

# Up to \$500,000 in Scholarships: The Complete University of Sydney Funding Guide for Indian Students

A top-20 QS-ranked university, four India-relevant scholarship programs, and one rolling scholarship window that's open right now. Here's every rupee of funding on the table, who qualifies, and exactly how to apply.

QS WORLD RANKING TOP 20

AUSTRALIA'S OLDEST UNIVERSITY

450+ COURSES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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| SYDNEY SCHOLARS INDIA PROGRAM — ANNUAL POOL (≈₹3.4 CRORE) | TOP VICE-CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (≈₹40.5 LAKH) | TUITION CONTRIBUTION VIA SYDNEY INTL. STUDENT AWARD | SCHOLARSHIP ROUTES OPEN TO INDIAN APPLICANTS |
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Scholarship figures, eligibility and dates sourced from the University of Sydney's official scholarships pages (sydney.edu.au) as of July 2026. INR conversions are indicative at ≈₹67.5 per A\$1 and will fluctuate. Scholarship availability, amounts, rounds and deadlines are set solely by the University of Sydney and are subject to change — always confirm current status directly with the University or your Shiksha counsellor before making financial or application decisions.

THE FULL PICTURE

Every Scholarship Indian Students Can Access

The University of Sydney runs its scholarships programme as individual awards rather than one blanket "international scholarship" — each has its own value, eligibility and deadline. Here's every route that's actually open to Indian applicants, at a glance.

| Scholarship                                                                                                       | Study Level        | Value                                                                                      | Status for 2026-27                                               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sydney Scholars India Scholarship Program                                                                         | UG & PG coursework | 2× 100% tuition (4 yrs) / 10× \$20,000 / 16× \$10,000<br><b>Pool: \$500,000/year</b>       | Round closed 24 May 2026 — next round expected ~April 2027       |
| Sydney Scholars India Equity Scholarship                                                                          | PG coursework only | Up to \$100,000 (tuition + \$12,000/yr living + \$4,000/yr flights & books + health cover) | Nomination-only via ASHA Society, Delhi — no direct application  |
| Vice-Chancellor's International Scholarships Scheme (VCIS)                                                        | UG & PG coursework | \$60,000 / \$40,000 / \$20,000 / \$10,000 / \$5,000 — auto-assessed                        | <b>OPEN — Sem 1 2027 rounds close 17 Aug, 5 Oct, 16 Nov 2026</b> |
| Sydney International Student Award                                                                                | UG & PG coursework | 20% tuition fee contribution, full course duration                                         | <b>OPEN — apply with your admission application</b>              |
| Faculty-specific scholarships (Business, Engineering, Law, Medicine & Health, Science, Arts, Architecture, Music) | Varies by faculty  | Varies — additional to the above                                                           | Check your specific faculty page or ask your Shiksha counsellor  |

**Read this before you get excited about "\$500,000":** that figure is the total annual pool across 28 separate Sydney Scholars India awards — most recipients get \$10,000 or \$20,000 for one semester, not the full amount. Only 2 awardees a year get the full-tuition top tier. Realistic expectations matter more than headline numbers when you're budgeting.

Which one are you actually eligible for?

Turn the page for the full eligibility criteria, selection process and application links for each award — starting with the two built exclusively for Indian students.

See Details →

INDIA-EXCLUSIVE

## Sydney Scholars India Scholarship Program

The largest scholarship program offered to Indian students by any Australian university — a flagship award designed to find "India's future visionary leaders" among incoming undergraduate and postgraduate students.

2x  
100%

tuition, up to 4 yrs

### Top Tier — Full Tuition Waiver CHECK NEXT ROUND

Covers 100% tuition fees for any undergraduate degree, for up to four years of full-time study. Only 2 awarded per year — the most competitive tier, based on academic merit, personal statement and your admission application. 2026 round: opened 1 April, closed 24 May 2026. Next round expected to open around April 2027 for the following intake — ask Shiksha to flag it the moment applications reopen.

10x  
\$20,000

— ₹13.5 lakh, one semester

### Mid Tier — First-Year Award CHECK NEXT ROUND

Ten scholarships of \$20,000 (paid for one semester) available to both undergraduate and postgraduate coursework students. Same eligibility and selection process as the top tier — you're automatically considered for whichever tier your ranking supports when you apply.

16x  
\$10,000

— ₹6.75 lakh, one semester

### Entry Tier — First-Year Award CHECK NEXT ROUND

Sixteen scholarships of \$10,000 for one semester — the most commonly awarded tier, and still a meaningful dent in your first year's costs. Same application, same deadline, ranked by the same selection committee.

**Who's eligible for Sydney Scholars India:** you must (1) be classed as an international student — not an Australian citizen or permanent resident, (2) hold Indian citizenship and be a current resident of India, and (3) have applied for, but not yet started, an undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree at Sydney at the time you apply for the award. You're not eligible if you're an Australian permanent resident or have previously held this same scholarship. Apply via the official [Sydney Scholars India application form](#) once it reopens.

## Sydney Scholars India Equity Scholarship

Up to  
\$100,000

— ₹67.5 lakh, full package

### Postgraduate Equity Award (Nomination-Only) NICHE — DELHI RESIDENTS

A single, highly specific award for one Indian postgraduate coursework student from a low socio-economic background, currently resident in the slum communities of Delhi served by the ASHA Community Health and Development Society. Covers full tuition, a \$12,000/year living allowance, up to \$4,000/year for flights and textbooks, health cover and on-campus accommodation. There's no direct application — ASHA identifies and nominates candidates. If this describes your situation, contact ASHA directly rather than the University.

ACTUALLY OPEN TODAY

## Vice-Chancellor's International Scholarships Scheme

Unlike the India-specific program, the VCIS has genuinely open, upcoming rounds right now — and it requires no separate application. If you're applying to Sydney for Semester 1 or Semester 2 2027, this is the scholarship to plan around.

\$60,000

— ₹40.5 lakh, top tier

**VCIS — Five Award Tiers, Auto-Assessed**

ROLLING ROUNDS OPEN

Five scholarship values are offered based on your ranking: \$60,000, \$40,000, \$20,000 or \$10,000 (all paid across the year/semester), or \$5,000 for one semester. No application needed — every international applicant with an unconditional offer by the round's close date is automatically considered. Capped at \$40,000 if you also receive the Sydney International Student Award.

| Intake           | Round                         | Close Date       |
|------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Semester 1, 2027 | Round 1                       | 17 August 2026   |
| Semester 1, 2027 | Round 2                       | 5 October 2026   |
| Semester 1, 2027 | Round 3 (IB/UAC late results) | 16 November 2026 |
| Semester 2, 2027 | Round 1                       | 15 February 2027 |
| Semester 2, 2027 | Round 2                       | 22 March 2027    |
| Semester 2, 2027 | Round 3                       | 3 May 2027       |

**Who's eligible for VCIS:** any international student who has applied for, but not yet started, a bachelor's or coursework master's degree that's CRICOS-registered and usually delivered on-campus at Sydney — and who receives an unconditional offer by the round's close date. Recipients of Australian Government scholarships aren't eligible. The earlier your offer is unconditional within a round, the better your ranking odds — so complete your documents (transcripts, English scores) early.

## Sydney International Student Award

20%

of tuition, full course

**Applies for Your Entire Degree, Not Just Year 1**

OPEN — APPLY WITH ADMISSION

India is one of the eligible South Asian markets for this award, alongside Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. You'll be prompted to submit a short personal statement (three sections, 200 words each) as part of your course application — no separate form. Not available for MBA, EMBA, Study Abroad, Executive Education, distance-mode courses or the Law Dual Degree pathway. Can be combined with VCIS up to a \$40,000 VCIS cap.

**Faculty-specific scholarships exist too.**

Business, Engineering, Law, Medicine & Health, Science, Arts, Architecture and Music each run their own additional scholarships — ask your Shiksha counsellor to check what applies to your specific course.

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CAN YOU EVEN GET IN?

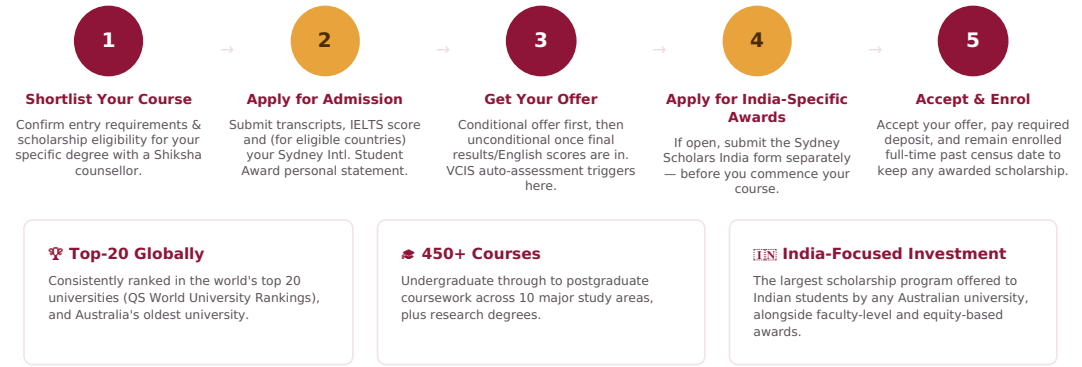
Courses Applicable & General Entry Requirements

Every scholarship above sits on top of a standard Sydney admission — you can't win a scholarship without first meeting the University's course entry bar. Here's what that bar looks like for Indian applicants in 2026-27.

| Requirement         | Undergraduate                                                                                                                        | Postgraduate Coursework                                                    |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic minimum    | Class 12, typically 65–70%+ (course-dependent)                                                                                       | Bachelor's degree, typically 65%+ average                                  |
| English proficiency | IELTS Academic 6.5 overall, no band below 6.0 (or equivalent TOEFL/PTE)                                                              | Same as UG — check course page, some (e.g. Law, Medicine) set higher bands |
| English test waiver | CBSE/CISCE Class 12 in English medium with 70%+ in English may qualify for a waiver — confirm on your specific course page           |                                                                            |
| Intakes             | Semester 1 (Feb/March) — most popular, broadest course choice; Semester 2 (July) — narrower, mainly Science, Business, Health & Arts |                                                                            |

**Courses applicable to these scholarships:** Sydney Scholars India, VCIS and the Sydney International Student Award all apply broadly across the University's 450+ international-facing courses — undergraduate and postgraduate coursework degrees in Business, Engineering, Computer Science, Law, Medicine & Health, Science, Arts & Social Sciences, Architecture and Music. Research degrees (PhD/MPhil), MBA/EMBA and distance-mode courses are excluded from most of these awards — check the specific scholarship's terms on Page 3–4 before assuming your course qualifies.

Your Application-to-Scholarship Roadmap



WHAT IT ACTUALLY COSTS

Cost of Study — With and Without a Scholarship

Scholarships offset cost, they don't eliminate it (except for the rare full-tuition tier). Here's the realistic budget an Indian student should plan around for 2026-27, before any award is applied.

| Cost Component                                    | Typical Annual Amount | ≈ INR Equivalent*      |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Undergraduate tuition (most courses)              | A\$49,200 – A\$60,600 | ₹33.2 – ₹40.9 lakh     |
| Postgraduate coursework tuition                   | A\$48,100 – A\$61,700 | ₹32.5 – ₹41.6 lakh     |
| Visa-mandated living cost proof (per year)        | A\$24,505             | ₹16.5 lakh             |
| Shared room rent, inner Sydney suburbs (per week) | A\$350 – A\$550       | ₹23,600 – ₹37,100/week |

\*INR figures indicative at ≈₹67.5 per A\$1 (July 2026) and will move with the exchange rate. Actual tuition varies significantly by faculty — Engineering, Computer Science and Medicine sit at the higher end.

**What a scholarship actually changes:** a \$20,000 Sydney Scholars India or VCIS award covers roughly half of one semester's postgraduate tuition. The 20% Sydney International Student Award reduces your total course cost by a fifth, every year, for the whole degree — often the more valuable award over a 2-3 year course even though the headline number looks smaller than a one-off \$20,000 or \$60,000 payment. Run the actual multi-year math before deciding which to prioritise.

Don't Guess Which Scholarship Fits You — Ask

In one free 15-minute call, a Shiksha study abroad counsellor will check your academic profile against every scholarship in this guide, tell you which rounds are genuinely open for your intake, and help you sequence your Sydney application so you don't miss a deadline.

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