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Move forward by giving back. **Community Achiever Program**

There are no limits to what you can achieve as
a volunteer – and we're with you all the way.

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 **ACU**
AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

We believe great work that makes a positive impact should be recognised – and rewarded. If you're already making a difference helping others you may be eligible for early entry through our Community Achiever Program (CAP). It's for standout students who want to grow their volunteering and leadership experience while completing an undergraduate degree at ACU.

To be eligible for the program you must be regularly volunteering in your community, either through your school, community organisation, or cultural or religious group.



The benefits

If you are accepted into the Community Achiever Program, you'll receive an early offer into an undergraduate degree at ACU. And when you apply to ACU through CAP, your application will be assessed with reduced minimum entry scores.* You can find the adjusted entry scores online once applications open.

Being offered a place at ACU is only the beginning for our Community Achiever Program students. We're confident that your outstanding attributes and experiences will continue to grow with our support throughout your degree.



Examples of community volunteering

- School leadership positions
- St Vincent de Paul Society
- Australian Red Cross
- St John Ambulance
- Orange Sky Laundry
- Surf Life Saving Club
- Rosies: Street Outreach
- Edmund Rice Centre camps
- Lifeline activities
- Returned Services League (RSL) and Legacy
- Youth Ministries Australia
- Local government activities
- Volunteer fire brigade services
- Peer mentoring/support programs
- Lay ministry
- Regular participation in fundraising activities
- Community liaison groups
- Aged-care facilities
- Music or liturgy groups
- Assisting people with disabilities, refugees or youth at risk
- Scouts or Girl Guides
- Youth group leadership
- And many more...

Application tip: If you have been involved in many volunteering initiatives, focus your statements on voluntary activities where you have given a significant amount of time to assist others on a regular basis, or have volunteered over an extended period of time.

CAMPUS	APPLICATIONS OPEN	APPLICATIONS CLOSE	OFFERS MADE
Ballarat	1 May 2020	2 September 2020	Mid-September
Blacktown	1 May 2020	5 August 2020	Late August
Brisbane	1 May 2020	29 July 2020	Mid-August
Canberra	1 May 2020	26 August 2020	Mid-September
Melbourne	1 May 2020	12 August 2020	Early September
North Sydney	1 May 2020	9 September 2020	Late September
Strathfield	1 May 2020	16 September 2020	Early October

Each CAP application close date occurs after the relevant campus Open Day.

The application process

1.



Visit acu.edu.au/community-achiever for how-to videos and advice on preparing your application.

2.



Complete the online application at acu.edu.au/community-achiever between 1 May and the closing date. Be sure to describe your volunteer work and provide referees to support your statement. Before you submit your application, check you have supplied the correct contact details for your referees so that your application assessment can be completed. Your referees will be contacted to verify your volunteer work.

3.



Once your online application to ACU for CAP is complete you must then apply for your selected ACU course through a Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC, VTAC or UAC) once applications open in August.

How your application is assessed

While all volunteering is valuable and highly regarded by ACU, there are limited spaces in each course. Your application will be assessed against others for the same course. When reviewing the details of your volunteering experience, the following characteristics are considered:

Type:

Nature of activity, your role and the impact of your volunteer work.

Frequency:

How often you participated and the commitment required.

Duration:

How many hours and over what period of time you contributed.




** If successful, your ACU offer is conditional on you meeting the prerequisite and minimum entry score requirements for your chosen course.*

Note: we are currently reviewing our entry programs. Please check the website for the most up-to-date information.

Who can apply?

Both current Year 12 and non-school leavers are welcome to apply for an undergraduate degree at ACU through the Community Achiever Program. International students currently completing Year 12 in Australia can also apply.

To be eligible you must meet the following criteria:

-  Demonstrated voluntary involvement in your community.
-  Satisfy any prerequisite requirements (visit acu.edu.au/courses) and minimum entry score (visit acu.edu.au/community-achiever) for your chosen degree.
-  The ACU course selected on your Community Achiever Program application needs to be listed as your highest eligible preference when completing your TAC (QTAC, VTAC or UAC) application.

Got a question or feeling social?

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We're here to help

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