Who should apply for SCATS?

You should apply for SCATS, if:

- You are applying through UAC for a UNSW Undergraduate program or to the UNSW Juris Doctor. AND;
- You are an Australian Citizen or Permanent Residency, New Zealand Citizen or hold an Australian humanitarian visa. AND;
- You have been previously suspended or excluded from UNSW or another tertiary institution OR;
- You have undertaken tertiary studies and your secondary and/or tertiary educational performance has been affected by long-term educational disadvantage due to circumstances beyond your control.

If you have not undertaken any tertiary studies and you have experienced disadvantage during high school, please refer to our Educational Access Scheme (EAS).

Attention Juris Doctor Applicants: Special Consideration for Admission to the Juris Doctor is intended for a very small number of applicants who are close to the entry cut off and whose circumstances only during their university studies were so exceptional that they warrant additional special consideration in the admissions selection process.

Please be aware that the types of disadvantage accepted for Juris Doctor applicants is less than the disadvantages accepted for undergraduate applicants.

What should I include in my application?

Personal Statement

**Suspended/Excluded Applicants only:** You must include the following information; the institution from which you have been suspended/excluded and why, the year you were suspended/excluded, the period of your suspension/exclusion, the reasons for your poor academic performance, any studies you have successfully completed subsequent to your suspension/exclusion, why you now consider that you are in a position to successfully undertake tertiary studies at UNSW.

**All other applicants:** You must include the following information; the nature and period of your educational disadvantage (which may include senior secondary as well as tertiary studies), appropriate supporting documentation and an explanation of how your circumstances affected your educational performance, details of any special consideration you were granted by your institution/s.
Documentary Evidence

Your SCATS application will only be considered if documentary evidence is provided to support your claims. The University will NOT request documents on your behalf nor follow up missing or late information. Where appropriate you should provide certified copies of reports from independent professionals (e.g. doctor, counsellor, social worker, etc) who have personal knowledge of your circumstances and can verify what you have written in your personal statement. Please refer to the Types of Disadvantage Table for more information.

How and when do I apply?

Application Closing Dates:

Term 3 2019: Closed

Term 1 2020 or Semester 1 2020 (UNSW Canberra): Friday 29 November 2019

Term 2 2020: Friday 1 May 2020

Term 3 2020: early July (TBC)

The university will only accept late applications in exceptional circumstances where approval has been given by the Admissions Manager before the closing date.

NOTE: You must submit your application for admission to UNSW via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC).

CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Contact Us

You will be sent an acknowledgement email once your application has been submitted. Should you have any further questions or concerns, please contact us on the below details.

UNSW Admissions

T: 9385 3656

E: www.enquiry.unsw.edu.au
## TYPES OF DISADVANTAGE

### FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

Supporting documentation may include:

- If you’re not currently receiving a Centrelink payment, but did so during Years 11 and/or 12 or equivalent, attach a copy of your most recent Centrelink income statement. The documentation must be in your name.
- an ATO Notice of Financial Assessment for the last financial year and copies of pay slips for the last two months
- a copy of a Health Care Card
- a copy of a statement with details of any Centrelink income- and asset-tested entitlement you’re receiving (this may include Family Tax Benefit A)
- A Centrelink income statement issued to your parent/s or guardian/s demonstrating their receipt of Family Tax Benefit Part A
- any other documents to demonstrate your exceptional financial hardship.

### DISABILITY OR LONG-TERM ILLNESS/MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Supporting documentation may include:

- medical certificates/reports relating to the medical condition you have claimed
- letter from your school that provides details of any absences from school and/or disruption to your learning. The document must be on the school letterhead and must be signed by the principal or another senior person at the school

### SEVERE FAMILY ILLNESS/DEATH

Supporting documentation may include:

- a medical certificate/report giving full details of the length of illness and its severity. Include information about treatment, medication, hospitalisation.
- a copy of divorce papers or other appropriate supporting documents
- a copy of documents relating to any associated legal proceedings (eg Apprehended Violence Order, Police Record of Interview)
- a copy of documents relating to the criminal/legal matters (eg police fact sheets, bail undertakings, coronial inquiries, medical tribunals, police investigations).
- death certificate

### REFUGEE STATUS

Supporting documentation may include:

- your Australian refugee or humanitarian visa
- your Red Cross or United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) registration
- your document for travel to Australia.

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE DIFFICULTIES

Supporting documentation may include:

- copies of your school reports for your secondary education studies undertaken before coming to Australia. These documents must be translated into English.
- a copy of your initial immigration visa showing the date stamp for your first arrival in Australia, or other document from the Department of Home Affairs on official letterhead confirming the date of your first arrival.
- an Intensive English Centre (IEC) record of attendance
**ATTENDANCE AT A RURAL OR DISADVANTAGED HIGH SCHOOL**

- A record of attendance from each school you’ve attended. The record of attendance must be issued on the school letterhead, be signed by the principal or another senior person at your school, and confirm the period you attended the school. It is not a record of absences.

Supporting documentation may include:

- A record of attendance from your school. The record of attendance must be issued on the school letterhead, be signed by the principal or another senior person at your school, and confirm the period you attended the school.