

UN Women National Committee Australia MBA Scholarship

Conditions of Award

Purpose

The UN Women National Committee Australia supports the work of UN Women by raising public awareness of gender and development issues. Through education women gain the knowledge to put in place policies, services and resources to fulfil the UN Women's mission for gender equality and the empowerment of women.

To advance our shared commitment to women's leadership and accelerating progress towards gender equality, the University of Sydney Business School and the National Committee for UN Women are pleased to offer the **'UN Women National Committee Australia MBA Scholarship'**.

Eligibility

Open to all women who meet the eligibility criteria for admission to the degree, Master of Business Administration. Applicants need not have applied for the Master of Business Administration (MBA) prior to applying for the scholarship however only those applicants deemed eligible for entry to the MBA via the prevailing admissions processes are eligible to be awarded the scholarship.

Applicants with Australian citizenship, Australian permanent residency or New Zealand citizenship are eligible for admission to the Master of Business Administration. The degree is currently not available to international students studying on a student visa. Employees of The University of Sydney or UN Women's National Committee Australia are ineligible to apply.

Value

The scholarship covers full tuition fees for the Master of Business Administration. The scholarship is tenable for a maximum four years of part-time study, where the Recipient fulfils requirements for the award of the degree. The Recipient of the award must complete a minimum 18 credit points annually.

Scholarship payment will be provided as an offset to student's tuition fee following census dates for each Unit of Study. All recipients receiving this award are required to pay their Student Services and Amenities fee.

Selection

Women applicants who meet the eligibility criteria for admission to the degree, Master of Business Administration, can apply for the UN Women's National Committee Australia Scholarship. Applicants need not have applied for the Master of Business Administration prior to applying for the scholarship.

An applicant for admission to candidature for the degree should:

- have completed a bachelor's degree, graduate diploma or other AQF Level 7 qualification with a minimum credit (65%) average, or equivalent at an institution approved by the School and at a standard acceptable to the School; and
- have met the work experience requirements of the Business School (a minimum of 3 years of professional work experience and experience in a management role).
- attend a compulsory program eligibility interview with MBA admission staff.

In exceptional circumstances, the School may admit applicants without these qualifications if, in the opinion of the School, they have qualifications and evidence of experience and achievement sufficient to successfully undertake the award.

The following outlines the steps involved in the application and selection process:

Applicants are required to complete the UN Women's National Committee Australia Scholarship online application form available at: mba.sydney.edu.au/UN-Women-Scholarship

Applicants must use the online form to submit their curriculum vitae, a copy of their academic transcript and a statement detailing;

- A) how they demonstrate the following characteristics:
- Leadership experience and potential in their chosen field
 - A demonstrated commitment to enhancing women's leadership
 - An interest in international relations, gender and development
 - A passion for using business skills to drive social change
- B) what the applicant hopes to achieve professionally and personally by completing the University of Sydney MBA.

The following outlines the steps involved in the selection process:

- following the closing date for the UN Women NC Australia MBA Scholarship, all eligible applicants will be invited to participate in a 'Discussion Forum' themed around gender and development issues, hosted at the University of Sydney Business School CBD Campus;
- Upon conclusion applicants will be invited to submit a 1-2 page reflective essay, with details to be provided at the Discussion Forum.
- The UN Women's National Committee Australia Scholarship selection committee will shortlist a maximum of five (5) applicants on the basis of each applicant's
 - application;
 - statement of motivation, and;
 - reflective essay.
- Shortlisted applicants will be invited to a final interview with the UN Women NC Australia MBA Scholarship selection committee, comprising representatives from the UN Women NC Australia and Academic Staff at the Business School.

Prior to scholarship selection committee interview applicants will each be offered a one-on-one hour-long session on 'effective interview techniques' led by the Careers & Corporate Relations Manager, MBA Programs. Attendance at this session is voluntary and not a condition of selection or award.

The Recipient is chosen by the UN Women NC Australia MBA Scholarship selection committee on the basis of the strength of their written submission in response to the scholarship selection criteria, their reflective essay and performance at interview. The Committee will then recommend the Recipient to the Director, Management Education for approval.

Terms and conditions

The scholarship must be taken up in the semester in which it is offered.

The scholarship holder is not permitted to defer or suspend their enrolment in the degree to receive the scholarship.

The scholarship holder must maintain a continuous enrolment, no leave of absence is allowed, except under exceptional circumstances such as a medical condition which limits the student's capacity to undertake study. Such requests must be supported by the Director, MBA.

In the event that the scholarship holder changes degree or discontinues study, the scholarship is no longer tenable.

The award is conditional on the scholar meeting all regulations of the coursework program.

To retain the scholarship, the holder must also achieve a 75% Distinction Grade average each year.

The scholarship may not be held concurrently with other University scholarship funds awarded to assist with the student's tuition fees.

Employees of the University of Sydney or UN Women's National Committee Australia are ineligible to apply.

The scholarship holder will be invited to promote the MBA program in which they are enrolled and represent the Business School at student orientation, marketing and corporate networking events.

NB. Students receiving this scholarship and enrolled in part-time study may be subject to income tax and should check with the Australian Taxation Office or their Accountant for details.