Australian secondary school. You will need to apply to each university directly as an international student, for both a place and a scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Remember to check if a scholarship covers the full tuition fee, that it is being offered at the university you wish to attend and for the year you are applying to study. Particularly look for Asylum Seeker/ Humanitarian Scholarships

<http://refugee-education.org/scholarships>

