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“The Access Melbourne scholarship funds I received helped immensely with my moving costs at the start of the year, and meant that I could take a little bit of extra time to find a job whilst I settled in.”

Kristen McNamara
Bachelor of Science
Diploma in Music
Master of Environment

ON THE COVER
Mark Dorsett
Master of Information Technology
Life can sometimes get in the way of your academic achievement. Our Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS), Access Melbourne, is designed to help you overcome these obstacles and reach your goals.

Did your circumstances in secondary school prevent you from achieving the best possible ATAR? There are different Access Melbourne categories you can apply for that will ensure that your personal circumstances are taken into consideration when your undergraduate course application is assessed.

Access Melbourne recipients may be eligible for guaranteed entry or a place in their preferred course even if their ATAR is below the published minimum (subject to meeting all individual course prerequisites).

AM I ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?
To apply for Access Melbourne you need to meet all of the general eligibility requirements:

- Be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or Australian permanent resident or hold a permanent humanitarian visa
- Have not received results from a degree course at a tertiary institution (excludes high school extension studies, or single subjects completed outside of an official degree program. Does not apply to non-school leaver entry pathway applicants and/or recognition as an Indigenous Australian applicants)
- Demonstrated the capacity to successfully undertake the course of your choice
- Applied for a University of Melbourne undergraduate course through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC).

If you’re eligible to apply, there are eight categories you can select for consideration as part of your application, see page 4.

In 2020, 33 per cent of our domestic undergraduate students were eligible for Access Melbourne, demonstrating that because of personal circumstances, their ATAR was not fully reflective of their real potential.

You can apply using one or more of the following categories:

- Disadvantaged financial background
- Resident of a rural or isolated area
- Under-represented school
- Difficult circumstances
- Disability or medical condition
- Non-English speaking background
- Recognition as an Indigenous Australian
- Mature-age consideration (non-school leaver entry pathway).

Percentage is based on start-year intake in the December and January offer rounds.
ACCESS MELBOURNE CATEGORIES

You can apply under one or more of the following categories if the description matches your circumstances:

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<th>Category</th>
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<td><strong>Disadvantaged financial background</strong></td>
<td>Applicants may be eligible to receive a guaranteed place. • You receive a means-tested Commonwealth income support payment (such as Austudy, ABSTUDY, Youth Allowance etc.), or • Your parents receive Family Tax Benefit A, or • You’re able to demonstrate how your disadvantaged financial background has affected you with an impact statement and a statement of support.</td>
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<td><strong>Resident of a rural or isolated area</strong></td>
<td>Applicants may be eligible to receive a guaranteed place. • Your residential address is in a Statistical Area Level 1 that’s not defined as a major city by the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), and • You are a Year 12 student who completed the final two years of schooling at a rural or regional secondary school. Look up your address to see if you’re eligible for this category at: access.unimelb.edu.au/rural</td>
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<td><strong>Recognition as an Indigenous Australian</strong></td>
<td>Applicants may be eligible to receive a guaranteed place. See page 6 for details. • You’re of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, or • You identify as a person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage and are accepted as such by the community in which you have been in or are associated with.</td>
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<td><strong>Graduate of an under-represented school</strong></td>
<td>• You’ve completed Year 12 in 2020 at a Victorian school defined as under-represented in the tertiary sector and at the University of Melbourne. See a list of under-represented schools: access.unimelb.edu.au/urs</td>
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<td><strong>Difficult circumstances</strong></td>
<td>• You’ve been prevented from reaching your full educational potential because of long-term family or other life circumstances, and • The above circumstances are long term.</td>
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<td><strong>Disability or medical condition</strong></td>
<td>• You have a disability, impairment or long-term medical condition that has affected your studies, and • The above circumstances are long term.</td>
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<td><strong>Non-English speaking background</strong></td>
<td>• You were born outside Australia in a non-English speaking country, and • You arrived in Australia after 1 January 2015.</td>
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<td><strong>Mature age consideration (non-school leaver entry pathway)</strong></td>
<td>• You were 23 or older on 29 September 2020 (for Semester 1, 2021 entry) or 10 June 2021 (for Semester 2, 2021 entry), and • You have no qualifications from the past seven years that could be used as a basis for your application.</td>
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GET A GUARANTEED PLACE

For 2021 entry, the University guarantees admission to eligible current Year 12 applicants in these Access Melbourne categories:
• Disadvantaged financial background
• Resident of a rural or isolated area
• Indigenous students (see page 6).

For a guaranteed place in 2021, you’ll need to meet prerequisites and achieve these ATARs (or notional ATARs) in 2020:

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<td>86.00</td>
<td>Commerce</td>
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<td>90.00</td>
<td>Biomedicine</td>
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HOW WILL I PAY FOR IT ALL?

To help you with costs for essentials such as textbooks, study supplies, living expenses and maybe even relocating, a variety of scholarships, bursaries and other grants are available.

UNDERGRADUATE ACCESS SCHOLARSHIPS
The University of Melbourne offers close to 200 scholarships to Access Melbourne applicants. These scholarships provide an allowance of $5000 per year for the duration of your course and some cover the course fees as well. When you apply through VTAC using the Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS), you’ll be automatically considered for these scholarships.

GRANTS AND BURSARIES
Generous bequests and donations have allowed the University of Melbourne to establish student grants and assist students in financial need. We award more than 500 one-off bursaries per year, varying from $500 to $10,000. For example, a housing bursary may provide an allowance of $100 per fortnight for up to one year.

HANSEN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
The Hansen Scholarship program supports 20 exceptional students from all around Australia with a unique financial and personal support program including cash benefits, mentoring and accommodation, as well as full-fee remission for Australian temporary protection visa holders.

scholarships.unimelb.edu.au/hansen

LITTLE HALL, LISA BELLEAR HOUSE AND UNILODGE LINCOLN HOUSE
Enjoy your best university life and stay within walking distance of our Parkville campus, in university-approved accommodation. No matter which residence you call home, our team of professional staff will be ready to support you in any circumstance and ease your transition into university life.

As an undergraduate, full-time student, you are eligible for an offer of guaranteed accommodation. To check your eligibility for housing scholarships and bursaries, head to the Scholarships website and search for ‘housing’ and ‘college’.

RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES
Live on campus while enjoying your own private furnished room, common hangout spaces and three meals a day provided in the beating heart of every college – the Dining Hall. With dedicated residential tutors and professional staff living on site, college will support you with weekly academic tutorials, career mentors and pastoral care so that you can excel in and beyond your studies. In 2020, over $7.5 million in college scholarships will be awarded, with more than one-third of students receiving financial aid.

colleges.unimelb.edu.au

OTHER HOUSING OPTIONS
The University’s Student Housing service provides detailed information and support to assist students with finding alternate housing options, such as homestay, hostels or private rentals.

Student Housing can provide advice on your rights and responsibilities as a tenant, refer you to financial support if needed and provide transportation information and tips on getting study ready.

One of your options is Student Village Melbourne. Here you can enjoy your own furnished bedroom with ample workspace and access to village facilities designed specifically for students.

study.unimelb.edu.au/yourexperience/accommodation
As an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student at the University of Melbourne, you’re part of a thriving, friendly community of over 400 Indigenous students.

**SPECIALISED DEGREES**
If you dream of studying at Melbourne but feel unsure about meeting the requirements, the Bachelor of Arts (Extended) or the Bachelor of Science (Extended) might be for you. These four-year degrees have been developed specifically for talented and motivated Indigenous Australians. They offer targeted mentoring, specialised subjects and an exciting opportunity to live on campus at one of the University’s residential colleges.

You can apply for our other undergraduate degrees via Access Melbourne under the ‘Applicants confirmed as an Indigenous Australian’ category.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**
Additional scholarships and bursaries are available to Indigenous students. They offer a range of benefits such as housing bursaries, book vouchers, assistance with living costs and monetary grants, and are administered by Murrup Barak, Melbourne Institute for Indigenous Development.

**SUPPORT AND MENTORING**
Murrup Barak’s Indigenous student success team will support you to make the most of all the experiences and opportunities available at Melbourne. You can meet other Indigenous students and get help with subject selection, accommodation, community networking, mentoring, cross-cultural development, career counselling, scholarships and finances.

murrupbarak.unimelb.edu.au

**GUARANTEED PLACE**
Year 12 Indigenous students who meet the course prerequisites and achieve the following ATAR or notional ATAR will be considered for a place:

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<td>Science (Extended)</td>
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Year 12 Indigenous applicants will still be considered for entry below these ATARs, on a case by case basis.

“I moved to Melbourne from Thursday Island in Queensland. The $5000-a-year scholarship through Access Melbourne allowed me to buy essentials like textbooks and warm clothes for the winter as well as providing me with the opportunity to study at the other end of the country from where I grew up – which today still blows my mind.”

Nelson Ambar
Bachelor of Science (Extended)

 Applicants for guaranteed entry to the Bachelor of Science (Extended) also require a passing score in a Year 12 Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics or Physics subject.
HOW DO I APPLY?

STEP 1 Register and submit a course application with VTAC.
VTAC and SEAS applications open on Monday 3 August 2020 (9.00 am) VTAC timely course applications close on Wednesday 30 September 2020 (5.00pm).

STEP 2 Login to your VTAC user account and submit your application for the Special Entry Access Scheme. Applications must be submitted by 5.00pm on Friday 9 October 2020.

STEP 3 Submit supporting statements and required evidence to VTAC by 5.00pm on Friday 9 October 2020.

WHAT IS SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION?
In some cases you will need to supply supporting evidence with your SEAS application. Individual categories have specific requirements, but the type of information required may include:

- Impact statement describing how your circumstances have affected your education.
- 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.
- Proof (such as copies of a Centrelink statement).

These must be submitted to VTAC by the SEAS closing date (Friday 9 October 2020), so start organising them early.

Find out which documents you will need to supply by visiting:
www.vtac.edu.au/applying/seas

For Jade, Access Melbourne has made her feel welcome in the University community as well as assisting financially.

“The Access Melbourne scholarship has been an enormous relief to my studies, as it has helped me when unexpected costs such as instrument repairs came up that can interrupt my study.”

Jade Nye Bachelor of Music
CONTACT US

If you’re considering studies at the University of Melbourne, we’d love to hear from you online or meet you on campus.

Sign up and submit enquiries online at: study.unimelb.edu.au/connect-with-us

Find out more about Access Melbourne at: access.unimelb.edu.au

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