

General UB News

Welcome to your UB

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy Summer break!

Change of Preference Details

Website

Log on to www.ballarat.edu.au/cop for UB's latest information designed to assist you in relation to Changing your Preference.

COP Information Session

Are you looking for extra information about UB before you change your preference to UB? Then attend the information session on

Wednesday 19 December 2007, 4.30 – 5.30pm, Brewery Building Foyer, SMB Campus, Lydiard Street South, Ballarat.

Register now or get further information at

www.ballarat.edu.au/cop

See you there!

Course Information Hotline

Call the UB Change of Preference Hotline on **1800 811 711** for advice on courses, entry requirements, accommodation, scholarships and much, much more from 17th-21st December, 2007.

Count down the days until we see YOU at UB!

Dec 17 VCE Results released

Dec 19 Change of Preference Information Session

Dec 24 Change of Preference CLOSES at 12 noon

Jan 15 Round 1 VTAC offers released
Successful REEP applicants notified of offers

Early Jan TAFE Direct Applicants notified of offers

Jan 22-24 Enrolment period at UB

Feb 12 Orientation Day (TAFE)

Jan/Feb Classes begin (TAFE)

Feb 18-21 O-Week (Higher Ed)

Feb 25 Classes begin (Higher Ed)

UB FAST: A pathway to University study

Campus: Mt Helen Campus

Course Length: Full-time – 15 weeks

Intake: February and July

Further Information: 03 5327 9632

Application Method

FAST Direct Application form and interview.

Application forms are available at

www.ballarat.edu.au/ard/bssh/FAST/

Foundation Access Studies Program (FAST)

UB FAST is designed to prepare students for University and is an alternative entry pathway to the University of Ballarat. FAST offers a further entry option to those who are not able to gain admission to a UB degree program without first gaining additional qualifications.

Upon successful completion of the FAST program, students are guaranteed entry into a University of Ballarat degree program through the standard application and selection process.

FAST is open to people returning to study, or Year 12 leavers who are considering alternative entry options into University. The program allows students to experience university life before committing to a degree program.

Units of study undertaken comprise:

Introduction to Tertiary Study

Oral Communication and Presentation Skills

Research and Information Literacy

Mathematics and Introductory Statistics

Academic Writing

Using Computers and the Internet

Entry Requirements

Applicants are required to have as a minimum, literacy and numeracy skills equivalent to Certificate III in General Education for Adults or Year 10 equivalence. Year 10 Mathematics or equivalent is a pre-requisite. Applicants who have not attempted Year 12 level studies would be expected to have been out of secondary schooling for at least two years. Application forms are available at www.ballarat.edu.au/ard/bssh/FAST/

All applicants will be required to attend an interview and complete a literacy exercise to assess their suitability for FAST.

Pathway Opportunities

Students who pass the FAST course are guaranteed to obtain a place at the University of Ballarat in a course of study within the range of courses offered by the University in its higher education sector. Please note: Students completing FAST will not necessarily obtain admission to the degree of their choice as each course has individual entry requirements that need to be met. Pathway opportunities between courses are also available for students to consider.

UB Equity & Financial Aid Scholarships

Over 250 UB Equity & Financial Aid Scholarships, and 220 reconditioned desktop computers are available in 2008.

For many people, financial hardship is a real barrier to commencing or continuing further education. The UB Equity & Financial Aid program aims to help alleviate the burden of costs associated with study for regional and remote, low socio-economic, Indigenous students, and students affected by exceptional circumstances such as drought. The program consists of both Commonwealth Scholarships (CS) and UB Financial Aid Scholarships (UBFAS).



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Commonwealth Scholarships

The **CS** program offers scholarships to assist students of a low-socio-economic background with general education costs, or accommodation costs where a student needs to move from a rural or regional area to undertake study. In 2008, UB will implement a new Commonwealth Government initiative by offering additional scholarships for Indigenous students.

Ordinary-Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarships (Ordinary-CECS)

Scholarships to the value of \$2,162 per year (indexed) for up to four years, awarded to eligible students to help meet their general education costs.

Ordinary-Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarships (Ordinary-CAS)

Scholarships to the value of \$4,324 per year (indexed) for up to four years to help those who need to move from rural and regional Australia to undertake study at UB.

Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarships (CECS-Indigenous Enabling)

Scholarships to the value of \$1,081 for one teaching period to help Indigenous students enrolled in UB's FAST program with general education costs. **New in 2008.**

Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarships-Indigenous Enabling (CAS-Indigenous Enabling)

Scholarships to the value of \$2,162 for one teaching period to help with accommodation expenses where Indigenous students enrolled in UB's FAST program have had to move from a regional or remote area to study at UB. **New in 2008.**

Indigenous Access Scholarships (IAS)

One payment to the value of \$4,080 to assist Indigenous students commencing their study at UB with accommodation or other higher education expenses. **New in 2008.**

UB Financial Aid Scholarships

The University of Ballarat funds a similar program of financial aid scholarships to assist with general education costs or accommodation costs to eligible undergraduate students. The selection and allocation of these are based on that for the **CS**.

University of Ballarat Regional Relief Scholarships

The University of Ballarat has recognised the plight of the rural and regional communities affected by exceptional circumstances, and would like to assist students who have been affected by (or whose immediate family's have been affected by) exceptional circumstances such as drought. The UB Regional Relief Scholarships (*previously called UB Drought Relief Scholarships*) provide these

students with \$2,162 for one year to assist them with the costs associated with higher education.

University of Ballarat Education Costs Scholarships (UBECS)

Provides \$2,162 for one year to assist students from low socio-economic backgrounds with their education costs.

University of Ballarat Accommodation Scholarships (UBAS)

Provides \$4,324 for one year to assist students from rural and isolated areas (particularly those from low socio-economic backgrounds), who need to move away from home to study at UB, with accommodation costs.

University of Ballarat Dr Mary Atkinson Scholarship

UB recognises that Indigenous students are under-represented in higher education and can face significant barriers in accessing higher education, particularly those from rural and remote areas. This Scholarship provides \$5,300 for one year to assist an Indigenous student with costs associated with study at the University.

University of Ballarat School Based Financial Aid Scholarships

The University's Higher Education Schools also offer a number of financial aid scholarships valued at \$2,162 for education costs assistance and \$4,324 for accommodation assistance. Their criteria closely mirror the UBECS and UBAS selection criteria, but recipients must also enrol in the awarding School to be eligible. In 2008, eligible TAFE students enrolled in nominated Arts Academy courses will be able to apply for an Arts Academy Financial Aid Scholarship.

University of Ballarat Free Computer Equity Scheme

In 2008, 220 reconditioned desktop computers will be available to financially disadvantaged students.

Applications for the UB Equity & Financial Scholarships open on 14 January 2008 and close at 5pm on 29 February 2008.

For more information on these and other scholarships offered at UB go to the website: www.ballarat.edu.au/scholarships

