## UNSW Sydney 2026 International Admissions Update

### **Agent Webinar**

10 July 2025

This session will commence shortly



Please Note: Information presented in this webinar is correct as of 10 July, 2025. UNSW reserves the right to change any degree, admission requirement, or other information herein without prior notice.

## Acknowledgement of Country

UNSW acknowledges the Bidjigal, Gadigal, Ngunnawal and Ngambri peoples, who are the Traditional Custodians of, and whose communities remain connected to, the unceded territories on which the University's main campuses are located. We pay our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders past and present for their custodianship of Country, and celebrate the cultural knowledge, stories, songlines, ancestors and dreamings of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, the First Peoples of Australia.







- 1. 2026 Admissions Model
- 2. 2026 Offer Rounds
- **3. Admissions Tips**
- 4. Q&A Panel





## Thank You

- Strengthened partnerships through engagement with partners in Australia and across the world
- Over 800 engagements globally so far in 2025, including UNSW Open Day events, agent expo events and high school visits
- New admissions approach introduced in February which has seen application to offer turn around time reduced to less than four weeks
- Improvements in admissions processes and technology, including a move to StudyLink in 2026





### **Progress Starts Here**



34,000+ International Students from over 140 countries



Ranked in world **top 20** and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Australia (QS World University Rankings 2026)



**AFR Most Employable University** 6 years in a row (Australian Financial Review Top 100 Future Leaders Awards 2020-2025)



Highest median graduate salaries of Group of 8 universities (QILT Graduate Outcomes Survey 2023)



**#1** in Australia for Employment Outcomes (QS World University Rankings 2026)



## 2026 Admissions Processes

**Raey Jasinski** Head of Admissions & Scholarships





## Application and Assessment Approach

- All applications are assessed by UNSW Admissions and are ranked on academic merit, subject to program availability
- Completed applications will be prioritised
- Program change requests for programs not listed on the initial application will not be accepted
- Offers are released on Thursdays, either through our general offer rounds or grouped offer rounds, depending on program

### **General Rounds**

**Offer Release:** Each Thursday, alternating between undergraduate and postgraduate each week

Completed Application Deadline: Four weeks prior to offer release

Included Programs: Most UNSW Sydney programs

### **Grouped Offer Rounds**

**Offer Release:** Three rounds ahead of each term intake

Completed Application Deadline: Four weeks prior to offer release

#### **Included Programs:**

- Bachelor of Commerce (3502) and associated programs
- Bachelor of Exercise Science/Master of Physiotherapy (3896)
- Master of Laws (9201)
- Master of Information Technology (8543) & associated programs



### Academic Ranking and Qualification

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#### Assessment

We use Weighted Average Mark (WAM) or Admission Rank to determine academic merit at UNSW. For programs with limited places, applicants will be academically ranked as part of offer round cycles



Applicants must have a completed qualification or are completing their final year of study (min. 6 out of 8 completed semesters)



### Undergraduate

Applicants must have a completed, accepted secondary qualification OR have provided predicted results for specific qualifications



For a full list of accepted qualifications, please visit <u>www.unsw.edu.au/study</u>

## Offer Expiry

- Offers are released on Thursdays
- Offers will expire:
  - Full offer holders have 21 days to accept their offer
  - Conditional offer holders have 8 weeks
    (56 days) to accept their offer

Note: Some groups of students including sponsored students may have an extended acceptance deadline.

Offer expiry dates can be found on offer letters.





### Postgraduate Offers (Academic)

- Conditional offers for postgraduate programs will be made on 6 or 7 out of 8 semesters of undergraduate study for eligible postgraduate programs.
- Applicants will be required to be achieving a WAM equivalent of 5 points above the advertised UNSW WAM to be eligible for an offer in general offer rounds.
- Offer expiry still applies, and students should accept their conditional (academic) offer as soon as possible. Conditional (Academic) offers that also have an English or GS condition will have 8 week expiry.
- Applicants who do not meet the conditional (academic) WAM requirement will be placed on hold and may be made an offer when they upload their final results.





## **2026 Offer Rounds**

Pete Ryan Head of International Recruitment





## 2026 Offer Rounds

For admission to UNSW in 2026, UNSW has implemented a dual admissions round model. This approach provides agents and applicants with more certainty by enhancing transparency, equity and academic quality.

For 2026 intakes we have introduced:

- **General Offer Rounds** for most programs
- **Grouped Offer Rounds** for high-demand programs

Applications for 2026 are now open.

Scan the QR code to see our offer round schedules and acceptance deadlines for 2026 intakes





## **General Offer Rounds**

UNSW is currently issuing weekly offers for most programs to international applicants, with postgraduate and undergraduate offers alternating each week.

- Completed application deadlines remain four weeks
  before each round
- Offers may be released earlier if capacity allows
- Offer expiry rules remain unchanged for full and conditional offers



A full schedule of completed application deadlines, offer release dates and offer expiry dates can be found on the UNSW International Admissions webpage.



## Introducing Grouped Offer Rounds

To improve equity and access for high-quality applicants, UNSW is introducing grouped offer rounds for our most in-demand programs in 2026. This structured approach ensures that offers are made based on academic merit, providing access and certainty around application deadlines for our most in-demand degrees.

The following programs are included:

- Bachelor of Commerce (3502) and associated programs
- Bachelor of Exercise Science/Master of Physiotherapy and Exercise Physiology (3896)
- Master of Laws (9201)
- Master of Information Technology (8543) and associated programs





### How Do Grouped Offer Rounds Work?

- Applicants are assessed within a specific application period and ranked by academic merit within each round.
- There will be three grouped rounds per intake, with the number of offers released in each round reflective of program capacity.
- Based on academic performance, applicants will fall into one of three categories.

**Top percentile**  $\rightarrow$  Receive an offer of study

Next best percentile → Deferred for consideration to the next available round for that intake

Remaining applicants → Alternative offer (if eligible) or notification of unsuccessful application



## **Out of Round Considerations**

- **Sponsored and articulation** students may be considered for an out of round offer if they meet the cut off requirement from the latest offer round. Those not meeting this standard will continue to be considered across the next relevant grouped offer round. Offers will remain without an acceptance deadline.
- Existing UNSW College Foundation, Diploma and Pre-Masters students progressing to a high-demand program are currently exempt from grouped offer rounds, however must still meet academic entry requirements to progress to their chosen UNSW program.
- In rare circumstances **exceptional applicants** may be made offers outside of the grouped offer rounds. These may occur around key results releases and applicants must be achieving above the average academic rank for the round that is currently being assessed.

To ensure a fair and equal process, wherever possible, applicants will be held to the average intake ranking of that particular intake.



## Grouped Offer Round Dates

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# **Application Tips**

Raey Jasinski Head of Admissions & Scholarships





## **2026 Application Timeline**

The application and offer round timeline is available online\*





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## **Application Tips**

Applying to UNSW is an exciting step toward joining one of the world's top universities. To ensure your students have the best chance of success under the new grouped offer round model, it is essential that applications are submitted correctly and on time.

Our admissions process is designed to be fair, transparent, and merit-based. However, incomplete or late applications can delay outcomes or reduce the likelihood of receiving an offer, particularly for high-demand programs.

Our top four tips for application success:

- 1. Submit complete applications before deadlines
- 2. Include all required documents
- 3. For high-demand programs, include a secondary preference
- 4. Monitor grouped round outcomes and prepare for next rounds





## Genuine Student (GS) Requirements

Student counsellors should follow the guidelines below:

- 1. Download a copy of the Genuine Student Interview & Checklist from the UNSW Genuine Students webpage.
- 2. Conduct a face-to-face interview following the steps outlined in the checklist.
- 3. Sight financial documents demonstrating the student's financial capacity to study at UNSW along with supporting documentation and personal statements.
- 4. If satisfied with the conditions set out in the GS interview and checklist, download a copy of the GS declaration (if the student is residing in India then download the GS Assessment and Financial Declaration form). Co-sign with the student, stamp with your agency stamp and upload to the UNSW Apply Online portal.
- 5. UNSW will proceed with the application assessment and notify of an outcome accordingly.



Scan the QR code to visit the UNSW Genuine Students webpage





## Scholarships

\$83 million is awarded annually in scholarships.

Academic

Indigenous

• Equity

Rural

• Exchange

Sporting

Students are eligible to apply for a UNSW scholarship if they have received an offer of admission into an eligible program for the commencing Term intake. Dates and deadlines are being reviewed to ensure alignment with our offer round approach.

Our International Student Award remains available to students from selected countries and has been confirmed for the 2026 admissions cycle.

For more information please visit the UNSW Scholarships website.





