



FAQS - UNSW Scholarships for Commencing International Students (PUCA1029)

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About

UNSW offers a wide range of scholarships and awards to support international undergraduate and postgraduate coursework students commencing full-time study at UNSW. Some scholarships will provide a full or partial tuition fee payment, while others provide a stipend to assist with the costs associated with your studies. Students wishing to undertake postgraduate research study should contact the [Graduate Research School](#).

UNSW Scholarships for Commencing International Students (PUCA1029) is advertised ahead of each term and encompasses an array of scholarships available for commencing international students. Some scholarships will require an application, while others do not and are allocated based solely on academic merit and meeting eligibility criteria. For the full list of eligibility criteria in relation to each award and/or scholarship, applicants can view the advertisement on our [UNSW Scholarships webpage](#).

Before you apply

How do I apply for UNSW Scholarships for Commencing International Students (PUCA1029)?

Applications are open between different periods of the year (see below). You can search for the PUCA1029 advertisement on our [UNSW Scholarships webpage](#). Once you find the advertisement, you must register a scholarship account to apply.

What is the application opening and closing period for Term 1, Term 2, and Term 3?

Applications for Term 1, Term 2 and Term 3 are open for the following periods of the year.

- *Term 1*: 1 September – 30 November.
- *Term 2*: 1 January – 31 March.
- *Term 3*: 1 May – 31 July.

I am a UAC International applicant and will receive my ATAR in late December, will I still be eligible for PUCA1029 in Term 1?

Yes, if you are a UAC International applicant, please email scholarships@unsw.edu.au and we will be able to identify you if you have applied for PUCA1029 and have lodged your UNSW application. It is important you still provide your most recent academic transcript per the supporting documentation so we can assess your application accordingly.

Can I still apply if I have not received an offer of admission to study at UNSW?

You can still apply if you have not received an offer letter. To do this, you will need to have registered an account under “future student” on our [Scholarships Login Page](#). Please note you will need to have received an unconditional offer by the closing date of application to be considered eligible.

If I receive a scholarship from my PUCA1029 application, can I hold it together with the International Student Award?

Yes, you may. The only exception are full tuition fee scholarships. You may not hold a full tuition fee scholarship along with the International Student Award.

Can I hold two scholarships at the same time?

You may not hold more than one international scholarship at any given time (the only exception is the International Student Award).

During application period

I have made an error in my application and have already submitted it, what can I do now?

If you have spotted an error in your application and it is still within the application period, you can click “back to draft” button to bring it back to draft and rectify the issue. Once corrected, please click “submit” once again. Please advised if the application is past the deadline, you will not be able to action this.

Draft Scholarship Applications	Specific Questions	Preview Application	Supporting Docs	Submit	Status
Faculty of Science Honours Scholarships	✔	📄	✔	✖	🚩

I have submitted my application, why do I not see anything under “submitted applications summary”?

Only after the closing date of applications, will you be able to see your application under “submitted application summary”.

You can confirm your application is submitted under the menu item ‘complete your draft applications and Submit’. The application should show an icon of a green flag if this has been submitted successfully.

How can I ensure that my application has the best chances for a PUCA1029 scholarship?

The most important step is to make sure you have received an unconditional offer before the scholarship deadline for the relevant term. This process is crucial to ensure that UNSW Scholarships can assess your application based on your academic merit. The second step is to make sure that you meet the eligibility criteria. Different scholarships under PUCA1029 have different selection criteria. It is important that you meet the criteria for at least one (1) of these awards or scholarships to be considered.

The final step is to make sure you have successfully completed and submitted the application. This involves ensuring that you have uploaded your supplementary documents which supports the claims made in the application, submitted any written response, and submitted your application.

What application supplementary documentation should I upload?

UNSW Scholarships has a dedicated guide on what supplementary documents are required. Please refer to the [Scholarship Application Supporting Guide](#) for full details.

Does my supplementary documentation need to be in English?

Yes, we require your supplementary document to be in English. Unfortunately, UNSW Scholarships team do not have the resources to translate your documents. Documents that are not translated by a translation organisation will not be considered in your assessment.

How old can my supplementary documentation be?

Your supplementary documentation can be a maximum of three years old. Documents prior to this period will not be counted. For example, if today is 5 January 2024, then documents from prior to 4 January 2021 will not be counted in the assessment score.

I have not received my academic results yet and applications are closing soon, what can I do?

If you are still awaiting your final academic results and anticipate receiving them post the scholarship deadline, please let us know this is the case by emailing scholarships@unsw.edu.au. You will still need to have applied to study at UNSW and have lodged a scholarship application to be considered.

How competitive is it to receive a PUCA1029 scholarship?

The competitiveness of each scholarship under PUCA1029 varies based on the academic merit and applications received each term. Applicants will be assessed based on eligibility, academic merit, and application (for scholarships requiring an application). The final ranking is determined by the UNSW panel.

It is important to note that scholarships are highly competitive and there are less scholarships available than applicants. UNSW also has very limited scholarship programs for international students. Therefore, we advise that international students should not rely solely on scholarship support to study at UNSW, as there are no scholarships that will cover the full costs of studying and living in Australia.

How many PUCA1029 scholarships are available each term?

The UNSW Scholarships team do not disclose the number of PUCA1029 scholarships awarded each term as this is contingent upon several factors, such as the competitiveness of the applicant pool, our scholarship budget, and decisions made by panel members.

I have submitted my application, what should I do now?

Great job! The next step is to ensure to have finalised your offer acceptance. This include supplying any relevant documents requested by our UNSW Admissions team before the deadline if you have not already done so. Please be advised if you are awaiting the outcome of your scholarship before applying to study at UNSW, your application will not be accepted, as receiving an unconditional offer before the scholarship deadline is a criterion to be eligible.

Post application period

When will I be notified of the outcome of my application?

The UNSW Scholarships Office endeavours to get back to you within 30 days after the closing date of application. Occasionally, it may take longer due to time taken for assessment, acceptance of scholarships and other rankings. You can check the outcome of your application by heading to your [Scholarships Login Page](#). The following statuses may appear:

- *Being assessed*: Your application is still being considered, and not finalized.
- *Shortlisted for consideration*: Your application has been shortlisted to be ranked by the panel members.
- *Wait Reserve*: You are currently on the reserve list for a scholarship, you may receive a scholarship should the current recipients not accept their scholarship.
- *Successful Conditional Offer*: You have been selected for a scholarship. A separate offer will be made to you.
- *Unsuccessful*: You are unsuccessful on this occasion.
- *Selected*: you were selected from the PUCA1029 application pool and would have received a specific scholarship offer

Can I still be considered for a late application?

No. Unfortunately, we cannot accept late applications due to the high volume of applications received. The UNSW Scholarships Office is required to assess scholarship offers post the closing date and cannot delay this process for late applicants.

What is the assessment process in selecting recipients?

Shortly after the deadline, UNSW Scholarships team will collect all applications and begin our eligibility checking. Once this step is complete, we will send the list of eligible applications for each scholarship for scoring by our panel. The scores are then tallied by the Scholarships team, to identify the successful recipient(s) for each PUCA1029 scholarship.

How will I know if I am successful?

If you are successful, you will receive an email notification to your registered email address to view your scholarship offer letter via the scholarships system. This letter includes important information and details of the terms and conditions of the scholarship. You are required to accept the offer before the lapse date. If you have any issues with accepting your scholarship, or need help in logging into the scholarship login page, please contact UNSW Scholarships via scholarships@unsw.edu.au

Why have I been deemed unsuccessful?

Each term, UNSW Scholarships received a high volume of PUCA1029 applications and based on the competitive nature of the selection process, you have been deemed unsuccessful. This may be due to your academic score (as part of your admission), you not meeting the eligibility criteria, or your scholarship application.

Do you provide feedback for unsuccessful applicants?

Unfortunately, due to the high volume of applications we are unable to provide personalised feedback on your application.

Can I defer my scholarship offer?

Scholarships under PUCA1029 are not deferrable. This means if you are successful in receiving a scholarship and are not able to commence in the term that it is purposed for (i.e. due to pending visa outcome), UNSW Scholarships will have to rescind the offer at the commencement of term.

What are the ongoing requirements to keep my scholarship?

In general, to keep your scholarship, you will need to meet the ongoing enrolment and academic requirement and be enrolled in an eligible program each term. Please refer to your offer letter for specific details pertaining to your awarded scholarship. If you are unsure and require additional information, please feel free to contact UNSW scholarships via scholarships@unsw.edu.au

Payments

When will I receive my scholarship payment?

Payments will be made and commence prior to the census date of the relevant term. To check the census date, please see: <https://www.student.unsw.edu.au/fees/dates>

Will my scholarship contributions be made to my bank account or towards my fees?

There are two types of payments based on which scholarships you receive under PUCA1029, these include:

- Stipend payments – these are payments made fortnightly to your nominated bank account, for these scholarships, you are required to provide your Australian bank details as part of the scholarship acceptance process.
- Tuition fee payments - these are payments made each term towards your tuition fee for your course. No bank details are required as the contributions will be made directly to your fees account.

To check which payment type you will receive, please refer to your offer letter.

I have been asked to pay a scholarship application processing fee, is this legitimate?

UNSW Scholarships is aware of cyber scams currently on the internet. Please be advised that UNSW Scholarships do not charge an application/ processing fee. If you have been asked to pay this, please do not pay the fee and report this to scholarships@unsw.edu.au.

I have received a scholarship, and it is now past the census date, why have I still not received payment?

If you have not received contributions from your scholarship by the census date, this could be because of several reasons, such as not accepting the scholarship correctly, not being enrolled, or deferring.

Please contact scholarships@unsw.edu.au, and UNSW Scholarships will investigate this for you.

How do I check if my scholarship contributions have been applied to my fees account?

To check, please view your fee statement via [myUNSW](#).