

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

MATURE AGE (NON-SCHOOL LEAVER)

APPLYING FOR UNIVERSITY

Are you a person seeking asylum interested in studying at university?

Here are some important things you need to know about applying for a university place and scholarships in Australia.

You need to be on a bridging visa, with full study rights.

When searching for a course that interests you, make note of universities that offer full scholarships for people seeking asylum.

You must meet the specific entry requirements for the course, including minimum English standards.

You're considered an international student in University. Unless you receive a scholarship, fees are around \$30,000 per year.

In NSW, humanitarian scholarships are usually for undergraduate courses. However, some interstate universities may offer postgraduate.

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).

Some universities provide scholarships for people seeking asylum. Not all universities do, and spaces are limited. You also have to study full-time to be eligible for the scholarship.

When you find a uni offering a 'full tuition fee' scholarship, you must apply for both:

- 1. a place on the degree course and,**
- 2. the Asylum Seeker or Humanitarian scholarship.**

Regardless of obtaining a scholarship, you or your family must be able to cover your living, travel and study materials costs. You may have to work while studying.



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CENTRE FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS

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 2024 to start in February/ March 2025). Applications for course places can be submitted throughout the year.



**Scholarships
advertised**



**Scholarship
applications close**



**First university
semester begins**

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:

1. the closing date of course applications for international students
2. the deadlines for Asylum Seeker/ Humanitarian Scholarships

We can assist you with applications, either online or in person! If you are not an existing client of ASC, please contact us on 9078 1900 as soon as possible to ask for assistance with your university application.

OTHER RESOURCES

STARTING POINT

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

CAREERS ADVICE

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

CHOOSING A UNIVERSITY COURSE

The Universities Admission Centre (UAC) lists all the courses for the coming academic year.

Look on their website to identify which courses you are interested in and for which you meet entry requirements. 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.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Remember to check:

- 1) if a scholarship covers the full tuition fee,
- 2) that it is being offered at the university you wish to attend, and
- 2) is offered for the year you are applying to study.

Particularly look for Asylum Seeker/ Humanitarian Scholarships.
Click **HERE** for a list of university scholarships.