

Programs eligible for the Countrywide scheme:

- Actuarial Studies
- Archaeological Practice
- Arts (including the Bachelor of Philosophy#)
- Asian Studies (including the Bachelor of Philosophy#)
- Biotechnology
- Commerce
- Computer Science
- Computational Science
- Economics
- Engineering (with specialisations)
- Finance
- Forestry
- Global and Ocean Science
- Information Technology
- International Business (Asia and Europe)
- International Relations
- Law
- Medical Science
- New Media Arts
- Photonics
- Psychology
- Religions (Asian Societies)
- Resource and Environmental Management
- Science (including the Bachelor of Philosophy#)
- Science Communication
- Security Analysis (Asia-Pacific)
- Social Work (combined with the Australian Catholic University)
- Software Engineering
- Sustainability
- Translation (Asian Region)
- Many combined courses leading to two degrees e.g. Arts/Law, Asian Studies/Economics

A customised program for highly qualified applicants, assessed on a case-by-case basis.

FURTHER CONTACT

If you need more information, please contact the Countrywide Access Scheme Coordinator on:

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Some Typical Scenarios

There are many reasons why those who apply the Countrywide scheme have not been able to fulfill their full potential prior to attending university. Indeed, the kinds of people who apply are often in very different kinds of situations. The following scenarios provide examples of some of the more common situations that applicants have been through which led them to apply to Countrywide.

Denis experienced considerable physical problems. As a child he required surgery followed by chemotherapy and radiotherapy. The resulting muscle and bone deformity in his lower back caused him chronic and at times severe pain. Sitting for extended periods was very difficult and at times impossible. He applied to ANU through the Countrywide Access Scheme, under the disadvantage of Personal illness/disability.

Felicity's family received very little income from their farm while she was at high school in rural NSW. She had to work on the farm before and after school, and sometimes missed school to help out. Her school was part of the NSW Government's Country Areas Program. She applied to ANU through the Countrywide Access Scheme, under the disadvantage of Financial Hardship, Excessive Family Responsibilities, and also under School Environment.

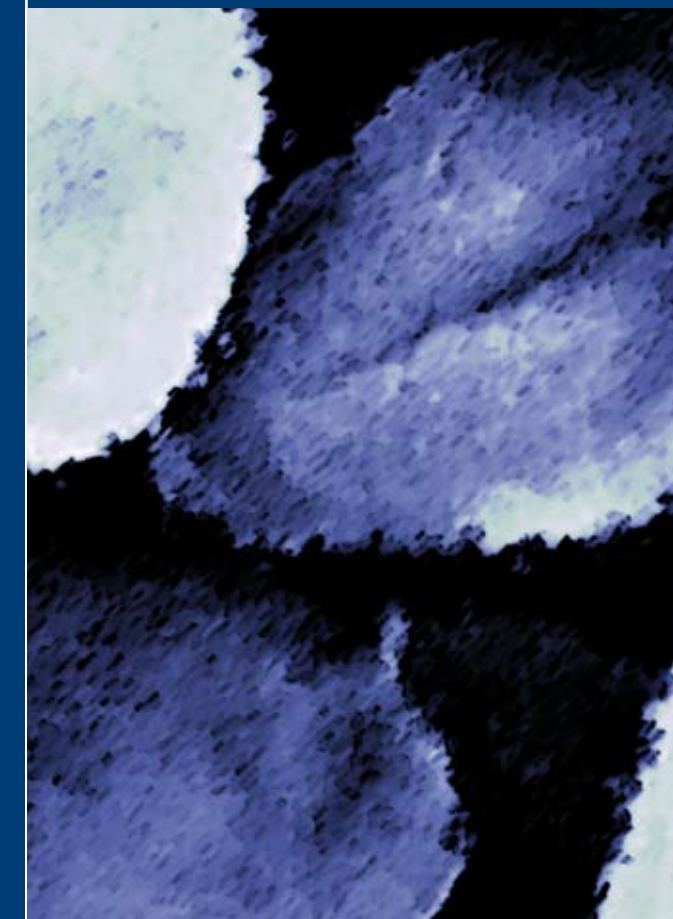
Xiao-Nan Song's grandmother, who lived with the family, suffered a long term illness and died in the middle of Xiao-Nan's Year 12 year. Xiao-Nan had been responsible for caring for her grandmother, which took time away from her studies. When she applied to ANU under the Countrywide Access Scheme, she applied under Excessive Family Responsibilities, as well as Severe Family Disruption.

Hazem's arrived in Australia halfway through Year 10. His English skills were not proficient enough to allow him to compete equally with his peers academically. In addition, his family moved from Melbourne to Sydney a year after their arrival in Australia, which meant Hazem attended three schools during Years 10, 11 and 12. He applied for entry to ANU through the Countrywide Access Scheme, under two areas – the disadvantage of English Language Difficulty, and the Disrupted Schooling area.

Katherine revealed during Year 12 that she had been sexually abused since she was young. The effect of the abuse and anxiety caused by legal proceedings seriously affected her academic progress. Her doctor confirmed that she had periods of depression and moodiness and had problems with sleep and concentration. When Katherine lodged her Countrywide Access Scheme application, under the disadvantage of Abuse, her family did not need to be involved. Independent evidence about her problems was provided by others.



COUNTRYWIDE EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEME



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WHAT IS COUNTRYWIDE?

The ANU Countrywide Access Scheme is part of the University's commitment to equality of access to tertiary education for all Australians. It is an access scheme for applicants with strong academic potential who have been disadvantaged during high school. Conditions such as geographical isolation, lack of school facilities, low family income or emotional trauma can mean that these students fall below the required University Admissions Index (UAI) for their chosen course.

COUNTRYWIDE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for consideration under the ANU Countrywide Access Scheme must:

Be an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen or a permanent resident of Australia.

Have never undertaken any tertiary level study (diploma, associate diploma or above) at TAFE, university or other recognised tertiary institution in Australia or overseas (Year 12 students who have studied university extension or enhancement units may apply through the Scheme).

Be undertaking or have completed a Year 12 qualification, tertiary preparation course or other non-tertiary course of study which meets the requirements for minimum admission to undergraduate study at ANU.

Be applying for admission to an undergraduate award course at the university (except courses in Visual Arts, Design Arts, Digital Arts or Music).

Meet all the prerequisites for the courses of your choice. For information about prerequisites, contact the ANU Admissions Office on 6125 5594.

HOW DOES COUNTRYWIDE WORK?

Selection is on the basis of relative academic merit rather than the extent or type of disadvantage. All applicants who meet the eligibility requirements of the Scheme will compete for selection on a UAI lower than that required for standard entry to the degree courses for which they have applied.

IS COUNTRYWIDE FOR YOU?

The Scheme is designed for current and recent school leavers who have been disadvantaged by one or more of the following:

- disrupted schooling
- financial hardship
- severe family disruption
- adverse study conditions
- suffered abuse
- excessive family responsibilities
- English language difficulty
- personal illness/disability
- school environment
- geographical isolation.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

Application for admission to ANU through the Countrywide Access Scheme is available to people who have experienced serious disadvantage in their educational preparation for tertiary entrance. This could be because applicants have experienced long term disadvantage during Years 11 and 12; in some instances disadvantages experienced before Year 11 may be considered. Or it could be because they have experienced a traumatic event over a short-term or which has or will have a long-term impact on their educational performance.

NOTIFICATION OF A PLACE

Offers of Countrywide places at ANU will be made in mid/late January through the UAC main round. Applicants must have at least one ANU preference (excluding Music, Design Arts, Visual Arts and Digital Arts courses) to be eligible.

ACADEMIC SKILLS & LEARNING CENTRE

The ANU Academic Skills and Learning Centre has an adviser for applicants admitted through Countrywide. The Centre's staff can advise on the availability of special study assistance during their university career, particularly in relation to their educational disadvantage. Successful applicants are required to attend an initial interview with the Centre's Countrywide Adviser upon enrolment to ensure that they are fully aware of the ongoing assistance available.

ACCOMMODATION BURSARIES

The University offers a limited number of accommodation bursaries to students who are experiencing extreme financial hardship and have applied for accommodation in a Hall or Residential College on campus. For further information on accommodation and bursaries, please telephone the University Accommodation Service on 6125 1100.

HOW TO APPLY

UAC APPLICANTS

For admission to ANU through the Countrywide Access Scheme, you must make two separate applications:

1. Apply for entrance to university through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC). You must include at least one preference for a degree course at ANU. (Please note that this does not include preferences for Music, Design Arts, Visual Arts and Digital Arts courses). Application procedures are detailed in the UAC Guide.
2. Complete a separate Educational Access Scheme (EAS) application form which will be available from your school from August, from the UAC website at www.uac.edu.au/equity/eas.html or by contacting the Countrywide Coordinator on telephone 6125 3938. If you think you may be eligible for the Countrywide Access Scheme, it is better to apply even if you expect to meet standard entry requirements. Closing date for EAS applications is the end of November.

All applications will be treated confidentially.

