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ACCESS MELBOURNE

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Samuel Barnden grasped the opportunity provided by an Access Scholarship with both hands, completing his Bachelor of Commerce before moving on to a Master of Engineering.

“I wouldn’t be where I am today without the support and opportunities that lie here.”

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On the cover: Julia Orlando, Bachelor of Fine Arts student and regional Access Melbourne applicant.

“Moving to Melbourne from regional Victoria to study at the Victorian College of the Arts opened new doors to a variety of performing arts environments that weren’t available to me in my home town.”

WHAT IS ACCESS MELBOURNE?

Uni isn't about where you've come from. It's about who you're going to be.

There are different ways of getting into university and for some, the road isn't easy. If your circumstances in secondary school have prevented you from achieving the best possible ATAR, Access Melbourne can help. If your ATAR is below the lowest selection rank to which an offer was made last year, you could be guaranteed a place at Melbourne if you're from a rural or isolated area, have a disadvantaged financial background, or are Indigenous.

Each year at least 25 per cent of domestic undergraduate places at the University are reserved for Access Melbourne applicants. You may even be eligible for a scholarship!

AM I ELIGIBLE?

To apply for Access Melbourne you must:

- Be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or Australian permanent resident or holder of a permanent humanitarian visa
- Have not been awarded results in a degree course at a tertiary institution (this does not apply to applicants for the mature age consideration category and does not include single subjects, bridging schemes or higher education studies undertaken as part of Year 12)
- Have demonstrated the capacity to successfully undertake the course of your choice
- Apply for a University of Melbourne undergraduate course through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC).

For more information about how to apply, see page 7.

GET A GUARANTEED PLACE

For 2019 entry, the University guarantees admission to eligible current Year 12 applicants in these Access Melbourne categories:

- Disadvantaged financial background
- Applicants from rural or isolated areas.

For a guaranteed place in 2019, you will need to meet prerequisites and achieve these ATARs (or notional ATARs) in 2018:

78.00	Design, Science
80.00	Arts
88.00	Commerce
92.00	Biomedicine

For details about guaranteed entry for Indigenous students, see page 6.

ACCESS MELBOURNE CATEGORIES

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

<p>Disadvantaged financial background Eligible applicants receive a guaranteed place! See page 3 for details.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 financial background has affected you with an impact statement and a statement of support
<p>Applicants from rural or isolated areas Eligible applicants receive a guaranteed place! See page 3 for details.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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) If you are a Year 12 student, you must also have completed the final two years of schooling at a rural or regional secondary school <p>Look up your address to see if you're eligible for this category at: access.unimelb.edu.au/rural</p>
<p>Applicants confirmed as an Indigenous Australian Eligible applicants receive a guaranteed place! See page 6 for details.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, and 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
<p>Under-represented schools</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You have undertaken Year 12 in 2018 at a Victorian school defined by the University of Melbourne as under-represented in the tertiary sector and at the University of Melbourne <p>See a list of under-represented schools: access.unimelb.edu.au/urs</p>
<p>Difficult circumstances</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You have been prevented from reaching your full educational potential because of family or other life circumstances, and The circumstances are long term
<p>Disability or medical condition</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You have a disability, impairment or long-term medical condition that has affected your studies The circumstances are long term
<p>Non-English speaking background</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You were born outside Australia in a non-English speaking country You arrived in Australia after 1 January 2013
<p>Mature age consideration (non-school leaver entry pathway)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are 23 or older on 29 September 2018 (for Semester 1, 2019 entry) or 10 June 2019 (for Semester 2, 2019 entry) You have no qualifications from the past seven years that could be used as a basis for your application
<p>The Hansen Scholarship Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Hansen Scholarship Program will be introduced in 2020 to provide students from across Australia with academic and professional opportunities. High-achieving students will have access to residential accommodation and financial and personal support to pursue opportunities that may otherwise have been beyond reach. <p>Register your interest online: scholarships.unimelb.edu.au/hansen</p>

HOW WILL I PAY FOR IT ALL?

Depending on your circumstances, you will need to think about costs for things such as textbooks and other study supplies, living expenses, and maybe even relocating. To help you concentrate on your study, a variety of scholarships, bursaries and other help is available at Melbourne.

UNDERGRADUATE ACCESS SCHOLARSHIPS

The University 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 will be automatically considered for these scholarships.

GRANTS AND BURSARIES

Generous bequests and donations have allowed the University to establish student grants and assist students in financial need. The University awards over 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.

HELP WITH ACCOMMODATION

If you're moving to Melbourne and might need support to find and finance your accommodation, help is at hand. We can provide one-on-one assistance with finding accommodation, and advice on rental properties and financial support.

Our residential colleges are a popular option, providing much more than just a place to live. Colleges are diverse, close-knit communities with tutors and support staff on site. Nearly \$6.5 million in scholarships are awarded each year to help college residents with accommodation costs, with one-third of residents receiving financial aid.

If you are a regional, rural, interstate or Indigenous student or the first in your family to attend university, you could be eligible for assistance.

If you are an interstate student or live in a regional area of Victoria, you may also be eligible for the new Melbourne Accommodation Program. With just a single application, you'll have priority access to a range of high-quality student accommodation within walking distance of Parkville campus. Find out more at:

unimelb.edu.au/map

To check your eligibility for housing scholarships and bursaries, head to the Scholarships website and search for 'housing' and 'college':

scholarships.unimelb.edu.au



"I am very grateful for the scholarships I received, which have granted me access to many wonderful opportunities that I would not have had otherwise. The financial assistance has enabled me to travel and study at different universities around the world."

Joyce Guo
Bachelor of Commerce,
Melbourne Access Scholarship,
Commerce Opportunity Bursary

INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students come to live and study at Melbourne from all over Australia. Around 300 Indigenous students are part of our friendly, on-campus community.

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, and offer targeted mentoring, specialised subjects plus an exciting opportunity to live on campus at one of the University's residential colleges.

You can also apply for our other undergraduate degrees via the Access Melbourne special entry scheme (see right). Confirmation as an Indigenous Australian is one of the categories under Access Melbourne, so make sure you submit a Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) application through VTAC.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A range of additional scholarships and bursaries is available to Indigenous students. Murrup Barak, Melbourne Institute for Indigenous Development administers the Indigenous scholarships program, which provides a range of benefits such as housing bursaries, book vouchers, assistance with living costs, and monetary grants.

SUPPORT AND MENTORING

Murrup Barak's Indigenous student success team will support you to get the most out 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

GET A GUARANTEED PLACE

For a guaranteed place in 2019, you will need to meet prerequisites and achieve the following ATARs (or notional ATARs) in 2018:

50.00	Arts (Extended)
55.00 ¹	Science (Extended)
70.00	Design
75.00	Science
75.00	Arts
83.00	Commerce
85.00	Biomedicine

Indigenous applicants will still be considered for entry below these ATARs, but entry is not guaranteed.

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¹ 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.

"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 winters, 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)

HOW DO I APPLY?

HOW TO APPLY: STEP BY STEP

STEP 1

Register and submit a course application with VTAC.

VTAC and SEAS applications open Monday 6 August 2018 (9.00am).

VTAC timely course applications close Thursday 27 September 2018 (5.00pm).¹

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 12 October 2018.

STEP 3

Submit supporting statements and required evidence to VTAC by 5.00pm on Friday 12 October 2018.

WHAT IS SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION?

For some Access Melbourne applications, you will need to supply supporting evidence. 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
- Proof such as certified copies of a Centrelink statement.

These must be submitted to VTAC by the SEAS closing date (Friday 12 October 2018), so start organising them early.



Joshua Murray hasn't looked back since coming to Melbourne under Access Melbourne's rural assistance category. Following on from his Bachelor of Biomedicine, Joshua is now studying the Doctor of Medicine.

"Being able to study at the University of Melbourne was never something I thought was possible growing up as a kid from the country. The program has given me the opportunity to learn at one of the world's best universities."

¹ Applications for some University of Melbourne courses close earlier. Please check the VTAC website: vtac.edu.au

CONNECT WITH 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 at:

futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/connect

Find out more about Access Melbourne at:

unimelb.edu.au/uam