



Year 12 Portfolio Entry Schemes Guide

**Increase your selection rank
or receive an early offer**

**Design, Architecture, Music,
Engineering, Construction and
more**

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What is a Portfolio Entry Scheme?

Portfolio entry schemes are an excellent option for students applying to a variety of undergraduate courses, including creative, design, and performance-based courses at some universities. These schemes allow you to demonstrate your aptitude and potential through a portfolio of work, in addition to or instead of your ATAR.

This guide summarises the current portfolio schemes offered by **University of NSW, University of Sydney, and University of Technology Sydney** for 2026 admissions.

Please follow the links provided for more detail or contact the MLC School Futures and Pathways Department:

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UNSW Arts, Design, Architecture and Engineering

UNSW offers early conditional offers to students who can demonstrate creativity, passion, and potential in their field of study.

Key Highlights:

Early conditional offers available for select degrees
Up to **10 ATAR points** below the lowest selection rank

Applies to:

Art, Design, Architecture, Interior & Landscape Architecture
Fine Arts, Media
Construction and Property, City Planning
Social Work, Social Science
Engineering (most disciplines)
Science, Cyber Security, Food Science

Requirements:

Online portfolio submission
Short personal statement
Academic results considered
Holistic assessment approach

Deadlines:

Round 1: 21 July 2025
Round 2: **17 November 2025**

More Info & Submission Portal:

[UNSW Portfolio Entry](#)

[Watch 2025 Youtube Info Evening](#)

University of Sydney (USYD)

Portfolio Entry for Architecture, Design and Planning

Eligible Degrees:

Bachelor of Design (Interaction Design)
Bachelor of Design and Bachelor of Advanced Studies
Bachelor of Design in Architecture
Bachelor of Architecture and Environments
Bachelor of Design in Architecture (Honours) and Master of Architecture

Requirements:

Portfolio submission
Short written statement
Reference letter

Selection is based on:

Creativity
Originality
Suitability for the course

Deadline:

Round 1: Semester 1 2026
opens 25 August 2025 - closes **28 September 2025**

Round 2: Semester 1 2026
opens 3 November 2025 - closes **7 December 2025**

Round 3: Semester 1 2026
opens 15 December 2025 - closes 11 January 2026

More Info & Submission Portal:
[USYD Portfolio Admission Pathway](#)

University of Sydney

Creative Arts Special Admissions Scheme (CASAS)

Get an early offer from Sydney College of the Arts before your ATAR is released!

Available For:

 **Bachelor of Visual Arts (BVA) only**

Apply to UAC

Submit portfolio by **Thursday 14 August 2025** – 11:59 pm AEDT

For NSW HSC Students:

List BVA as your highest eligible preference

No separate application needed – your Year 11 & 12 results and predicted ATAR are obtained automatically through UAC.

For IB Students:

Apply via UAC

Submit academic results (school ratings, reports, portfolio) directly to

[Sydney College of the Arts](#)

University of Technology Sydney (UTS)

Architecture Portfolio Scheme

Show your creativity, passion, and design skills through a personal portfolio!

If accepted:

Students can receive an offer even if they fall short of the ATAR by up to **5 points**.

Courses Covered:

Bachelor of Design in Architecture

Design in Architecture + Creative Intelligence and Innovation

Design in Architecture + Master of Architecture

Landscape Architecture (Honours)

Interior Architecture (with or without International Studies or Creative Innovation)

Requirements:

Portfolio

Written statement

Deadline:

1 December 2025

More Info:

UTS Architecture Portfolio Scheme

UTS Music and Sound Design Portfolio Scheme

What It Offers:

Up to **5 adjustment points** to your selection rank

Eligibility:

Apply through UAC

Preference at least one of the following courses:

Bachelor of Music and Sound Design

Music & Sound Design + International Studies

Music & Sound Design + Creative Intelligence and Innovation

Dates:

Open: Monday 10 November 2025

Close: **Sunday 7 December 2025**

Requirements:

Submit portfolio

Meet UTS minimum matriculation standards

More Info:

[UTS Music & Sound Portfolio Scheme](#)

Summary Checklist

Before You Submit, Make Sure You Have:

Applied via UAC

Listed your desired course as your top eligible preference

Submitted your portfolio by the correct deadline

Included all required documents (statements, references, results)

