Macquarie University Scholarships

Career Advisers and Teachers Day
18 May 2018
Why do we offer scholarships?

Our scholarships recognise academic merit while understanding that some students may need financial and other support to assist in their success because of their personal circumstances.

The University has a dedicated Scholarships and Prizes Unit to assist students with this support and to provide scholarship recipients with links to other services.

And to attract students to study here!
Types of Scholarships

TWO BROAD CATEGORIES:

1. Academic Merit/Leadership
   These scholarships focus on applicants’ strengths both in and outside of the classroom including for example, academic success, leadership experience, community engagement, sporting success etc.

2. Access/Equity
   These are needs based scholarships designed to support students who experience disadvantage and who may not otherwise gain access to tertiary study.

NB: Some scholarships are a mix of both types
Searching for scholarships

Filtered search

Results: 26 scholarships were found

Alumni Accommodation Scholarship

The Macquarie University Alumni Accommodation Scholarship was established to assist students who are able to demonstrate financial hardship.
Scholarship Timeline

**July 2018** - Some scholarship applications to open (others by Open Day 18 August 2019)- check back for more details.

**22 December 2018** - first offer round (applications must be complete by 1 December 2018 to be considered in this round).

**Early January 2019** – most scholarship applications to close

**Early February 2019** - all students to be notified of the outcome of their scholarship application.

The most important take away from today is that students should be applying for scholarships at **the same time** as they are applying for admissions.
Visualising impact

- Academic performance
- Retention & resilience
- Progression & completion

- Personal development & growth
- Student advancement

SUCCESS

- Motivation
- Engagement
- Self-efficacy

Belonging & Recognition

Security

Access

Resources
Study materials / Time / Opportunities
2019 Co-op program

BACHELOR OF ACTUARIAL STUDIES/ BACHELOR OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE
BACHELOR OF COMMERCE-PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING/ BACHELOR OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

ACTUARIAL STUDIES

• Minimum selection rank 98.5 (encouraged to apply if expecting >97.5)
• Mathematics Extension 2 is desirable
• Scholarship: $18,200pa for 4 years

ACCOUNTING

• Minimum selection rank 95 (encouraged to apply if expecting >90)
• Mathematics is desirable
• Placements paid at market rates

PROGRAM AND APPLICATIONS

• Three placements totalling 15 months
• Combined degree in 4 years
• Video application + interview (apply by 28 Sept 2018)

Successful candidates
• Are active in school and/or community activities
• Can articulate interest in the discipline and Co-op
• Have exceptional communication, teamwork and leadership skills

PACE | Co-op and Internships | Apply via MQ website and UAC | Deadline 28 September 2018

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Asia Society Australia Mobility Scholarship

- Collaborative scholarship between the University and the Society to enable students to undertake long-term exchange programs at a leading university in Asia.

- $500,000 annual scholarship fund will support 50 students to study in Asia while also obtaining credit towards their Macquarie degree.
Scholarships 2019
(For current school leavers)

GLEP (Global Leadership Entry Program) Scholarship

• Five GLEP scholarships will be awarded with a value of $5000 each for the first year of study at Macquarie. The GLEP scholarships will be awarded in mid-September.

• A student’s GLEP application will be used to consider you for a GLEP scholarship. There is no need for a separate application, however we may contact you for further information if required.
Faculty of Science and Engineering Academic Achievement Entry Scholarships

- This scholarship scheme supports incoming students that are interested in a range of Faculty of Science and Engineering courses. The value of the range of scholarships varies from $2000-$5000 per annum. Students are also invited to participate in engagement activities within the faculty.

- Selection criteria: academic merit, desire to study in science or related field (personal statement, letters of reference)

- Applications open in August, notification to students by early January.
Faculty of Business and Economics Dean’s Scholarships

- High Achieving incoming students that are interested in a range of Faculty of Business and Economics courses. The value of the scholarship is up to $5000 per annum. Students are also invited to participate in engagement activities within the faculty.

- Selection criteria: academic merit, desire to study in related field

- Scholarship offers are made based on the student’s application for admission.
Scholarships 2019
(For current school leavers)

Gifted and Talented Pathway Scholarship

• One Scholarship to the value of $1,500 awarded to the student, who has applied through the Gifted and Talented pathway, with the highest GPA.

• This does not require a separate application and the scholarship will be renewable for three years, subject to continued progression and achievement.
Scholarships 2019
(For current and non current school leavers)

PACE Scholarship

• We have developed a scholarship that supports the ideals of the PACE Program. The scholarship recognises that many students who come to university with history of practical engagement experience with a leadership/service orientation of the PACE Program.

• There is a minimum academic requirement and preference is given to students who have a history of practical engagement.

• Scholarship is valued at $1000 per annum for 3 years.
Scholarships 2019
(For current and non current school leavers)

Macquarie Education Costs Scholarship (MECS)

Designed to support recipients whose opportunities to study at university may have been hampered by situations out of their control.

Eligibility Criteria
Based primarily on Financial need and other documented disadvantage

Amount
$5355 per year up to 4 years
• Macquarie University offers sport scholarships and support to students either entering or continuing a course at the University in 2019.

• Macquarie University offered elite athlete support to 195 students either entering or continuing a course at the University in 2017.

• A total 157 National and State level athletes were awarded Macquarie University 'Elite' or 'Emerging' Sport Scholarships.

• Macquarie is a member of the Elite Athlete Friendly University Network
Sport Scholarships/Support
Scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students

- The University is currently supporting 29 Indigenous students with regional and rural backgrounds with full scholarships to live in Dunmore Lang College (these scholarships are co-funded by DLC).

- We also provide semester education costs grants to all enrolled Indigenous students.
Application Pointers
What makes a good scholarship application?

We received over 1500 scholarship applications for first session 2018.

- Of course, **different schemes look for different students** based on different criteria but some aspects of scholarship applications are universal.

- It is important to **read through the selection criteria** to ensure you are clear on what is being asked.

- If you have any questions, please give us a call! We would rather talk with you (or a student) prior to submission to ensure that everything is ready to go.
Different scholarships for different people

Academic Performance
This is not the be all and end all for some schemes. However, there are some scholarship schemes out there that only require academic performance.

Activities within your school | Activities outside the school within your community
Listing a wide array of extracurricular activities will help your general applications stand out, and some of them may also give you an edge when it comes to specific athletic- or activity-based scholarships.

Financial need or other disadvantage
Our equity scholarships are assessed through a common application process through UAC. It is similar to the Educational Access Scheme and relies on information provided from professional that are providing the student support.
Personal Statement

Here are 4 tips that you can relay to your students:

1. Make sure you know your audience

2. Plan far in advance- don’t start the day before

3. Make it personal and passionate

4. Find an editor.
A strong letter of reference should be:

✓ Succinct

✓ Give insight to the student beyond the numbers- family life, life outside of the classroom, obstacles that the student may have overcome.

We really want to know what sets this student apart.
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Thank you

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