1 OBJECTIVE

The Murdoch RISE is intended to provide a boost to the Murdoch University Selection Rank of up to 10.00 points for eligible students to support access to university for students from Rural, Regional and Remote areas; schools located in the Perth Southern Corridor and Southern Hills; Indigenous, low Socio-Economic backgrounds; and who are the first in their family to attend university.

The RISE is aiming to increase participation rates for under-represented students at university in line with national and university targets for participation by recognising that the student may have faced additional challenges through their secondary schooling and therefore limit their ability to achieve an ATAR for university entry.

1.1 Mechanisms

The defined cohorts for the RISE are Year 12 students from Rural / Regional / Remote areas, Perth Southern Corridor and Southern Hills, Indigenous, low Socio- Economic backgrounds, and first in family with ATARs between 55.00 and 89.95. The cohorts are determined by:

- WA Secondary School code
- WA permanent residence postcode
- declared Indigenous status
- parents / guardians’ highest level of education.

with students needing to meet at least one of the criteria to be eligible.

Awarding of points

**ATAR 55 – 59.95.** Students eligible for any of the four RISE categories will receive 10 points to be awarded an adjusted ATAR of 65-69.95, enabling eligibility for OnTrack Sprint.

**ATAR 60 – 69.95.** Students eligible for any of the four RISE categories will receive up to 10 points to meet a selection rank of 70.

**ATAR 70+.** Students will receive 5 points each for up to two RISE categories they are eligible for. No more than 10 points will be awarded. Capped at 90 (e.g. an ATAR of 87.95 will be adjusted to 90, and not beyond).

Students must continue to meet Competence in English and demonstrate that they have completed Yr12.

1.2 Approved List of RISE Schools

The list of schools has been determined by the school’s Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) score being at or below the West Australian median. To cover the rural, regional and remote criteria, the list has been assessed to include any school in a rural, regional or remote part of Western Australia or providing education to students located in these regions. Schools located in the Perth Southern Corridor and Southern Hills are also included on the RISE list of schools.
1.3 Approved List of RISE Postcodes

Eligible postcodes are determined by the Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) supplied by the Commonwealth.

1.4 Indigenous Status

Eligibility for the RISE based upon Indigenous status is based upon the applicant’s declared status through their TISC application (TISC type 2 current school leaver and TISC type 3 ‘other’ applicants); declared status through their direct application; or on the Indigenous indicator values provided by the SCSA in the student record (TISC type1 current WACE school leavers who have not applied to TISC).

1.5 First in Family

Eligibility for the RISE is based on the declared highest level of parents’ / guardians’ education being at sub Bachelor level.

2 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for consideration for the RISE, students must be a current WA Year 12 school leaver student with an ATAR between 55.00 and 89.95 inclusive OR have an ATAR (TER) in that range from previous WA Year 12 studies as a school leaver; AND satisfy Murdoch’s competence in English requirement; AND be part of the RISE cohort as specified.

2.1 Current WA Year 12 School Leaver

This is defined as a current year 12 student who is under 20 years on the last day of February in the year of admission and is not an international student, i.e. TISC category N or R; and TISC type 1 (except international students) or 2.

2.2 Past WA Year 12 results

Applicants with an ATAR (TER) achieved previously as a school leaver are eligible for the RISE if they would have been eligible in the year they completed their ATAR (TER) in that range from previous WA Year 12 studies as a school leaver; AND satisfy Murdoch’s competence in English requirement; AND be part of the RISE cohort as specified.

2.3 Competence in English

Students must satisfy the standard competence in English requirement for Murdoch University to be awarded a RISE adjustment. For current students this is completion of their Yr 11 and Yr12 studies in an English speaking school, or having completed 2 years or more of VET in Australia. Alternative ways to demonstrate ELC is to attain a scaled score of 50 or greater in ATAR English, Literature or English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD), a standardised score of 55 or greater in their standardised written examination or moderated standardised written school mark

Those who do not satisfy this requirement will be invited to sit STAT. Achievement of 140 in the Written English component of the Special Tertiary Admission Test (STAT) is then required.

Please note that some courses have specific English language requirements (such as the Bachelor of Nursing).
2.4 RISE cohort

Students must satisfy one of the following conditions:

- Have achieved their ATAR (TER) at a school in the RISE List of Schools; or
- Have a permanent home address in Year 12 at one of the postcodes in the RISE List of Postcodes; or
- Have indicated Indigenous descent, or
- Be the first in their family to attend university based on their parents / guardians' highest level of education (Note: siblings attending university will not disqualify an applicant for a first in family RISE adjustment).