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# UniSQ Early Entry

School Guidelines

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UniSQ Early Entry allows eligible year 12 students who place UniSQ #1 on their QTAC application, to receive an early offer at the University of Southern Queensland (UniSQ). This offer is granted to students who have a proven track record of hard work and academic achievement.

## There are two ways to gain early entry:

1

Recommendation from principal or principal's delegate

2

Successful completion of a UniSQ Head Start course

## Eligibility

To be eligible for early entry, students must:

- Be a current Year 12 student;
- Have proven academic achievement and study skills; and,
- Place UniSQ as their first preference on their QTAC application.

Students will be required to meet subject pre-requisites when final results are released. Whether or not a student is 'on-track' to meet these requirements, along with meeting other program entry requirements, may limit their eligibility for early entry. UniSQ will also be accepting early entry applications from students who have completed a UniSQ Head Start course. Head Start Early Entry does not require a school recommendation.

## Benefits

### For students:

- Receive two weeks of free accommodation at the UniSQ Toowoomba Residential Colleges, conditions apply.\*
- Gain early entry into a UniSQ program and reduce the stress and uncertainty associated with major offer rounds.
- Start planning for their future now.
- If student results are affected by outside circumstances/special circumstances, university is still an option for them.
- Gain early access to UniSQ Support Services and Orientation programs.

### For schools:

- Allows schools to nominate students based on academic potential, determination, work ethic and study skills.
- Encourages tertiary aspirations for students who may benefit from additional support before commencing a bachelor degree.
- Provides a tertiary pathway for students who may not be studying towards an ATAR.
- Provides a tertiary pathway for students who have experienced extraordinary circumstances which may have impacted on their final results.



# Recommended assessment process for schools

The school representative is responsible for assessing applicants for early entry. These assessments are to be based around academic skill and potential for success. The school representative makes this recommendation taking full responsibility for ensuring students who are approved will meet all requirements and pre-requisites and will have the ability to succeed within a bachelor level of study.

Nominated students are expected to have a low unexplained absence record and to be passing all of their Year 12 subjects. To support your decision-making process, a table which outlines recommended options is below:

Recommendation checklist	Recommended options for students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The student's academic results to date are indicative of success in the chosen program.</li> <li>✓ Extenuating circumstances have negatively impacted the students results but do not reflect the actual ability and study skills of the student.</li> <li>✓ Subject pre-requisites meet the requirements of the chosen UniSQ program.</li> </ul>	UniSQ Early Entry
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Student's academic performance or choice of subjects does not meet pre-requisite requirements or demonstrate motivation and potential for success within their chosen UniSQ program.</li> </ul>	Recommend student a pathway option <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tertiary Preparation Pathway</li> <li>• Meeting with a degree advisor</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The school believes the student is not well placed to be a part of the Early Entry program.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student's application is not to be sent to UniSQ if no recommendation is given from school representative.</li> <li>• Students are still recommended to apply through QTAC and be assessed based on their ATAR or rank alongside their peers.</li> <li>• These students may need further guidance on career paths and tertiary pathways from their school leadership team.</li> </ul>

## Further considerations for nominating students include:

- Alignment of student's career/future aspirations and their chosen undergraduate program.
- The program subject pre-requisites must be met by the commencement of the Trimester 1 2026 academic year (these requirements can be found on our website [unisq.edu.au](https://unisq.edu.au), in our undergraduate guide, and at [unisq.edu.au/handbook](https://unisq.edu.au/handbook)).
- All students must meet the English language requirements for their chosen programs.
- Student results must be considered based on any extenuating circumstances that may have impacted achievement.
- Consider if the student is capable and likely to succeed in independent tertiary learning and achieve success via the nominated course/pathway.

\* If you are eligible and receive a UniSQ Early Entry, you can then apply for University of Southern Queensland Residential Colleges via our online application process. During the application process for Trimester 1, 2026, please select the UniSQ Early Entry checkbox. The two-week free accommodation is for the first 14 nights of Trimester 1, 2026, as per your check-in date outlined in the Accommodation Agreement. This offer covers accommodation only. Students must apply for Trimester 1, 2026, and stay for the entire length of the contract to be eligible for the two-week free accommodation. Students can apply for any accommodation type (including private ensuite, shared ensuite and shared bathroom), with accommodation offers sent on the application rankings. The value of the two-week accommodation is subject to the accommodation type accepted. Further information about our **accommodation** options is available.



# Application process



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1. Student chooses one of our programs from our **Online Program Guide** and submits a QTAC Application
  - a. Students applying to study an education program must complete their NARTE statement – more information will be sent to students from QTAC after they have submitted their application.
  - b. Students applying to study a Bachelor of Nursing must sign the ANMAC English Language Declaration form which will be sent by QTAC after submission of your QTAC application.
  - c. Students applying to study one of our creative arts programs may be required to complete an audition or interview.
2. Student completes the Early Entry application form and meets with principal or school representative to discuss their recommendation/application, chosen course and any necessary pathway options
  - a. If the student has completed a UniSQ Head Start course, they do not require principal's recommendation.
3. Applications must be submitted by the principal or principal's delegate, on behalf of the student, along with their application form, recommendation and their Year 11 report card to **earlyoffer@usq.edu.au** before 16 October 2025.
  - a. If the student has completed a UniSQ Head Start course, they do not require principal's recommendation.
4. Student will receive an email outcome of their conditional offer as early as 5 September 2025.

## Key dates for Trimester 1 2025 applications:

<b>August 5 2025</b>	QTAC applications & UniSQ Early Entry applications open
<b>September 5 2025</b>	First Year 12 only offer round
<b>September 12 2025</b>	Year 12 only offer round
<b>September 19 2025</b>	Year 12 only offer round
<b>September 26 2025</b>	Year 12 only offer round
<b>October 10 2025</b>	Year 12 only offer round
<b>October 16 2025</b>	Last day to submit UniSQ Early Entry applications
<b>October 24 2025</b>	Final Year 12 only offer round

## Learn more

For more information on UniSQ's Early Entry, please visit [unisq.edu.au/earlyentry](https://unisq.edu.au/earlyentry)

