



**Elite Athletes, Performers and Leaders**

**2020 Adjustment Factor Program Guide**

The Elite Athletes, Performers and Leaders (EAPL) Adjustment Factors Program recognises excellence in sport, academic pursuits, music and leadership achievements by awarding adjustment factors to eligible applicants.

UNSW also offers an EAP Support Program, which offers students flexible study arrangements and support, enabling them to continue their extensive elite sporting commitments whilst studying at UNSW. Please see the Support section in this document for further information.

## **The EAPL Adjustment Factors Program** **- FAQ's**

The EAPL Program awards up to five adjustment factors to applicants who have excelled in the areas of sport, academia, leadership, and/or music at an elite level. Achievements and/or commitments must have been undertaken in Australian high school Years 11 and/or 12.

To be considered for EAPL adjustment factors for UNSW entry in 2020 you **must** meet the following criteria\*:

- Be either an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or hold a current Australian Permanent Resident or Humanitarian visa; and
- Complete an Australian Senior Secondary Certificate (Year 12)\*\* or an equivalent overseas secondary qualification and receive an ATAR or equivalent; and
- Have not completed more than or equal to 0.75 FTE of study at a university or above; and
- Provide sufficient supporting documentation with your application to successfully demonstrate that your studies in year 11 and/or 12 have been affected by your sporting, academic, music and/or leadership commitments.\*\*\*

*\*University reserves the right to vary or reverse any decision made on the basis of untrue, incomplete or misleading information.*

*\*\*Applicants who completed the above qualifications in 2018 and took a gap year in 2019 are also eligible for EAPL adjustment factors for admission in 2020. An application must be submitted in the year prior to admission.*

*\*\*\*UNSW, along with the NSW Board of Studies, recognises the beginning of Year 11 as having commenced in Term 1, 2018.*

### **Can EAPL adjustment factors be used for admission to all UNSW degrees?**

EAPL adjustment factors are not available for admission to the Bachelor of Medical Studies / Doctor of Medicine, Combined Law or any Co-op scholarship degrees.

## **Do I still have to submit a UAC application?**

Yes. Your adjustment factors application and your UAC application are separate. To be eligible for admission to UNSW, all applicants must complete an application via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) at [uac.edu.au](http://uac.edu.au).

A successful EAPL adjustment factors application does not automatically lead to an offer for an undergraduate degree at UNSW. All EAPL Program applicants are required to compete for a UNSW offer on the basis of academic merit.

## **Where can I find out which achievements are eligible?**

The EAPL adjustment factors table, at the end of this document, lists elite achievements that applicants most commonly apply for and details the number of adjustment factors allocated to each specific activity.

Elite achievements that are not listed in the table may also be considered for adjustment factors. If you have participated or achieved certification at an elite level in an unlisted activity, please [submit a question online](#) for further information.

## **Does the adjustment factors table change every year?**

The EAPL program undergoes an annual review. This means that the achievements considered, number of adjustment factors allocated and degrees that accept EAPL adjustment factors may change from year to year.

The 2020 review has taken place. The next review will take place in March 2020 for entry to UNSW in 2021.

Please note: UNSW reserves the right to change any degree, admission requirement, adjustment factor or any other information without notice.

## **Does the university verify the achievements I have claimed in my application?**

Yes. UNSW may contact the relevant bodies and organisations to confirm the claimed achievements before the adjustment factors are granted.

## **Your Application**

All EAPL applicants must submit an online application by the closing date to be considered for adjustment factors. Supporting documents must also be provided on time.

**Applications that have not been submitted, are incomplete or lack supporting documentation (uploaded or emailed to [futurestudents@unsw.edu.au](mailto:futurestudents@unsw.edu.au)) by the application deadline of 11.59pm on Saturday, 30 November 2019 will not be assessed.**

It is the applicants' responsibility to contact the Future Students Office on 1300 864 679 **prior to the application deadline** if there are any concerns about an incomplete application or insufficient supporting documentation.

### **What documents do I need to support my application?**

Achievements are unique to individual applications and therefore the supporting documentation may differ between applicants. However, in general, we require official documentation (certificates or letters) from a governing body, coach or school principal, detailing the highest level of achievement, key dates when achievements were undertaken and the time commitment involved. Please note that letters must be on official letterhead, signed and dated.

### **What if I can't get my supporting documents before the application deadline?**

Please contact the Future Students Office prior to the application deadline of 30 November 2019 to discuss your concerns – call 1300 UNI NSW (1300 864 679) or [submit an enquiry online](#). Applications will not be assessed if contact is made after the application deadline.

Listed below is the supporting documentation we require for our most commonly applied for achievements:

- ***Sporting achievements***

You must provide an official letter from your coach or from a club or school official outlining your highest level of achievement and the number of hours per week spent training/competing. We will not accept photos of medals or trophies.

- ***Gold Duke of Edinburgh***

The Duke of Edinburgh Board release three documents to successful graduates – your Award Summary, Congratulatory email or Gold Award Certificate. Any of these documents will be accepted and should be attached to the EAPL application. The Duke of Edinburgh Board assist us by assessing as many books as possible before the EAPL application deadline. If you do not have either of the above documents (or are concerned that you may not have them) before the deadline of 11.59pm on 30 November 2019, please call 1300 UNI NSW (1300 864 679) or [submit an enquiry online](#). Please ensure you submit an EAPL application if you are awaiting your Duke of Edinburgh documentation.

- ***Music, speech, dance examinations***

We require a copy of the exam certificate from the official governing bodies, for example AMEB, IMEB, ABRSM or Trinity College London. If you have completed both components of your music grade (theory and practical), but are awaiting your certificate, please call 1300 UNI NSW (1300 864 679) or [submit an enquiry online](#) prior to the application deadline of 11.59pm on 30 November 2019.

- ***Cadet Under Officer***

An official signed and dated letter confirming your position from your Commanding Officer.

- ***School Captain***

An official signed and dated letter from your secondary school confirming your position as School Captain.

- ***National Youth Science Forum***

Copies of official certificates from the National Youth Science Forum.

### **When do I find out if my EAPL adjustment factors application is successful?**

Applications are assessed on a continuous basis and assessment can take three or more working days to finalise upon receiving completed applications (including supporting documentation). We receive a large volume of applications close to the application deadline, so applicants should expect a delay at this time. Notification of the application outcome is emailed to applicants at the email address submitted when registering for the EAPL adjustment factors. Any change to the email address must be communicated via [submit an enquiry online](#).

### **Can I use my EAPL adjustment factors in conjunction with other adjustment factors?**

EAPL adjustment factors can be used in conjunction with other adjustment factor schemes, such as HSC Plus and the Educational Access Scheme (EAS). Students may accumulate a maximum of 10 points across all of our adjustment factor schemes.

## **EAPL Support Program**

The EAP Support Program provides eligible UNSW students with a range of measures including enrolment flexibility, cross-institutional study options and leave of absence for travel. It aims to assist these students with successfully integrating their academic life with their external elite athletic pursuits.

For more information on support for elite athletes, please see the elite athletes support program website ([www.scholarships.unsw.edu.au/elite-athlete-performers-and-leadership-program](http://www.scholarships.unsw.edu.au/elite-athlete-performers-and-leadership-program)).

UNSW also has a range of Scholarships for elite athletes. Scholarship applications for school leavers generally close on 30 September each year. Visit [www.scholarships.unsw.edu.au](http://www.scholarships.unsw.edu.au) for more information.

*Please note:* applying for EAPL adjustment factors does not grant you automatic access to the Elite Athlete support program or vice versa. Separate eligibility criteria may apply.

# 2020 EAPL Adjustment Factors Table

ACADEMIC					
Applications for 2020	5 points	4 points	3 points	2 points	1 point
	Member of Australian Maths and Science Olympiad Team	Australian Junior Chess League – International Representative	Australian Junior Chess League – National Representative	National Schools Debating Championship – Participant	Australian Junior Chess League – State Representative
	-	Australian Mathematics Competition – Medal	Australian Mathematics Competition – Prize	Australian Science Olympiad Summer School Participant	Australian Science Olympiad National Qualifying Exam – High Distinction
	-	-	World Schools Debating Championship – Participant	NYSF International Representative	NYSF National Representative
	-	-	-	-	ICAS Medal

LEADERSHIP					
Applications for 2020	5 points	4 points	3 points	2 points	1 point
	-	-	Queen's Scout	Duke of Edinburgh Gold (approved by DOE Board is required)	School Captain
	-	-	Queen's Guide Award	State Youth Governor	-
	-	-	-	Cadet Under Officer (CUO)	-
	-	-	-	Regimental Sergeant Major / Cadet Warrant Officer Class 1	-

SPORT*					
Applications for 2020	5 points	4 points	3 points	2 points	1 point
	Member of Australian Team	Ranked Top 10 at International Level Open Competition	National Level Closed Competition (Open Age)	National Level Closed Competition (Under Age)	Talented Athlete Development Program
	International Level Closed Competition	Ranked Top 10 at National Level Closed Competition (Open Age)	Ranked Top 3 at National Level Open Competition	Ranked Top 10 at National Level Open Competition	National Umpiring/Refereeing
	Ranked Top 3 at International Level Open Competition	International Level Competition - School Sports		National Level Competition - School Sports	Pierre De Coubertin Award
	Institute of Sport Scholarship			Coach Career Management Program	
	Professional Players Association				
	Open Competitions: competitors don't have to qualify to compete Closed Competitions: competitors need to qualify to compete Open Age: any age can compete Under-aged: competing in an age division (e.g. Under 18, Under 21 etc.)				

\*Please note that the Adjustment Factors indicated above are only a guide and you may be granted more, or less, adjustment factors dependent on but not limited to:

- The nature of the competition.
- The level of the sports competitiveness.
- Applicant's rank and position in major competitions.

Eligibility is also not limited to the above criteria. If you are unsure, please [ask a question](#) or contact us on 1300 UNI NSW (1300 864 679)

<b>MUSIC and PERFORMANCE</b>					
<b>Applications for 2020</b>	<b>5 points</b>	<b>4 points</b>	<b>3 points</b>	<b>2 points</b>	<b>1 point</b>
	LMus Diploma Pass	Leader of Section in Australian Youth Orchestra	AMus Diploma Pass	Certificate of Performance (CVCA, CDPA)*	AMEB Grade 8 with High Distinction (A*) or Honours (A)
	Trinity College London LTCL with Distinction	Trinity College London LTCL with Pass	DipABRSM Pass	Trinity College London ATCL with Distinction	ABRSM Grade 8 with High Distinction or Distinction
	ABRSM LRSM Pass	IMEB LMus Diploma	-	IMEB AMus Diploma	Trinity College London ATCL with Pass
	-	-	-	Member of Australian Youth Orchestra / National Choir (e.g. Gondwana Voices)	Trinity College London Grade 8 with Distinction
	-	-	-	RAD Vocational Advanced Level	RAD Grade 8 with Distinction or RAD Vocational Intermediate Level
* No points awarded 'For Leisure'					

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T: 1300 UNI NSW (864 679)

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