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Excellence and equity are inseparable at Melbourne and bringing the best students to the University means minimising financial barriers and broadening access.

Graduate Access Melbourne provides access to applicants whose personal circumstances have had a sustained adverse effect on their academic achievement at undergraduate level or who are members of a specified group known to be under-represented in higher education.

Graduate Access Melbourne is open to students applying for our graduate professional entry programs. These programs offer pathways to professional accreditation and have access to government support payments. Many are recognised by professional bodies in Australia and internationally.

Why should I apply?

► Increase your chances of securing a Commonwealth supported place (CSP)

Applying through Graduate Access Melbourne will enhance your opportunity for selection to a Commonwealth supported place (CSP). Securing a CSP means that the cost of graduate study is heavily reduced.

From 2009 - 2012 at least fifty per cent of designated places in most professional entry programs will be offered as CSPs. At least twenty per cent of the designated CSPs available in each graduate professional entry program will be allocated to Graduate Access Melbourne applicants.

► Increase your chances of receiving an offer for the course of your choice

Entry into our professional entry programs is competitive but University selection committees consider each eligible applicant individually.

By applying through Graduate Access Melbourne the circumstances that had an adverse effect on your academic achievement at undergraduate level and/or your membership of a group of people known to be under-represented in higher education will be taken into consideration, together with your potential to succeed in your chosen course.

► Be considered for a one-off payment of \$5,000

See below for more information.

What scholarships are available?

All eligible Graduate Access Melbourne applicants will be considered for either the Graduate Access Melbourne Bursary or the Maisie Fawcett Scholarship. It is not necessary to submit an additional application form.

► Graduate Access Melbourne Bursary

This is a one-off grant of \$5,000, designed to support you in meeting the costs associated with graduate study. Up to 100 bursaries will be awarded to eligible Graduate Access Melbourne applicants enrolling in graduate professional entry programs.

► Maisie Fawcett Scholarship

This scholarship has been established as part of a collaborative agreement between the University of Melbourne and Victoria University. Its purpose is to facilitate pathways for graduates to access courses not offered at Victoria University. It provides a one-off grant of \$5,000, designed to support meeting the costs associated with graduate study.

Up to five Maisie Fawcett scholarships will be awarded to eligible Graduate Access Melbourne applicants enrolling in graduate professional entry programs.

The University awards a range of other scholarships to graduate students, including a number of other equity scholarships.

More information about the scholarships available can be obtained from the Melbourne Scholarships Office:
www.unimelb.edu.au/scholarships

What courses consider Graduate Access Melbourne?

Graduate Access Melbourne is considered for entry to graduate professional entry programs. These courses provide graduates with an initial professional qualification in a particular field and meet the academic requirements for professional recognition.

The University of Melbourne has more than 30 graduate professional entry programs. A full listing of those with Graduate Access Melbourne available can be viewed at:
www.gradaccess.unimelb.edu.au

The information on the Graduate Access Melbourne application form can also be used for entry via the Faculty of Arts Graduate Equity Program. This Program recognises the diversity of the student population and enhances applicants' opportunity for graduate study in Arts.

The Program entitles students to a Commonwealth supported place for the duration of their course. It is open to applicants for postgraduate diplomas and masters in Arts. A list of the Arts courses covered by the Arts Graduate Equity Program can be viewed at:
www.arts.unimelb.edu.au/graduate

How do I apply?

All applicants must complete a Graduate Access Melbourne application form. Any supporting documentation required for specific categories (details are provided below) should be submitted with the application form.

The Graduate Access Melbourne application form should be submitted alongside your course application.

You can obtain a copy of the application form by:

Downloading a copy from www.gradaccess.unimelb.edu.au or

Calling the University Information Centre on 03 8344 6543 or toll free 1800 801 662

Am I eligible?

To be eligible for Graduate Access Melbourne you must:

- ▶ Be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or Australian permanent resident or holder of a permanent humanitarian visa; and
- ▶ Have demonstrated the capacity to successfully undertake the graduate professional entry program of your choice; and
- ▶ Apply for a Commonwealth supported place in a graduate professional entry program.

You may be considered under one or more of the following categories:

Recognition as an Indigenous Australian

You are eligible for this category if you:

- ▶ Are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent; and identify as a person of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage and are accepted as such by an Indigenous community.

Documentation required for this category:

- ▶ No documentation is required but your status may be verified by the University's Centre for Indigenous Education.

Previous status as a refugee or current holder of a Humanitarian Visa

You are eligible for this category if you:

- ▶ Have previously held an Australian temporary protection visa; or
- ▶ Currently hold a permanent humanitarian visa.

Documentation required for this category:

- ▶ A certified copy of your permanent humanitarian visa; or a certified copy of your Australian temporary protection visa; and a certified copy of your passport photograph page.
- ▶ You must provide a description of the circumstances that have affected your academic achievement.

Rural or isolated background

You are eligible for this category if:

- ▶ You attended a primary or secondary school in a rural or isolated area of Australia* for a period of five consecutive years or eight discontinuous years.

Documentation required for this category:

- ▶ Documentary proof of schooling in a rural or isolated area of Australia.*

* Defined as not a major city of Australia according to the Australian Standard Geographic Classification (ASGC) Remoteness Areas classification produced by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (go to www.gradaccess.unimelb.edu.au to check).

Disadvantaged socio-economic circumstances

You are eligible for this category if:

- ▶ You have experienced a disadvantaged socio-economic background; or
- ▶ You experienced financial hardship during your undergraduate study that had a sustained adverse effect on your academic achievement; and
- ▶ You are currently in receipt of a Centrelink benefit.

Documentation required for this category:

- ▶ If you are currently in receipt of a Centrelink benefit you must provide certified notification of your Centrelink benefit that is no more than three months old;
- ▶ If you are not currently in receipt of a Centrelink benefit you must provide a statement of support that outlines the details of any financial circumstances which adversely affected you and/or your family. The statement of support must be completed by a responsible independent source (who is not related to you) with knowledge of your socio-economic circumstances.

Examples of suitable sources may include: a doctor, lawyer, accountant, social worker, counsellor, religious or community leader, or a teacher.

- ▶ You must provide a description of the circumstances that have affected your academic achievement.

Disability or chronic medical condition

You are eligible for this category if you:

- ▶ Have a disability (physical, sensory, intellectual, acquired brain injury or neurological impairment); or
- ▶ Experienced a disability or chronic medical condition during your undergraduate study that had a sustained adverse effect on your academic achievement.

Documentation required for this category:

- ▶ You must provide a statement of support from the relevant health care professional involved in the care/maintenance of the condition.
- ▶ You must provide a description of the circumstances that have affected your academic achievement.

Personal difficulties

You are eligible for this category if:

- ▶ You have experienced personal difficulties during your undergraduate study which had a sustained adverse effect on your academic achievement.

Examples may include (but are not limited to): immediate family members have suffered long-term illness; or abusive living environment; or divorce/separation of parents.

Documentation required for this category:

- ▶ You must provide a statement of support that outlines the details of the personal difficulties. The statement of support must be completed by a responsible independent source (who is not related to you) with knowledge of your circumstances.

Examples of suitable sources may include: a doctor, lawyer, accountant, social worker, counsellor, religious or community leader, or a teacher.

- ▶ You must provide a description of the circumstances that have affected your academic achievement.



"I have been interested in studying Law since I was in high school, but back then I thought it was an unattainable goal... During my final year of the Bachelor of Commerce I applied for the Melbourne Juris Doctor (JD) through the Graduate Access Melbourne scheme. To my surprise, I was offered a Commonwealth supported place."

Linh Ma
Melbourne Juris Doctor (JD) student

Need more information?

Further information about Graduate Access Melbourne and the Graduate Access Melbourne Bursaries is available from:

- ▶ **Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences**
Tel: 03 8344 5892
Email: admin-mdhs@unimelb.edu.au
- ▶ **Melbourne Graduate School of Education**
Tel: 03 8344 8285
Email: <http://edfac-unimelb.custhelp.com>
- ▶ **Melbourne Graduate School of Management**
Tel: 03 8344 1670
Email: <http://ecom-unimelb.custhelp.com>
- ▶ **Melbourne Graduate School of Science**
Tel: 8344 6404
Email: <http://science-unimelb.custhelp.com>
- ▶ **Melbourne Law School**
Tel: 03 8344 8912
Email: jd-law@unimelb.edu.au
- ▶ **Melbourne Scholarships Office**
Tel: 03 8344 8747 or Toll free: 1800 674 169
Email via: <http://unimelb.custhelp.com>
- ▶ **Melbourne School of Design**
Tel: 03 8344 6417
Email: abp-graduateschool@unimelb.edu.au
- ▶ **Melbourne School of Land and Environment**
Tel: Free call 1800 815 803
Email: <http://landfood-unimelb.custhelp.com>
- ▶ **Music**
Tel: 03 8344 5256
Email: <http://music-unimelb.custhelp.com>
- ▶ **University Information Centre**
Tel: 03 8344 6543 or Toll free: 1800 801 662
Email via: <http://unimelb.custhelp.com>

www.gradaccess.unimelb.edu.au

Getting support while you study

The University of Melbourne aims to assist all students to perform at their best whilst undertaking a University of Melbourne course, and has wide-reaching support programs. Find out more about student support available at: www.services.unimelb.edu.au

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www.unimelb.edu.au/Statutes