Special Consideration for Applicants with Tertiary Studies (SCATS)

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.

How and when do I apply?

**Application Closing Dates:**
- **Term 2 2020:** 26 April 2020
- **Term 3 2020:** 9 August 2020
- **Term 1 2021 or Semester 1 2021 (UNSW Canberra):** 30 November 2020

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.

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