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“I received an Access Melbourne scholarship which has really alleviated some of the financial burden. Coming from a disadvantaged background the scholarship helps me stay on track with my education.”

Ling Sun
Bachelor of Arts

ON THE COVER
Amal Wehbe
Bachelor of Arts
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. You could be guaranteed a place at Melbourne if you’re from a rural or isolated area, have a disadvantaged financial background or are an Indigenous Australian.

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 eligible for the non-school leaver entry scheme/mature age consideration category or Indigenous 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 2020 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
• Indigenous students (see page 6).

For a guaranteed place in 2020, you’ll need to meet prerequisites and achieve these ATARs (or notional ATARs) in 2019:

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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:

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Eligible applicants receive a guaranteed place. See page 3 for details.</th>
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<td><strong>Disadvantaged financial background</strong></td>
<td>• You receive a means-tested Commonwealth income support payment (such as Austudy, ABSTUDY, Youth Allowance etc.), or</td>
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<td>• Your parents receive Family Tax Benefit A, or</td>
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<td>• 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>Applicants from rural or isolated areas</strong></td>
<td>• 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</td>
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<td>• You are a Year 12 student who completed the final two years of schooling at a rural or regional secondary school.</td>
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<td>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>Applicants confirmed as an Indigenous Australian</strong></td>
<td>• You are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, and</td>
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<td>• 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>Under-represented schools</strong></td>
<td>• You’ve completed Year 12 in 2019 at a Victorian school defined as under-represented in the tertiary sector and at the University of Melbourne.</td>
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<td>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.</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.</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</td>
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<td>• You arrived in Australia after 1 January 2014.</td>
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<td><strong>Mature age consideration</strong> (non-school leaver entry pathway)</td>
<td>• You were 23 or older on 29 September 2019 (for Semester 1, 2020 entry) or 10 June 2020 (for Semester 2, 2020 entry), and</td>
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<td>• You have no qualifications from the past seven years that could be used as a basis for your application.</td>
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HOW WILL I PAY FOR IT ALL?

Depending on your circumstances, you’ll 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 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. The University awards 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 provides 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.

HELP WITH ACCOMMODATION
The University of Melbourne has been expanding its range of exciting accommodation options with a diverse choice in location, services and amenities – all within walking distance of the Parkville campus.

UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION
Melbourne Accommodation provides an accommodation guarantee for all eligible undergraduate students within University owned or associated accommodation. Residencies are specifically designed for students to support the transition to university life in a safe and secure environment.

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.

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 or hostels.

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

To check your eligibility for housing scholarships and bursaries, head to the Scholarships website and search for ‘housing’ and ‘college’.

scholarships.unimelb.edu.au

unimelb.edu.au/map

colleges.unimelb.edu.au

studenthousing.unimelb.edu.au
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 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 the Access Melbourne special entry scheme. 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
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

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

“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?

STEP 1  Register and submit a course application with VTAC.

VTAC and SEAS applications open on Monday 5 August 2019 (9.00am). VTAC timely course applications close on Monday 30 September 2019 (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 11 October 2019.

STEP 3  Submit supporting statements and required evidence to VTAC by 5.00pm on Friday 11 October 2019.

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 11 October 2019), so start organising them early.

Find out which documents you will need to supply by visiting:

www.vtac.edu.au/applying/seas.html

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 Access Melbourne program has given me the opportunity to learn at one of the world’s best universities.”
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 at: study.unimelb.edu.au/connect-with-us

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

For information on our courses and entry requirements contact Stop 1.

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