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Why should I apply?

The benefit of a Melbourne Access Scholarship is an annual allowance paid in instalments. There are currently more than 450 Access Scholarship recipients and over 1000 students receiving a Commonwealth Scholarship.

Before I apply

Am I eligible for a Melbourne Access Scholarship?

In addition to meeting Access Melbourne eligibility criteria (see 'Am I eligible for Access Melbourne?' on page 2), in order to be eligible for a Melbourne Access Scholarship you must:

- ▶ not have been awarded results in a degree course at a tertiary institution in Australia. This does not include bridging schemes or extension studies undertaken as part of a Year 12 program, or TAFE, or the University's Community Access Program.
- ▶ meet the criteria for entry to the University and enrol full time in your course, unless documentary evidence for reasons why you cannot enrol full time, such as disability, is provided.

How do I apply?

All applicants who are eligible for Access Melbourne will be eligible for consideration for a Melbourne Access scholarship. A separate scholarship application is not required. Applications, together with all relevant supporting documentation and statements of support, must be submitted to VTAC no later than 5:00pm, Friday 9 October 2009. See page 3 for further information.

Equity Scholarships

Other equity scholarships are also available for future University of Melbourne students, including Commonwealth Scholarships and Indigenous Scholarships. For more information visit:
www.services.unimelb.edu.au/scholarships/ugrad/future/

"This scholarship has opened up doors that I would otherwise never have seen."

Lauren Clark

Completed VCE at St Brigid's College, Horsham
Melbourne Access Scholarship recipient
Bachelor of Arts



"Coming from a rural and isolated background, my Access Melbourne application allowed me to gain a place in Media and Communications, despite not achieving the clearly-in ENTER. I was also granted an Access Melbourne Scholarship, which meant that I was able to commence University study immediately after Year 12 rather than having to earn money during a gap year."

Charmaine Green

Completed VCE at Trinity College, Colac
Melbourne Access Scholarship recipient
Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communications)



Need more information?

Access Melbourne

An Access Melbourne information session will be held on the University's Open Day on Sunday 16 August 2009 at 12:45pm in Theatre 2, Old Geology Building. Details of the full Open Day program are available at:
www.openday.unimelb.edu.au

Further information about Access Melbourne and the application process can also be obtained from:

The University Information Centre
Swanston Street
University of Melbourne
Tel: 03 8344 6543
Toll free: 1800 801 662
www.access.unimelb.edu.au

Or in the VTAC Special Entry Access Schemes (SEAS) booklet available from:
Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)
40 Park Street
South Melbourne
www.vtac.edu.au

Non-school leaver entry pathway

A Non-school leaver entry pathway information session will be held on the University's Open Day on Sunday 16 August 2009 at 3pm in Theatre 2, Old Geology Building. Details of the full Open Day program are available at:
www.openday.unimelb.edu.au

Further information about the Non-school leaver entry pathway and the application process can also be obtained from:

The University Information Centre
Swanston Street
University of Melbourne
Tel: 03 8344 6543
Toll free: 1800 801 662
www.access.unimelb.edu.au/nsl

Non-school leaver enquiry appointments

Individual half hour appointments are available for prospective students to speak to a National Admissions representative about the Non-school leaver application process. To indicate your interest in an appointment, go to the Non-school leaver web site:
www.access.unimelb.edu.au/nsl

Melbourne Access Scholarships

Further information about Melbourne Access Scholarships is available from:
Melbourne Scholarships Office
3rd Floor, John Smyth Building
Swanston Street
University of Melbourne
Tel: 03 8344 8747
Toll free: 1800 674 169
www.unimelb.edu.au/scholarships

Or in the VTAC Scholarships booklet available from:
Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)
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2010 Access Melbourne

incorporating the **Non-School Leaver Entry Pathway** and **Melbourne Access Scholarships**



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The University of Melbourne is committed to significantly increasing the number of students from educationally, financially or socially disadvantaged backgrounds enrolling in undergraduate programs. Access Melbourne is a combined special entry and access scholarships scheme designed to increase participation of students from diverse backgrounds.

Access Melbourne can help you be selected for a place in a course even if your ENTER is below the clearly-in rank by letting you explain the ongoing circumstances that have affected your education.

Twenty per cent of the University's new undergraduate Commonwealth supported places will be offered to students who have applied through Access Melbourne. In addition, many Access Melbourne applicants will be awarded a Melbourne Access Scholarship. For more information see 'Melbourne Access Scholarships' on page 5, or visit: www.services.unimelb.edu.au/scholarships/ugrad/future

Why should I apply?

Applying for Access Melbourne will enhance your opportunity for selection even if your ENTER is below the clearly-in rank of a course. University Selection Committees consider each application for Access Melbourne and the circumstances that

Once you enrol, the University provides a wide range of student services to support students throughout their studies. Full details are available at www.services.unimelb.edu.au

affected your chance of gaining a place at the University, together with your potential to succeed in your chosen course.

The University has set minimum ENTERs for admission into most of its courses. Only Access Melbourne applicants can be admitted below this standard. All Access Melbourne applicants are considered for, and may be offered a Commonwealth supported place in, a course where their ENTER is lower than the specified minimum ENTER.

Even if you meet the eligibility criteria for Access Melbourne, but believe your ENTER may place you 'clearly-in' for your chosen course, you should submit an Access Melbourne application so that you can be considered for a Melbourne Access Scholarship. See 'Melbourne Access Scholarships' on page 5.

Before I apply

Am I eligible for Access Melbourne?

To be eligible for Access Melbourne you must:

- ▶ be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or Australian permanent resident or holder of a permanent Humanitarian Visa; and
- ▶ have not been awarded results in a degree course at a tertiary institution in Australia (this does not apply to applicants for the mature age consideration category and does not include the University's Community Access Program (CAP), bridging schemes or extension studies undertaken as part of Year 12); and
- ▶ have demonstrated the capacity to successfully undertake the course of your choice; and
- ▶ apply for a University of Melbourne course through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC).

You may apply under one or more of the following categories for which the description matches your circumstances.

If you are currently in Year 12 and your circumstances only relate to this year, see 'Year 12 Special Consideration at the University of Melbourne' opposite and discuss your options with your school.

Mature-age consideration (Non-school leaver entry pathway)

Refer to 'Non-school leaver entry pathway' on page 4.

Non-English speaking background

You are eligible to apply if you:

- ▶ were born outside Australia in a non-English speaking country; and
- ▶ arrived in Australia less than six years ago (after 1 August 2003).

Recognition as an Indigenous Australian

You are eligible to apply if you are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. You must also identify as a person of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage and be accepted as such by the community in which you have been or are associated.

Access Melbourne timeline

- ▶ Applications open: 3 August 2009
- ▶ Applications close: 9 October 2009
- ▶ VTAC timely applications close: 30 September 2009

Difficult family circumstances

You are eligible to apply if you have been disadvantaged by your family circumstances. Examples may include (but are not limited to): long-term illness of immediate family member, abusive living environment, divorce/separation of parents.

Disadvantaged socio-economic background

You are eligible to apply if:

- ▶ you are in receipt of a means-tested Commonwealth income support payment (such as Austudy, ABSTUDY, Youth Allowance etc); or
- ▶ your parents are in receipt of Family Tax Benefit A; or
- ▶ you are able to demonstrate how your disadvantaged socio-economic background has affected you.

Rural or isolated

You are eligible to apply if you will be required to move from a location not defined as a major city by the Australian Standard Geographic Classification (ASGC) Remoteness Areas classification in order to undertake your chosen course at the University of Melbourne.

If you are a school-leaver you must also have completed the final two years of schooling in a rural or regional secondary school. If you are a Non-school leaver you must also have lived in a rural or regional area for three of the last four years.

A list of postcodes to which this category applies can be found at: www.access.unimelb.edu.au/rural

Under-represented school

You are eligible to apply if you have undertaken Year 12 in 2009 at a Victorian school defined by the University of Melbourne as under-represented in the tertiary sector and at the University of Melbourne.

A list of schools to which this category applies can be found at: www.access.unimelb.edu.au/urs

Personal disability or long-term medical condition

You are eligible to apply if you have a disability, impairment or long-term medical condition that has affected your studies.

Refugee status

You are eligible to apply if you can demonstrate that you have been a refugee at any stage during your life.

How do I apply?

Applications for Access Melbourne are made using the SEAS application on the VTAC web site. SEAS (Special Entry Access Scheme) is an umbrella program through which universities participating in the VTAC system receive applications for their special entry schemes. Each of the Access Melbourne eligibility criteria corresponds to a SEAS category.

Once you have submitted a course application through VTAC you can access the SEAS application through the MyInfo section of the VTAC web site. Complete the relevant sections to apply for Access Melbourne.

Applications, together with all relevant supporting documentation and statements of support must be submitted to VTAC no later than 5:00pm, Friday 9 October 2009.

Information required with your application

For most Access Melbourne categories you will need to supply evidence to support your claims. Individual categories have specific requirements but the type of information required may include:

- ▶ an impact statement describing how your circumstances have affected your education;
- ▶ a statement of support from a responsible, independent person such as a staff member from your school, religious or community leader, doctor or other health professional;
- ▶ documentary proof such as certified photocopies of your visa, a Centrelink statement, etc.

Detailed information about what must be submitted for each category and how to apply is available at: www.access.unimelb.edu.au

Year 12 Special Consideration at the University of Melbourne

If you are currently in Year 12 and you have experienced circumstances during Year 12 which have had an adverse impact on your performance during the final year of secondary schooling you are encouraged to apply for Year 12 Special Consideration.

Once you have submitted a course application through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC), you can login to SEAS and complete the SEAS Application form for categories 4, 5, 6, 9 and/or 10, indicating that the circumstances occurred during 2009. You should also note the compensation already received from your school to help overcome your circumstances.

When evaluating the information supplied each study score represents the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority's (VCAA) best available measure of the learning achieved in the subject. Adjustments to ranking will therefore be made only where there is evidence that the circumstances have resulted in the learning achieved in Year 12 not being a reliable guide to the applicant's potential for success in the course. Year 12 applicants will be considered individually, but in almost all cases the expectation is that such adjustments to ranking will be minor.

Please note: Eligibility for Year 12 Special Consideration alone will not allow you to be selected from below the minimum ENTER for a course and will not make you eligible for a Melbourne Access Scholarship.



"I chose to enrol in CAP because I hoped to be accepted into Arts in 2009. This is a fantastic opportunity to study at an internationally recognised institution."

Anthony De Bono
Completed CAP studies in 2008
Non-school leaver applicant
Bachelor of Arts

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Non-school leaver entry pathway

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The University of Melbourne welcomes applications from Non-school leavers and mature aged students.

There are a number of ways such applicants may demonstrate their eligibility for entry and their likelihood to succeed in their chosen course. For further information see www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/nonyear12/

Applicants who do not meet the standard entry requirements for selected undergraduate courses may be eligible for entry using the Non-school leaver entry pathway.

Before I apply

Am I eligible for the Non-school leaver entry pathway?

To be eligible for this pathway, applicants must:

- ▶ be aged 23 years or older at 30 September 2009; and
- ▶ be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or Australian permanent resident or holder of a Permanent Humanitarian Visa; and
- ▶ have no qualifications from the past seven years which could be used as a basis for selection.

Applicants for this pathway will need to:

- ▶ meet course prerequisites;
- ▶ meet any other extra course requirements; and
- ▶ complete a general aptitude test (STAT or SAT) or complete study through the University's Community Access Program (CAP). CAP allows students to complete individual University subjects without being enrolled in a degree.

Meet course prerequisites

Prerequisite subjects must be completed before commencing a course and are expressed in terms of the required mark in specific Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) studies. Students can find information about course prerequisites via Course Search at: <http://coursesearch.unimelb.edu.au>

For selection under the Non-school leaver entry pathway, prerequisite study (with the exception of English) must have been completed within the last ten years.

Prerequisites in most cases can be met with successful completion of specified VCE Units 3/4. VCE courses are available for people returning to study at a range of providers including:

- ▶ Adult Community Education (ACE)
- ▶ Technical and Further Education (TAFE)
- ▶ Centre for Adult Education

See a full list of providers on the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) web site at: www.vcaa.vic.edu.au

Alternatively, Non-school leaver entry pathway applicants can choose to undertake University of Melbourne first year subjects through the Community Access Program (CAP) to meet course prerequisites.

Take a general aptitude test or undertake CAP subjects

To demonstrate their likelihood to succeed in tertiary study, all applicants who apply under the Non-school leaver entry pathway have the option to either:

- ▶ achieve competitive results in the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) (Written English and Multiple Choice sections); or
- ▶ achieve competitive results in the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) (all sections); or
- ▶ achieve competitive results in 50 points (typically four subjects) of study in assessed mode through CAP.

For more information about eligibility for the Non-school leaver entry pathway, refer to the web site: www.access.unimelb.edu.au/msl

Meet extra course requirements

Some courses have extra requirements, such as an audition, a folio, interview, or sitting an additional test. Check course extra requirement information via Course Search at:

<http://coursesearch.unimelb.edu.au>

How do I apply?

Step 1: Before you apply check your eligibility and the other requirements you need to complete prior to lodging your application, such as meeting subject prerequisites.

Step 2: Decide which option you wish to take under the Non-school leaver entry pathway (either an admissions test or CAP study).

Step 3: Apply for a University of Melbourne undergraduate course through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) as a 'Non-year 12' applicant.

Step 4: Submit an application for Access Melbourne under the 'Mature age consideration' category. You should also apply for any other category where you meet the eligibility criteria.

Step 5: If you have selected to undertake an admissions test (the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) or Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)) for the basis for entry, register to sit the test.

Note: If you choose to sit the STAT, you must complete the STAT question on the VTAC Online Application form.

5a: If you undertake the STAT, your STAT results will be sent automatically to VTAC.

5b: If you undertake the SAT, you will need to manually submit a certified copy of your results to VTAC. See the VTAC web site for more information about how to do this: www.vtac.edu.au

5c: If you have undertaken University of Melbourne first year subjects through the Community Access Program (CAP) for the basis of entry, your CAP results are regarded as previous study for the purposes of VTAC and you will need to submit your results to VTAC. For more information, see the VTAC web site: www.vtac.edu.au

All eligible Access Melbourne applicants will also be considered for a Melbourne Access Scholarship.