

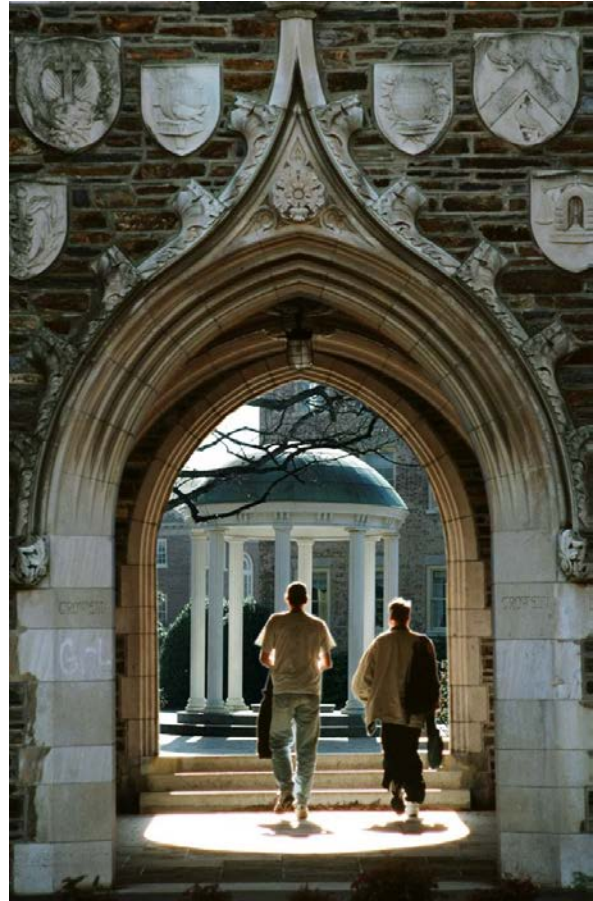
## Overview

The Robertson Scholars Leadership Program partners with the University of New South Wales (UNSW) for the selection of scholars from Australia.

Students studying in Australia who plan to apply for admission to Duke and/or UNC-Chapel Hill for undergraduate study should follow the application procedures as outlined on the UNSW Scholarships website.

Students must also apply for undergraduate admission to Duke and/or UNC-Chapel Hill by the respective regular decision deadlines to be eligible for the program.

Admission to Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill are separate processes. All forms and correspondence dealing with admission to these institutions should go directly to their respective Offices of Undergraduate Admissions.



## 2017-2018 Keys Dates

- Scholarship applications close: **1 December 2017**
- Final SAT test available: **2 December 2017**
- Final ACT test available: **9 December 2017**
- Final deadline to apply to Duke University: **3 January 2018**
- Final deadline to apply to UNC/Chapel Hill: **16 January 2018**
- Scholarship Interviews: **Early March 2018**
- Final decision/results release: **March 2018**
- Commencement: **July/August 2018**

## Eligibility Guidelines

Australian Year 12 students need to apply via the process managed by UNSW, using the application form [here](#). Applications will close 1 December 2017. You will also be required to provide:

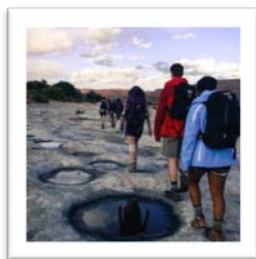
- A certified copy of birth certificate and proof of Australian citizenship or permanent residency
- Certified copies of your academic results to date
- One academic reference
- One personal reference

## Selection

The Robertson Scholars Leadership Program seeks students who have demonstrated the outstanding potential to become great leaders and play significant and impactful roles in their communities and society, today and in the future.

Robertson Scholars pursue a range of passions, academic interests, and personal and professional goals. While each Scholar brings their own skill sets, strengths, and personalities to the program, they share the following traits:

- Purposeful Leadership
- Intellectual Curiosity
- Strength of Character
- Collaborative Spirit



For more information and to apply, visit: [scholarships.unsw.edu.au](https://scholarships.unsw.edu.au)

## Benefits & opportunities



Full Tuition,  
Room & Board



'Dual Citizenship' (Duke &  
UNC/Castle Hill)



Three Summers



Leadership & Professional  
Development

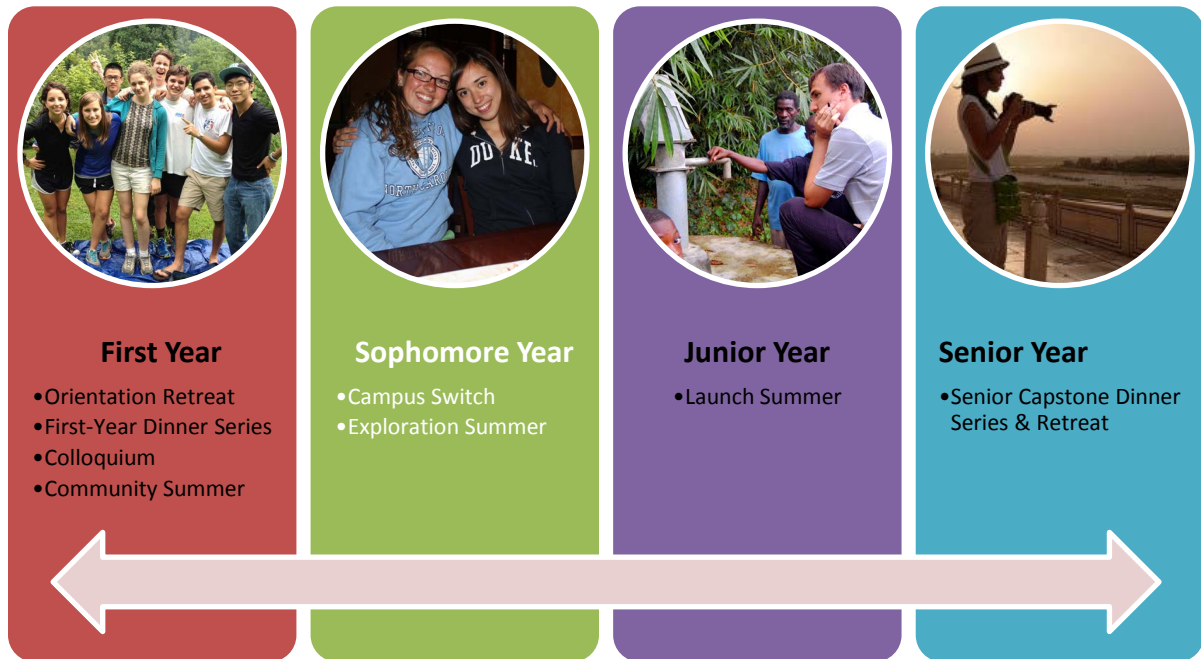


Extensive Community of  
Scholars & Alumni

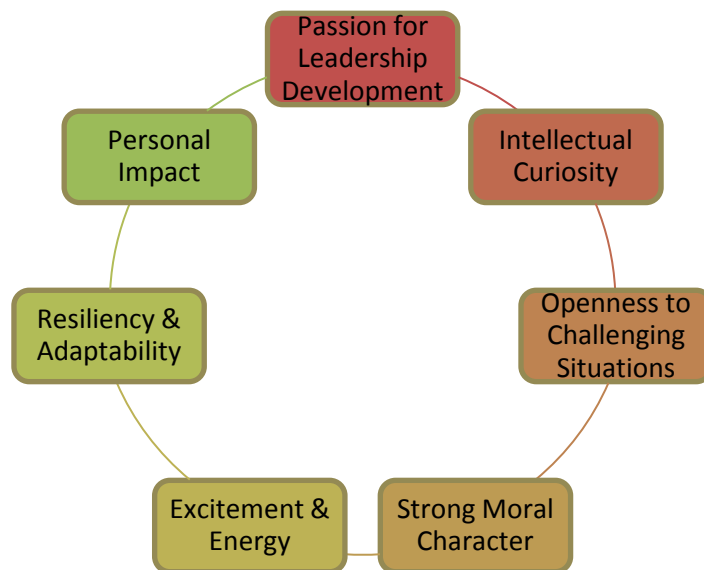
“Being a part of the Program extends to more than just the financial aspect. It provides membership in a unique community of peers who will constantly challenge you to perform at your best. It facilitates opportunities to develop and grow in ways I could never have imagined when I was in high school. It provides access to two world-class universities with the opportunity to explore your interests and passions without significant financial pressure in addition to significant programming to help you accelerate your development as a leader. Throughout the Program there were significant challenges - moving overseas for four years at 17 was not completely smooth! Aside from logistical challenges, the Program pushes you to step outside your comfort zone and encourages you to reflect on your development. This can be challenging - especially when it comes to taking feedback on board and growing - but you are surrounded by people invested in your growth and development and with an incredible group of fellow Scholars, so the journey isn't at all lonely.”

**Ajeet Hansra – Class of 2014 The Robertson Scholars Leadership Program**

## Program timeline



## Who are Robertson scholars?



“Leadership is really being about to stand up for what you believe in, taking action when you see injustice, reaching out to someone who may be struggling, initiating change large or small or even being an excellent listener. The Robertson celebrates and encourages all different forms of leadership.”

**Tierney Marey - Class of 2017 The Robertson Scholars Leadership Program**

# The APPLICATION PROCESS

## OVERVIEW

- **Scholarship Application Form (via UNSW)**      **December 1st**
- **Common Application**      **Early December**
- **SAT / ACT**      **January 2018**
- **Interview for short-listed Candidates**      **March 2018**
- **Final Decision**      **March 2018**
- **VISA Application**
- **NOLS Trip starts mid-August**
- **Fall Semester commences after NOLS**

- 1) Due dates for writing supplements vary with college. Date of the Common Application also varies slightly from year to year – you need to sign up for an account to get that date.
- 2) SATs/ ACT exams must be received by the Duke and UNC offices by January 2018. However, including it in your Common Application will provide a more complete application. It's highly recommended having it complete before the Common Application date. Because you can have multiple attempts at the SATs, it's recommended sitting them ASAP so that if your score isn't as high as you would like, you can just sit it again. You should research both SAT and ACT. Australian students may find it easier to get a better score at ACT than SAT.
- 3) Short listed candidates will be invited to attend an interview at UNSW, Sydney in March 2018. No scholarship will be awarded to anyone who has not attended an interview in person with the committee.

## 1. Scholarship Application via UNSW

- Personal Details
- Leadership Profile – Record of prior leadership experience
- Year 12 subjects and trial results
- Application Questions\*
- Further Attachments: Birth Certificate/Proof of Citizenship, Year 11 and 12 results
- Letters of Recommendation (One 'Mentor Recommendation' and one 'Academic Recommendation')

\*Application questions are intended to evaluate whether applicants possess the four traits which the program seeks to identify and foster in potential applicants: **Purposeful leadership, Intellectual Curiosity, Strength of Character, Collaborative Spirit.**

## 2. The Common Application

- **What is it?**

The Common Application compiles your U.S. college applications for you. It is the undergraduate college admission application you need to complete to apply for the Duke and/or University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill. You need to create your account online, search and add the universities to your list checking for universities' specific requirements, gather your general application information and submit. More information at [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org).

- **Similar to the Robertson application, but with broader essay questions**

You need to complete your application with Personal Details, Academic Results, Extracurriculars and submit a personal essay (BE YOURSELF!) and recommendation letters / teacher evaluations. You also need to answer College-specific writing Supplements.

## 3. The SAT/ACT

The **SAT** contains three sections: Reading, Math, and Writing and Language.

The **ACT** contains four sections: Reading, Math, English, and Science.

Both also have an optional essay. Each section has a different format on the **ACT** compared to the **SAT**, but only a few differences really matter.

- You must sit either the SAT or the ACT
- The SAT also has 'subject tests'. ACT does not. A number of colleges require 2 subject tests.
- Some colleges will require subject tests, while others will happily accept the ACT rather than SAT + Subject Tests.

### Coming dates for SAT/ACT 2017-2018:

**SAT dates Australia: 7 October / 2 December 2017**

**ACT dates Australia: 9 September/ 28 October/9 December 2017**

## The ADMISSIONS PROCESS: Interview(s)

- UNSW Interview with selection panel at the UNSW Kensington Campus.
- Duke/UNC interview with Alumni

“As my interview with the Robertson panel wound down, I was given the time to ask one and only one question. I directed this question at our benefactor himself: ‘What is your vision for us?’ He replied simply. The Robertson Scholars Leadership Program, he told me, is an investment into growth and change. It is not just a financial package. It is an opportunity to experience two world-class institutions, to meet people of all talents and backgrounds, and to explore what the world has to offer. Staff and upperclassman guided me with enthusiasm throughout the decision-making process, making sure support was never too far away. There is something comforting about the network and it is truly unique. Most importantly however, there is an incredible sense of community. While we all share a dream for positive societal change, we are eclectic in our beliefs, upbringings, interests, and personalities. Difference is exciting. I know I haven’t made a mistake.”

**Henry Feng - Class of 2019 The Robertson Scholars Leadership Program**

## Filing for a VISA

- Complete DS-160 form (Nonimmigrant VISA app.)
- Interview at U.S. Embassy or Consulate
  - Passport
  - Application Fee Payment Receipt
  - I-20 sent from the Robertson Program / Duke / UNC
  - Additional Documents\*
- 60 days to be eligible to reapply! Don’t make a mistake!

\*Additional Documents include academic transcript, proof that you intend to return to Australia after your studies (difficult), and how you will pay

“I have always wanted to make a difference, be it to one life, to a family, a community or even a country! The Robertson Program is the only opportunity I have ever come across that is so actively focused on setting me up to achieve this. The philosophy of service and leadership truly resonates with my goals for the future. Moreover the support offered by the program throughout my study and particularly during the summer holidays to go out into currently undetermined areas of the globe and work towards increasing justice, health, equality and happiness is phenomenal and arguably unprecedented. However the Robertson Program also doesn’t view service to the global community as an additive to my coursework but something that should grow to inform my understanding of everything I study as well as any activities or avenues I pursue throughout my life. I was looking for a higher education experience that would shift me out of my comfort zone while also

supporting me while I adjust to the variety of of new things I see and ideas I encounter. The Robertson Program makes no secret that what it asks of its students will undoubtedly be challenging but you are given the opportunity to undertake and overcome any difficulties in a highly supportive and encouraging community. Every aspect of the Robertson Program attracted me towards applying and I am just incredibly excited to start living the adventure!”

**Myla Swallow - Class of 2019 The Robertson Scholars Leadership Program**

