

Access Melbourne 2024

Special entry
access scheme

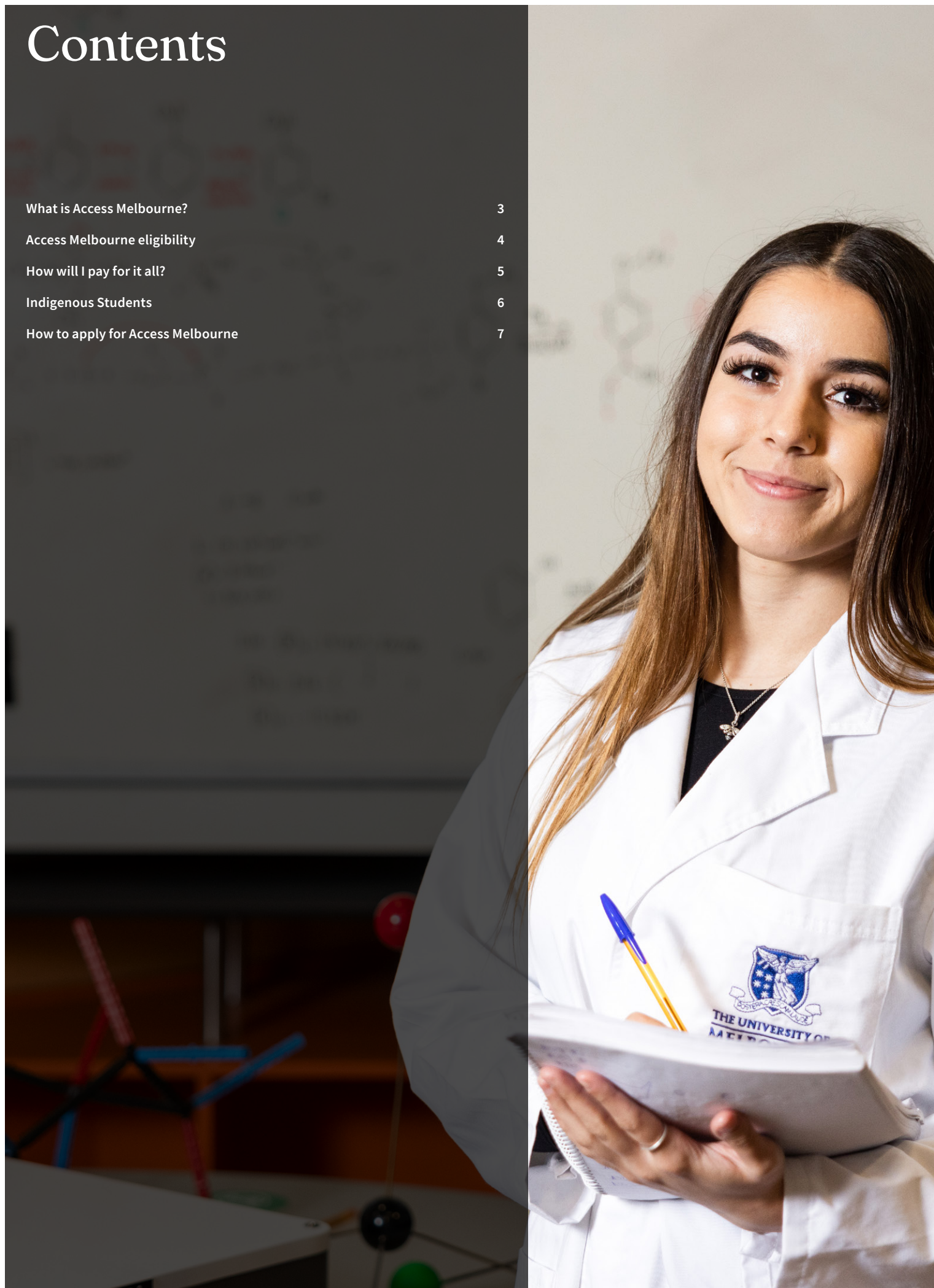


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What is Access Melbourne?

There are more ways to study at Melbourne.

Our Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS), Access Melbourne, is designed to provide students of all backgrounds with the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Access Melbourne gives you an extra advantage to help you overcome barriers or life circumstances. There are different Access Melbourne categories that you can apply for that will ensure that your personal circumstances are considered when your undergraduate course application is assessed.

Access Melbourne recipients may be eligible for guaranteed entry or a place in their preferred course even if their ATAR is below the lowest selection rank (applying through Access Melbourne also means you'll be automatically considered for a range of scholarships and benefit from our Access Connections Mentoring Program).

Am I eligible to apply?

To be eligible for Access Melbourne you need to meet all of the general eligibility requirements:

- Be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or Australian permanent resident or hold a permanent humanitarian visa (these applicant types are referred to as 'domestic applicants')
- Have not received results from undergraduate studies (excludes high school extension studies, or single subjects completed outside of an official degree program. Does not apply to non-school leaver entry pathway applicants and/or recognition as an Indigenous Australian applicants)
- Demonstrated the capacity to successfully undertake the course of your choice
- Applied for a University of Melbourne undergraduate course through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC).

If you're eligible to apply, there are nine categories you can select for consideration as part of your application, see page 4.

You're in good company

The University of Melbourne is a place where different perspectives flourish and our students and staff bring a range of life experiences and thinking to campus. Almost 41% of domestic students starting an undergraduate degree with us in 2023 were eligible for one or more Access Melbourne categories.

Study score consideration

Sometimes, your ATAR does not reflect your true ability. The University of Melbourne will consider criteria in addition to ATAR to welcome students from diverse backgrounds into their preferred course. To be eligible for consideration, you'll need to meet the following criteria;

Be eligible for at least one of the following Access Melbourne categories:

- Disadvantaged financial background; resident of a regional or remote area; difficult circumstances; or disability or medical condition
- Achieve a study score of at least 35 in at least one VCE subject (or equivalent) that is relevant to your preferred course (the list of specified subjects for each course is published at access.unimelb.edu.au).

Achieve an ATAR (or notional ATAR) of at least:

- 72.00 for the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Design or Bachelor of Science
- 78.00 for the Bachelor of Commerce
- 86.00 for the Bachelor of Biomedicine.

If you've applied with a SEAS application (see page 7) you will be automatically considered for Study score consideration.

Access Melbourne (SEAS) Calculator

You can use the Access Melbourne (SEAS) calculator to estimate the ATAR you need based on your personal circumstances.

go.unimelb.edu.au/67te

Access Melbourne eligibility

You can apply under one or more of the following categories if the description matches your circumstances:

First in Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Your parents or guardian did not attend university and your generation is the first to do so. This category applies to you even if your siblings attended university, provided your parents or guardian did not complete university education.
Disadvantaged financial background Applicants may be eligible to receive a guaranteed place.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">You or your parent or guardian receive a means-tested Commonwealth income support payment (such as Austudy, ABSTUDY, Youth Allowance etc.), orYour parents or guardian receive Family Tax Benefit A or B, orYou're able to demonstrate how your disadvantaged financial background has affected you with an impact statement and a statement of support, orYou reside in a low income area according to government definition.
Resident of a Regional or remote area Applicants may be eligible to receive a guaranteed place.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Your residential address is in a Statistical Area Level 1 that's not defined as a major city by the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), andYou're a Year 12 student who completed the final two years of schooling at a rural or regional secondary school.Look up your address to see if you're eligible for this category at: go.unimelb.edu.au/r48e
Recognition as an Indigenous Australian Applicants may be eligible to receive a guaranteed place. See page 6 for details.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">You're of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, andYou identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person and are accepted as such by the community in which you have been living in or are associated with.
Graduate of an under-represented school	<ul style="list-style-type: none">You've completed Year 12 in 2023 at a Victorian school defined as under-represented in the tertiary sector and at the University of Melbourne.See our list of under-represented schools: access.unimelb.edu.au/urs
Difficult circumstances	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Difficult circumstances can include, but are not limited to; out of home care, arriving in Australia as a refugee, long-term serious illness or death of a family member, natural disasters or an unsafe or unstable home environment.
Disability or medical condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">You have a disability, impairment or long-term medical condition that has affected your studies.
Non-English speaking background	<ul style="list-style-type: none">You were born outside Australia in a non-English speaking country, andYou arrived in Australia after 1 January 2018.
Mature age consideration (non-school leaver entry pathway)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">You were 23 or older on 29 September 2023 (for Semester 1, 2024 entry) or 10 June 2024 (for Semester 2, 2024 entry), andYou have no qualifications from the past seven years that could be used as a basis for your application.^❶

Get a guaranteed place

For 2024 entry, the University guarantees admission to eligible current Year 12 applicants in these Access Melbourne categories:

- Disadvantaged financial background
- Regional or remote area
- Indigenous students (see page 6).

For a guaranteed place in 2024, you'll need to meet prerequisites and achieve these ATARs (or notional ATARs) in 2023:

68.00	Agriculture
74.00	Arts, Design, Science
80.00	Commerce
88.00	Biomedicine
Indigenous students	
55.00	Bachelor of Science (Extended)
66.00	Agriculture
70.00	Design
74.00	Arts, Science
75.00	Commerce
77.00	Oral Health
85.00	Biomedicine



❶ Additional academic criteria apply visit go.unimelb.edu.au/r48e

How will I pay for it all?

To help you with costs for essentials such as textbooks, study supplies, living expenses and maybe even relocating, a variety of scholarships, bursaries and other grants are available.

As a domestic undergraduate student, your Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) means the government will subsidise the cost of your course fees. You'll also have access to HECS-HELP, a scheme that allows CSP students to defer their student contributions and repay them once you start working.❶ There's also a Student Services and Amenities Fee that you'll need to pay or defer.

Visit: go.unimelb.edu.au/75y6.

Undergraduate Access Scholarships

The University of Melbourne offers close to 350 scholarships to Access Melbourne applicants. These scholarships provide an allowance of between \$5,000 - \$7,500 per year per year for the duration of your course and some cover the course fees as well. When you apply through VTAC using the Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS), you'll be automatically considered for these scholarships.

Grants and Bursaries

Generous bequests and donations have allowed the University of Melbourne to establish student grants and assist students in financial need. We award more than 500 one-off bursaries per year, varying from \$500 to \$10,000. For example, a housing bursary may provide an allowance of \$100 per fortnight for up to one year.

Hansen Scholarship Program

The Hansen Scholarship program supports 20 exceptional students from all around Australia with a unique financial and personal support program including cash benefits, mentoring and accommodation, as well as full-fee remission for Australian temporary protection visa holders.

scholarships.unimelb.edu.au/hansen

Help with accommodation

Choose from shared apartments, self-contained studios, dormitory-style living, residential colleges, homestay and private rental options.

University owned accommodation

Within walking distance of our Parkville campus, with year-round social, academic, wellbeing and sporting activities and a team of professional staff at each site to ease your transition into university life.

- Little Hall - offering a modern take on a college experience with a first-rate academic enrichment program
- Lisa Belleair House – a diverse, vibrant and creative community surrounded by parklands on the northern edge of our Parkville campus
- The Lofts at Melbourne Connect - modern apartment on-campus living exclusively for graduate students, based in a world-renowned innovation precinct.

Residential colleges

Ten residential colleges range in size from 70-400 student residents and provide weekly tutorials to support your learning from residential tutors on site. All meals are provided and there are social clubs, cultural, sporting and leadership programs.

Scholarships worth \$7.5 million are available to support students across the colleges each year. Explore our ten colleges:

- International House
- Janet Clarke Hall
- Medley Hall
- Newman College
- Ormond College
- Queen's College
- St Hilda's College
- St Mary's College
- Trinity College
- University College

colleges.unimelb.edu.au

Partner accommodation

We have collaborated with some nationally recognised student accommodation providers to create more accommodation options around our campus.

UniLodge Lincoln House offers modern dormitory-style living with impeccably designed shared facilities overlooking the city. Student Village Melbourne have furnished bedrooms with ample workspaces and access to village facilities designed specifically for students.

study.unimelb.edu.au/accommodation

❶ For HECS-HELP eligibility criteria visit: studyassist.gov.au/help-loans/hecs-help

Indigenous Students

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students come to live and study at Melbourne from all over Australia. Around 500 Indigenous students are part of our university community.

Extended Pathways

If you aspire to study at Melbourne but feel unsure about meeting the entry requirements the Bachelor of Science (Extended) or the Diploma of General Studies (Extended) could be for you. You can apply for our other undergraduate degrees via the Access Melbourne special entry scheme.

Applying for Access Melbourne

To be eligible for this as an Indigenous applicant, you must meet the criteria below:

- You are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent; and
- You identify as a Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person; and
- You are accepted as such by the community in which you live, have lived, or are associated with.

When you apply to the University of Melbourne, you are asked to confirm your eligibility: This enables you to:

- Enter via our Access Melbourne Pathway, be considered for our Access Melbourne Guarantees and the Indigenous Pathway into the Chancellor's Scholar's Program.
- Get an offer to the Bachelor of Science (Extended) degree
- Access the full range of services and support through Murrup Barak and the Wilin Centre, and all Indigenous scholarships.

To apply for this Access Melbourne category, you need to complete a Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) application via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) under SEAS Category 1: Personal information and location. Once you have submitted a VTAC application, you will be contacted about providing your confirmation of eligibility document.

Find out more here go.unimelb.edu.au/dv5r

Tailored Support

Murrup Barak's Indigenous Student Success Team will support you to make the most of all the experiences and opportunities available at Melbourne. They organise many events and activities throughout the year for students including regular student lunches and offer culturally-safe support and guidance throughout your studies on a wide range of academic, cultural and personal matters.

If you need assistance with the application process, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Murrup Barak Outreach Team:

murrupbarak.unimelb.edu.au/home/contact-us



How to apply for Access Melbourne

You'll need to submit a special entry access scheme (SEAS) application through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) to be considered for Access Melbourne. Be sure to check the VTAC website for further information: vtac.edu.au/dates.html

Step 1: Select your preferred undergraduate degree

Check out our undergraduate degrees and decide which course(s) you would like to apply for. Don't forget to check you meet the subject prerequisites and confirm if the degree(s) consider Access Melbourne applications.❶

Step 2: Apply for through VTAC

Once you've decided on your preferred undergraduate degree(s) you will need apply via VTAC by **28 September 2023 (5pm)**.

If you are applying under the Mature age consideration criteria, you may need to take some additional steps to show you're ready to study.

Visit go.unimelb.edu.au/r48e

Step 3: Apply for SEAS

When you submit your VTAC application, you'll also be able to apply for SEAS consideration. SEAS applications close **6 October 2023 (5pm)**.

Your SEAS application is managed and assessed by VTAC. You'll submit one SEAS application that will enable you to receive special consideration from different Victorian tertiary institutions you apply for. You can apply for every SEAS category that fits your circumstances. Applying for multiple categories may increase the amount of special consideration you receive. Remember to provide all required supporting documentation by **6 October 2023**. Supporting documentation may include: an impact statement, statement of support signed by a responsible independent source (i.e. doctor, lawyer, accountant, social worker), or copies of Government-issued correspondence.

Visit VTAC to find out more
go.unimelb.edu.au/8yje

Step 4: Application assessment and University offers

The University will assess your undergraduate degree application, along with your SEAS application. We'll also automatically assess you for access and equity scholarships based on your SEAS application. If your application is successful, you'll receive a Melbourne offer with instructions about how to accept.

Need help applying?

Get in touch with our student support team for more information about applying for Access Melbourne. We can also provide guidance regarding scholarship opportunities, fees, budgeting, finding accommodation, course planning and more.

Connect with us go.unimelb.edu.au/a896



❶ Access Melbourne consideration does not apply to the following programs: the Melbourne Chancellor's Scholars program (unless you're an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicant), Graduate Degree Packages, concurrent diplomas or honours degrees.



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