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A photograph of a university campus path. In the foreground, a young woman with blonde hair, wearing a light-colored long-sleeved top, is walking and smiling. She is carrying a black messenger bag and holding a stack of books. In the background, another student is visible, and the path is lined with trees and a modern building under a clear sky.

# UniSQ Early Offer

School Guidelines

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The UniSQ Early Offer 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). Students can receive an early offer in one of two ways, through one simple application form. This offer is granted to students who have a proven track record of hard work and academic achievement.

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Recommendation from Principal or Principal's delegate

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Successful completion of a UniSQ Head Start course

## Eligibility

To be eligible for an early offer, 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 an early offer. UniSQ will also be accepting early offer applications from students who have completed a UniSQ Head Start course. Head Start Early Offer does not require a recommendation from their school.

## Benefits

### For students:

- Receive one-month free accommodation at the UniSQ Toowoomba Residential Colleges. Conditions apply\*.
- Gain an early offer 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's degree. Start planning for their future now.
- 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 the Early Offer. 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 prerequisites meet the requirements of the chosen UniSQ program.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>UniSQ Early Offer</b></p>
<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>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The school believes the student is not well placed to be a part of the Early Offer 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 2024 academic year (these requirements can be found in our Undergraduate Guides and at [unisq.edu.au/handbook](http://unisq.edu.au/handbook)).
- All students must meet the English language requirements for their chosen programs.
- Student's 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 Offer, you can then apply for University of Southern Queensland Residential Colleges via our online portal. During the application process for Semester or Trimester 1, 2024, please select the UniSQ Early Offer checkbox and upload a copy of your offer letter. The one-month free accommodation is for the first 28 nights of Semester or Trimester 1, 2024, as per your check-in date outlined in the Residential Agreement. This offer covers accommodation only, with the option to purchase meals additionally. Students must apply for Semester or Trimester 1, 2024, and stay for the entire length of the contract to be eligible for the one-month free accommodation. Students can apply for any accommodation type (including private ensuite, shared ensuite and shared bathroom), with accommodation offers sent on the order they are received. The value of the one-month 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 Offer 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 9 October 2023.
  - 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 11 August 2023.

## Key Dates for Trimester 1 2024 Applications:

<b>August 01 2023</b>	QTAC applications & UniSQ Early Offer applications open
<b>August 11 2023</b>	First Year 12 only offer round
<b>August 18 2023</b>	Year 12 only offer round
<b>August 25 2023</b>	Year 12 only offer round
<b>September 1 2023</b>	Year 12 only offer round
<b>September 8 2023</b>	Year 12 only offer round
<b>September 15 2023</b>	Year 12 only offer round
<b>September 22 2023</b>	Year 12 only offer round
<b>October 09 2023</b>	Last day to submit UniSQ Early Offer Applications
<b>October 13 2023</b>	Year 12 only offer round
<b>October 20 2023</b>	Final Year 12 only offer round

## Learn More

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