

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION** **FOR MATURE AGE (NON-SCHOOL LEAVER)** **APPLYING FOR UNIVERSITY**

**Are you a non-school leaver 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.**

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

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

**When searching for a course that interests you, check if the universities offer full scholarships for people seeking asylum.**

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

**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.**

**You must meet the specific entry requirements for the course,  
including minimum academic English standards.**  
**If you have educational or work qualifications gained outside Australia, you will need to find out whether these can be recognised within Australia for entry to university**

**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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# 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 2025 to start in February/ March 2026). Applications for course admission 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 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.

The ASC website publishes key information for university applicants, please check:  
**[asylumseekerscentre.org.au/whats-on](https://asylumseekerscentre.org.au/whats-on)**