2013 Alternative Entry Pathways for School Leavers

Entry Awards and Media Portfolio Entry
Murdoch University offers a number of Entry Awards as well as Media Portfolio admission to suitable students. These 2 pathways are designed to provide a guaranteed place in a Murdoch undergraduate course to school leavers based upon academic achievement and/or individual merit.

All Entry Awards are undertaken in partnership with the candidate’s school.

Dean’s Entry Awards – open for Year 12 ATAR students* nominated by their school seeking guaranteed admission to select courses of study at Murdoch University. For 2013 Dean’s Entry Awards will be offered by the Deans of the following Schools at Murdoch; Business, Chiropractic and Sports Science, Education, Engineering and Energy, Law and Psychology. Dean’s Entry Awards are awarded based upon academic achievement or individual merit.

Director of Admissions Entry Awards – open to ATAR and non-ATAR Year 12 students* nominated by their school who are seeking admission to a particular course of study at Murdoch University where a Dean’s Entry Award is not offered (excluding Veterinary Science). Nominees will be considered based upon academic achievement and/or individual merit.

Media Portfolio – Year 12 students who meet English Competency and WACE requirements are able to submit a portfolio of relevant work to Murdoch University to be considered for entry to courses within Media, Communication and Culture. A list of courses is available under the Media Portfolio section of this document as well as on the cover sheet.

*Key Requirements for Entry Awards:
- Available to domestic students (i.e: Permanent Residents, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, New Zealand and Australian citizens)
- English Competency; students must achieve a scaled mark of 50% or higher in Stage 2 or 3 English, Literature or EALD in Year 12
- Completion of the WA Certificate of Education (WACE)
- Completion of at least 2 Stage 2 or 3 subjects in Year 12
- A personal statement from the nominee
- Letter of reference from the nominee’s school
- Complete nomination form
- The nominated course must be the student’s 1st preference on their TISC application
- For Dean’s Entry Awards only: nominee must be eligible to receive an ATAR at the end of Year 12
Nomination Closing Date: Friday 19 October 2012
Late nominations may be submitted, however may not be considered for all entry awards where there are a limited number of places available.

Nomination forms can be downloaded at: http://www.murdoch.edu.au/Future-students/Domestic-students/Teachers/

Dean’s Entry Awards
What does the nominee get? Murdoch University will guarantee admission into a particular course for the nominee before the external exams.

Who is it for? High achieving Year 12 students who are eligible to receive an ATAR and will meet English Competency and WACE requirements.

What courses offer this? Courses within the areas of Business, Chiropractic and Sports Science, Education, Engineering and Energy, Law and Psychology.

What is the nomination process?
1. Nominee completes a TISC application including the course they are being nominated for as their 1st preference. Normal TISC deadlines apply.
2. School completes the nomination form ensuring the nominee’s selected course and TISC application number are indicated on the form.
3. School includes: the nominee’s senior school results and a written reference from the Principal, Deputy Principal, Year 12 Coordinator or Careers Counsellor.
4. Deadline for receipt of nominations is Friday 19 October 2012. Late applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Director of Admissions Entry Awards
What does the nominee get? Murdoch University will guarantee admission into a particular course for the nominee before the external exams.

Who is it for? Year 12 students completing at least 2 Stage 2 or 3 subjects who will be sitting the external exams and will meet English Competency and WACE requirements.

What courses offer this? Courses within Murdoch University that don’t offer a Dean’s Entry Award (excluding Veterinary Science)

What is the nomination process? The nomination process is the same as for Dean’s Entry Awards

Media Portfolio Entry
What does the nominee get? Murdoch University will guarantee admission into a Media, Communication and Culture course based upon a student’s submitted portfolio and WACE results.

Who is it for? Year 12 students who will meet English Competency and WACE requirements, wish to study a course within the School of Media, Communication and Culture and are able to submit a portfolio of relevant work.

What courses offer this? Games Art & Design, Interactive Digital Design, Journalism, Public Relations, Radio, Screen Production, Sound and Web Communication
What is the application process?

1. Nominee completes a TISC application including the Media course they wish to study as their 1st preference. Normal TISC deadlines apply.
2. Complete a Media Portfolio Application/Cover Sheet
3. Prepare required documentation
   - personal statement of 500 words or less identifying which major they wish to study and explain why the student wants to pursue studies in that particular course
   - Letter of reference from the nominee’s high school
   - Year 12 school reports
4. Submit a portfolio of work online at https://portfolio.murdoch.edu.au/ or by mail, send to:
   Domestic Admissions
   Murdoch University
   South Street
   Murdoch WA 6150
5. Students will need to meet usual English competency requirements.
6. Deadline for receipt of applications is 19th October 2012. Late applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

For students who do not meet the requirements for an Entry Award or Media Portfolio, the following 2 entry pathways may be suitable for them.

OnTrack – A Free Pre-University Enabling Program

Some students do not meet requirements for Murdoch’s Entry Awards or Media Portfolio so they may be looking at other pathways into a Murdoch degree. OnTrack is Murdoch University’s 14 week pre-university enabling program that aims to prepare students, who can demonstrate educational disruption or disadvantage, for university level study. This pathway is suitable for students who are completing only Stage 1 subjects or who won’t meet the English Competency requirements for a Murdoch degree.

If you have a student you would like to nominate for an Entry Award but they don’t meet the key requirements (e.g: English competency, not enough Stage 2/3 subjects) we can consider them for a place in OnTrack. Please submit an Entry Award nomination as per the instructions in this handout, we will be able to provide advice regarding placement in OnTrack from mid December 2012. Our Admissions team will contact the nominating teacher of all nominees who aren’t eligible for an Entry Award but will be considered for OnTrack.

More information about OnTrack can be found at http://our.murdoch.edu.au/Student-life/Study-successfully/OnTrack/

TOP – Tertiary Options Project

This entry pathway is suitable for ATAR students who have experienced significant disruption or illness during Year 12. Our Equity, Access and Diversity team manages applications for this program so please feel free to contact them directly on 9360 6084 or equity@murdoch.edu.au