Key Contacts
For more information regarding scholarships please contact the Scholarships Officer:

scholarships@open.edu.au

Key dates
Applications are open throughout the year. Successful applicants will be expected to start their scholarship in the next available study term.

Part 1
Scholarship information

This document outlines the Terms and Conditions for OUA ‘Can Do’ Scholarships.

Applicants and recipients are expected to read and accept these terms and conditions in their entirety before accepting any scholarship. In accepting these terms and conditions the recipient will comply with the obligations specified in this document.

Contact details

Applicants
All correspondence regarding OUA scholarships will be done via email to the nominated email address provided in the application. To update your details please contact

scholarships@open.edu.au

OUA Scholarship students
All successful applicants will create an OUA student account and may update their contact details as required. OUA communicates with students primarily through their email address. OUA ‘Can Do’ Scholarship recipients must provide a current email address for contact by OUA during their Scholarship for confirmation of their financial disadvantage eligibility or review of their academic progress.

OUA ‘Can Do’ Scholarship students may be contacted by OUA for the purposes of providing ongoing assistance with their studies though OUA and of notification of any additional academic support services available.

OUA ‘Can Do’ Scholarship students may also be approached to participate in marketing and promotional activities if their application is successful.

Selection

OUA Scholarships are awarded on the recommendation of the Executive General Manager, Student Experience, following the advice of a selection panel. OUA reserves the right to not offer some scholarships as described, or not to offer scholarships at all. OUA’s decision to award a scholarship is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Eligibility

Specific criteria
To be eligible, a student should meet the following specific criteria:

- Be an Australian citizen or hold a permanent humanitarian visa
- Be resident in Australia while studying through OUA
- Have not previously completed an undergraduate degree
- Are not eligible for a Commonwealth supported place in the course they are applying for
- Demonstrate potential to online through OUA and an undergraduate degree
- OUA may request further information from any applicant to establish their financial disadvantage eligibility or their academic potential eligibility if this is required to process their application
- Undertake and pass a tutored preparatory unit – prior to commencing a Higher Education unit

Additionally, students must meet one or more of the following:

- Eligible to receive Centrelink benefits for the duration of your study through OUA
- Of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
- Have a disability, impairment or long-term medical condition that could impact your studies
- From a non-English speaking background
- Living in a rural or isolated area
- A female student enrolling in either Information Technology or Engineering
Scholarship value and payments

The monetary value of the scholarship will vary depending on the number of units being undertaken, but is limited to:

- 4 undergraduate units (the current maximum number of units required in some degrees for Commonwealth supported place course eligibility); and
- 2 OUA PREP units.

Part 2
Accepting a scholarship

If you are awarded a scholarship you will receive a scholarship letter of offer which outlines how to accept or reject the scholarship. Your scholarship may be re-allocated if you are unable to comply with the Terms and Conditions.

Deferment/Withdrawal

Students are permitted to defer their scholarship however, they must apply in writing to the Scholarships Officer to do so. All scholarship units must be completed within 8 consecutive Study terms or two years.

Students are permitted to withdraw up to the Census date for each study term they are enrolled in and must either submit a withdrawal request via the scholarships email address or the normal withdrawal channel from their OUA student log in area (My Study Centre). Students who request to withdraw after the Census date of a study term will forfeit the remainder of their scholarship units unless Special Circumstances apply.

Transfer between courses

Students must apply to transfer a Scholarship and can only be transferred to another CSP course offered by the same provider university.

If your application to transfer your scholarship is approved, the scholarship will be valid for the completion of the number of units in your original Study Plan and no extra units can be added to the revised Study Plan.

Retention

- Provide confirmation of continuing eligibility during the term of the scholarship, as requested by the Scholarship Officer.
  - Students applying on the grounds of financial disadvantage must submit an updated Centrelink statement or copy of their Health Care Card every six months
  - Students applying on the grounds of living in an isolated area must submit an updated proof of address document every six months
- Maintain enrolment in an approved Study Plan for your CSP course.
- Adhere to the university academic and administrative policies.
- Successfully complete each unit at a Pass grade or higher.

Termination

The Scholarship Officer may terminate a scholarship if it is determined that the student has failed to meet any of the conditions set out above.

Conclusion of the Scholarship

- The maximum number of units have been studied (4 undergraduate and 2 PREP units); or
- The time period has been reached (2 years or 8 study terms); or
- The student has completed the CSP eligibility requirements for the nominated degree.