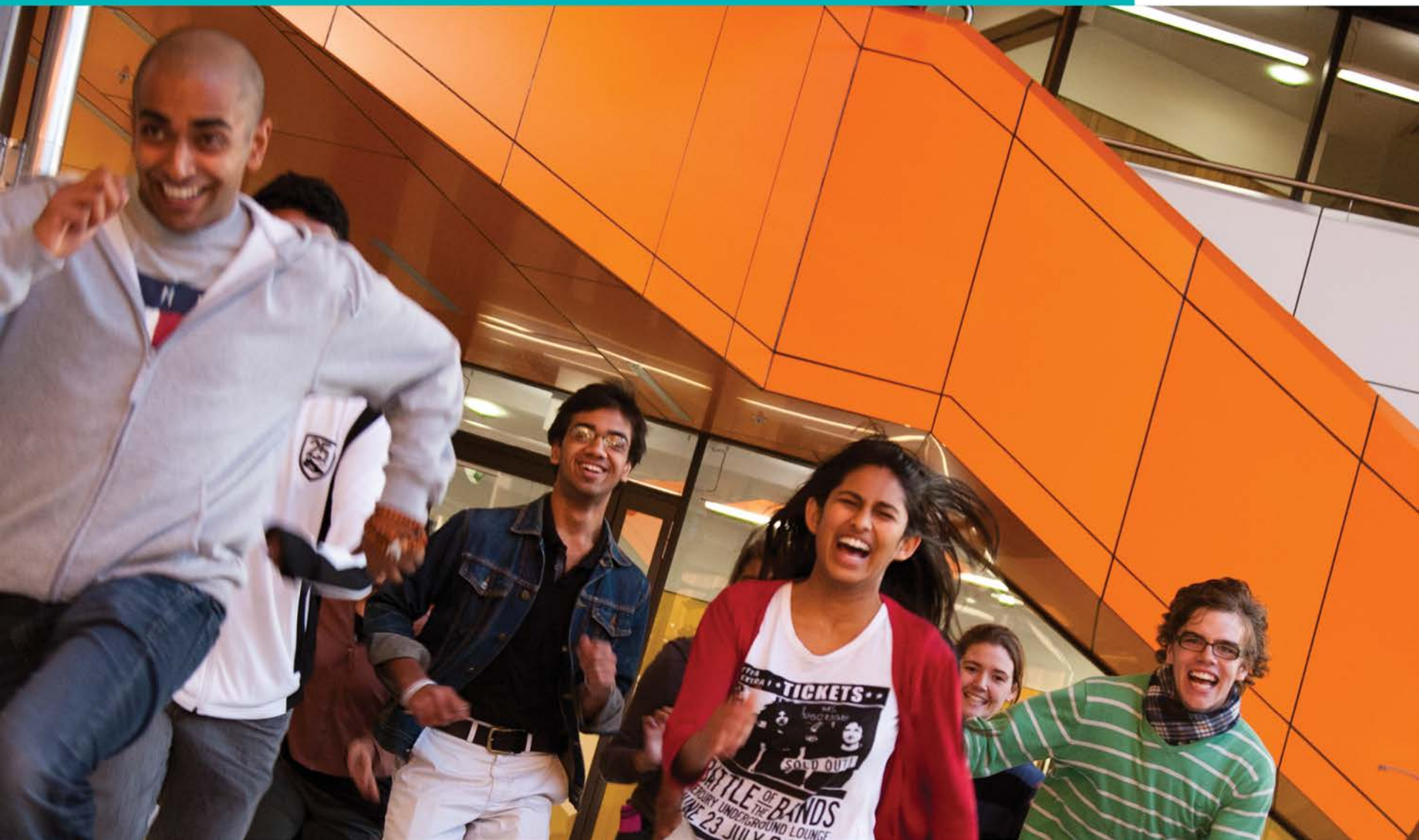


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Scholarship and Leadership Opportunities at UWS

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Scholarships Snapshot

- University Funded
- Donor Funded
- Commonwealth/Externally Funded



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Vice Chancellor's Leadership Scholarship

- For school leavers who demonstrate excellence not only in academic studies but also show dedication to leadership and engagement within their communities
 - Valued at **\$50,000** (\$10,000 per year)
 - ATAR of 90+
 - Application form and Interview (close 13 Jan)
 - Invitation to join Aspire Future Leaders program



Academic Excellence Scholarships

- Valued at **\$20,000** (\$5,000 per year for up to 4 years)
- Any UWS undergraduate degree
- Full or part-time study
- ATAR of 90+
- **No Application Required**





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Opportunity Scholarships

- Valued at **\$20,000** (\$5,000 per year for up to 4 years)
- New and continuing students
- Equity considerations – Financial disadvantage, disability, carer responsibility, English language difficulties
- **Apply via Universities Admission Centre (UAC)**



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International Exchange Scholarships

- Valued at **\$2,500** (one-off payment)
- Study overseas for 6 – 12 months
- University partners in over 25 countries
- For current UWS students only



Donor Funded Scholarships



- Valued at **\$2,000 - \$20,000**
- Criteria Varies
- May include internship opportunities
- **Application and Interview**



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Commonwealth Scholarships

- Two different scholarships:
 - Start-up scholarships
 - Relocation scholarships
- Automatically paid to Youth Allowance, Austudy or – ABSTUDY recipients
- More Information: www.centrelink.gov.au



Advanced Courses at UWS

- UWS offers a number of Advanced Courses for students to further develop their learning and earn higher academic qualifications.
- Students receive advanced course work, academic extension activities and a significant amount of research training.
- Advanced course are currently available in the following areas:
 - *Science, Natural Science and Medical Science*
 - *Engineering and IT*
 - *Health Science and Nursing*
 - *Arts*
 - *Interpreting and Translation*
 - *Business and Law*





Aspire Future Leaders Program

- Application Required
- Shortlisted applicants invited to interview (late January)
- Selection based on:
 - ✓ ATAR (90+)
 - ✓ Leadership experience and qualities
 - ✓ Community engagement



How to Apply for Scholarships & Aspire

- **Apply Online:**
www.uws.edu.au/scholarships
- **Applications Open:** September 1, 2011
- **Applications Close:** January 13, 2012





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What makes a good application?

- **Personal Statements should:**
 - Present a picture of the applicant as an individual
 - Use specific examples of roles and activities
 - Be concise and to the point
 - List achievements in order of significance and currency (not chronologically)





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What makes a good application?

- **Supporting Documents:**
 - Letters of recommendation
 - Certificates of significant achievement
 - Evidence of co-curricular activities



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Example: Personal Statement

2 - PERSONAL STATEMENT:

This statement should be a narrative giving a picture of you as an individual. It should deal with your personal history, influences on your intellectual development, educational and cultural opportunities to which you have been exposed, and the ways in which these experiences have affected you. Also include your special interests and abilities, career plans, and life goals, etc (*Please limit your response to the space provided. Typed responses preferred up to a maximum of 200 words for each section.*)

“I have had a passionate interest and interaction with animals my entire life”

“My paid employment at Kellyville Pets has provided me with invaluable hands-on learning experiences”

“Diverse range of co-curricular opportunities... presenting livestock at the Easter Show... and work experience at Taronga Zoo”

“Dedicated to learning and leadership in the area of animal welfare”



Example: Leadership Statement

3 - LEADERSHIP: Provide examples of your capacity for leadership

It is important that you should have the personal characteristics and leadership potential to be an ambassador for UWS. In this context, leadership is defined as the ability to guide, inspire and influence others with whom you interact and relate. Please provide examples of your leadership role(s): *(Please include relevant certificates and testimonies to support your claims).*

“I have demonstrated my capacity for leadership throughout my senior years as a Peer Support Leader (2008) and as a House Leader and School Prefect (2009-2010)”

“I am able to utilise my public speaking skills to educate others...”

“I run monthly reptile care courses at Kellyville Pets and speak to various community groups on a volunteer basis about wildlife conservation”

“I enjoy the challenges and rewards associated with guiding, inspiring and positively influencing others through leadership”



Example: Community Involvement

4 - COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Evidence of community engagement and contribution

You should demonstrate a commitment to community service or a readiness to assume a leadership role within a community or identified group. In this context your potential as a role model will also carry weight. Please provide examples where you have participated and made a contribution to a community based activity for those who may be disadvantaged: *(Please include relevant certificates and testimonies to support your claims).*

“I have undertaken fundraising for various local and international animal organisations and have raised more than \$9,000 since 2008”

“...voluntary rescue, care and rehabilitation of native fauna...” “...regular blood donor...” “.... completed Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award...”

“Baulkham Hills Shire Council Citizenship Award... finalist in the Excellence in Youth Awards for community service”

“I was honoured to be described as a “positive role model” by my School Principal”

“I view community service as an individual’s lifelong social responsibility to make a difference for the more vulnerable”



Important Dates

September 2012	Applications Open
11 January 2013	Scholarship Applications close
Late January 2013	VCLS and Aspire Interviews





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