

2019 SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES GUIDE

for commencing international students



SANCTA
SOPHIA COLLEGE
WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY
Walk in Wisdom



Sancta Sophia College is one of The University of Sydney's six residential colleges which make up a rich part of its 168-year story.

Our Graduate House, the first of its kind in The University of Sydney Colleges' history, was opened in 2014 to further diversify the Sancta community and is now home to over 100 postgraduate men and women who join us from across Australia and the globe. Our female Undergraduate building has been a home away from home for thousands of young Australian and international women over the past 92 years.

The College motto – *Walk in Wisdom* – was laid out by our Founders and has remained the mission of every generation of College leaders throughout our 91-year history. The Sancta tradition of empowerment continues to create an inspiring, inclusive and supportive community for all.

Location

Located within the arts and culture hub of Sydney's Inner West district, Sancta is just 10 minutes from the city. We share the same postcode as the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and The University of Sydney, making us a short walk to lectures at all centrally based universities.

Making the most out of your university years

Sancta is a complete home away from home, where residents can focus on achieving academically and enjoying the best of student life in Sydney. All meals are provided, as well as specialised academic and professional mentoring, and there are countless ways to involve oneself in the cultural, spiritual, social and sporting life of the College. Learn more at sancta.edu.au

ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

In 2019, Sancta will be awarding a number of scholarships and bursaries to **postgraduate women and men**, and **undergraduate women**, to enable them to live at Sancta whilst studying in Sydney.

Scholarships and bursaries have enabled thousands of deserving young women and men to live at Sancta and not only benefit from, but contribute to, the academically inspiring and socially fulfilling environment that our Founders set out to create.

Our scholarship offering is broad and aims to attract and retain talented, ambitious students who will contribute to our culture of excellence and community. We believe in the potential of all students and wish to remove barriers such as financial difficulty and location where possible.

Students fitting one or more of the below criteria are encouraged to review our available scholarships in 2019:

- Academic high performers
- Students with financial need
- Students with exceptional talent in sport / creative and performing arts / debating and oration and other cultural endeavours
- Medicine students
- Law students
- STEM (Science/Engineering/Technology/Mathematics) students
- Arts students
- Veterinary Science/Agriculture/Sustainability students
- Students with a genuine commitment to social justice and/or to the spiritual life of the College
- Students exhibiting strong leadership skills and the capacity to contribute positively to the culture of Sancta

Applying for scholarships

Commencing/new students

Application process	Notification period
<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Complete the scholarship application form which is part of the residential application form. One scholarship application form enters you into the candidate pool for all available scholarships.· Submit all supporting documentation to marketingdevelopment@sancta.edu.au	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Scholarship offers are made to students prior to the commencement of the academic year and may be confirmed or conditional*.· Most offers to commencing undergraduate students are made shortly after Higher School Certificate results and university admissions are released.· Other scholarship offers may be made at any time throughout the year based on the timing of student application. <p>*Conditional residency and scholarship offers (based on successful meeting of criteria; often dependent on the release of Higher School Certificate or equivalent results and successful university admission) may be made at any time throughout the year.</p>

Bursaries

Bursaries are awarded to new or returning students at the discretion of the College and may be offered at any time of the year. Where a new student is not successful in applying for a scholarship, they may be considered for a bursary based on significant financial need.

In 2018, 20 students were supported with bursaries, easing financial pressures that were affecting their application to study, College life and in some cases their ability to continue residing at Sancta.

Bursaries are granted on a per year basis and are valued at \$2,000 in remission of fees.

Supporting documentation

Required supporting documentation may include personal and academic references, family and personal financial information and in some cases, portfolios or media items.

Where financial need is a stated criterion for a scholarship, failure to submit relevant information will render the application void for the purposes of assessment for those scholarships.

Selection process

- A scholarship panel consisting of four members of Sancta Sophia College's Executive staff (including the Principal) review all applications for scholarships and bursaries and create shortlists.
- The panel makes decisions regarding the awarding of College-funded scholarships in consultation with Sancta's Business Office and the College Council.
- Decisions regarding the awarding of private donor scholarships are made in consultation with scholarship donors themselves.

Payment of scholarships

Scholarships are paid on a semester basis towards students' residential fees. All scholarships are reviewed at the end of each semester to ensure adherence to conditions. A scholarship may be withdrawn on the basis of that review or at any other time at the discretion of the scholarships panel.

Supporting documents can be sent:

By email to: marketingdevelopment@sancta.edu.au
Or mailed to: Marketing and Development Manager
Sancta Sophia College
8 Missenden Rd
Camperdown NSW 2050 Australia

Other key information

- The College reserves the right to split a scholarship between two or more candidates and to make no offers if there are no appropriate candidates in particular contexts.
- Applicants are encouraged to give thorough detail regarding their achievements, financial circumstances, talents, passions and leadership experiences so that the panel can consider them for all applicable scholarships.
- Not every scholarship is awarded each year.
- The College reserves the right to cancel or discontinue a scholarship or bursary based on discretionary circumstances or unsatisfactory reviews of recipient adherence to scholarship conditions.

Scholarship criteria include one or more of the following:

- Academic merit - school or university results
- Financial need (measured and defined in a number of different ways and may be based on factors such as family financial circumstances, student self-funding or significant academic demand preventing part-time work)
- Capacity to contribute to the community life of the College (academic, cultural, liturgical, social justice, sporting)
- Leadership experiences and skills

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE IN 2019

Entrance Scholarships for academic high performers

Scholarship value:

- Up to \$2,500 remission of residential fees per year
- Tenable for the duration of degree undertaken whilst living at Sancta (subject to review of student progress each semester)

Scholarship criteria:

- Commencing Undergraduate or Postgraduate female or male student
- Excellent results in the Higher School Certificate or Undergraduate degree (or equivalent; standards are set once results are released in the year preceding entry)
- Demonstrated potential to contribute to the College community as evidenced in application and appropriate references

Scholarship conditions:

- Maintain a Distinction average (may differ according to field of study)
- Remain enrolled in your course on a full-time basis
- Remain a resident at Sancta Sophia College
- Continue to contribute to the College community through participation and involvement in the life of Sancta (for example, competing in sporting or cultural events; attending Mass and supporting social justice initiatives)

A number of Entrance Scholarships are awarded each year to encourage ambitious scholars to join the Sancta community and contribute to our culture of academic excellence. The scholarships are named after the following benefactors: Barbara Arnold, Olive Arnold, Giselle Dulieu, Lady Fairfax and Rosemary Morrow.

Creative and Performing Arts / Cultural Contribution Scholarships for students who will add to the cultural richness of the College community

Scholarship value:

- Up to \$2,000 remission of residential fees per year
- Tenable for the time that the student remains at Sancta (subject to review of student progress each semester)

Scholarship criteria:

- Commencing and returning students at undergraduate and postgraduate level
 - Demonstrated talent in one or more realms of the creative and performing arts or passion for and strong commitment to other cultural endeavours such as social justice, debating and public speaking
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- Genuine commitment and contribution to the College community, including participation in Intercollege competitions and initiatives in your realms of talent and passion

Scholarship conditions:

- Maintain a satisfactory academic record
- Continue to contribute to the Sancta community by using your talent or passion to represent Sancta in Intercollege and university initiatives and competitions
- Continue to reside at Sancta Sophia College

Sancta Sophia College offers scholarships for those with talent in performance and artistic endeavours, such as music, dance, drama, debating and oration. We also value the impact that students with a passion for social justice can have on the culture of our College and encourage such students to become involved in this aspect of College life.

This scholarship is open to both incoming and current residents (undergraduate and postgraduate).

The College has an active choir, several ensembles and talented individual musicians, dancers, actors and artists in residence and is looking to strengthen and consolidate the cultural aspect of College life by providing scholarships in these areas. There is an expectation that scholars actively participate in these aspects of College life. It may be held in conjunction with other academic or extracurricular scholarships.

Sporting Contribution Scholarships for students with talent in Sport

Scholarship value:

- Up to \$2,000 remission of residential fees per year
- Tenable for the time that the student remains at Sancta (subject to review of student progress each semester)

Scholarship criteria:

- Commencing undergraduate or postgraduate male or female students
- Demonstrated capacity to represent Sancta at InterCollege level or above as a team member, individual athlete or coach/manager
- Genuine commitment to contribute to the College community and be a leader in sport at Sancta

The College has many sporting teams and opportunities to represent the College, and is looking to strengthen and consolidate the sporting aspect of College life by providing scholarships in these areas. There is an expectation that scholars actively participate in these aspects of College life. Sporting scholarships may be held in conjunction with other academic or extracurricular scholarships.

Scholarship conditions:

- Remain a resident at Sancta Sophia College
- Continue commitment to Sport at Sancta by representing Sancta in relevant competitions as an athlete, coach and supporter
- Maintain a satisfactory academic record

Foundation Scholarships for academic high performers and leaders

Scholarship value:

- Up to 50% remission of residential fees per year
- May be awarded for one year or made tenable for up to three years; subject to review each semester

Scholarship criteria:

- Commencing or returning Undergraduate or Postgraduate female or male student
- Excellent results in the Higher School Certificate or Undergraduate degree (or equivalent; standards are set once results are released in the year preceding entry)
- Demonstrated potential to contribute to the College community as evidenced in application and appropriate references

Scholarship conditions:

- Maintain a Distinction average in your degree (may differ according to field of study)
- Remain enrolled in the degree on a full-time basis
- Continue to contribute to the Sancta Sophia College community
- Remain a resident at Sancta Sophia College

The funds for this scholarship are provided by the Sancta Sophia College Foundation to attract and retain students with exceptional ability to inspire academic excellence at Sancta, as well as lead and support their peers and the broader Sancta community through participation and leadership at Sancta.

Excellence and Participation Scholarships for students who will lead the community through genuine participation and involvement

Scholarship value:

- Up to \$2,000 remission of residential fees per year
- May be awarded for one year or made tenable for the duration of degree; subject to review each semester

Scholarship criteria:

- Returning male or female student at undergraduate or postgraduate level
- Demonstrated talent in, or passion for, one or more aspects of Sancta life; including but not limited to academic excellence, sport, creative and performing arts, social justice, student leadership and social roles
- Demonstrated capacity to contribute to the College community as evidenced in application and involvement in Sancta life in the preceding year

Scholarship conditions:

- Maintain a sound academic record (standard may vary according to field of study)
- Continue to reside at Sancta Sophia College
- Continue to actively and positively participate in College life by involvement in, and support for academic, cultural, sporting and social activities

Excellence and Participation Scholarships recognise returning students who have achieved excellent academic results whilst also demonstrating commitment to the College through participation in a range of Sancta and intercollegiate activities, as well as assuming either official or unofficial leadership roles within the community.

Patricia Horsley Scholarship for graduate students who will lead and inspire the Graduate House community

Scholarship value:

- 50% remission of residential fees annually
- May be awarded for one year only or for the duration of residency at Sancta; continuation is subject to review each semester

Scholarship criteria:

- Female or male postgraduate student
- Strong leadership skills and capacity to contribute to College life, evidenced through application information and appropriate references

Scholarship conditions:

- Maintain a Credit average
- Continue to display genuine commitment to the College community

Patricia Horsley, an alumna of Sancta Sophia College established this scholarship to support Sancta students at Postgraduate level, recognising the value of strong leadership within the Postgraduate student body for the benefit of the entire Sancta community.

Sr Mary Shanahan Scholarship for students who demonstrate a balanced approach to studies, social life and spirituality

Scholarship value:

- 50% remission of residential fees
- May be awarded for one year or more; continuation subject to review each semester

Scholarship criteria:

- Commencing or returning student at undergraduate or postgraduate level
- Demonstration of a balanced approach to all of: studies, social life and spirituality (see below for further detail)

Scholarship requirements:

- Maintain a serious focus on studies and continue the pursuit of knowledge including obtaining satisfactory results in your full-time degree
- Continue to actively contribute to the Sancta Sophia College community across all areas of the scholarship criteria
- Remain a resident at Sancta Sophia College

Sr Mary Shanahan was a student at Sancta Sophia College during her first degree; she was later Vice Principal of the College and then served as Principal for a number of years. A much-loved leader of the Sancta community, Sr Shanahan continues to have a profound impact on alumna, current and past students and staff of the College. This Scholarship pays tribute to Sr Shanahan's enduring contribution to the College and the lives of many students who lived at Sancta during her time here.

Sr Shanahan has been instrumental in framing the terms of the Scholarship so that it captures and reflects her approach as Principal of the College. The emphasis is 'balance'. The applicants for the scholarship will need to demonstrate a balanced approach to:

Studies: The applicants should be serious in their approach to their studies though they are not required to be achieving high academic honours. They should enjoy the pursuit of knowledge per se and experience a breadth of subject matter and have wide interests.

Social life: This aspect includes contribution to and support for College life, with caring for their fellow students at Sancta a key aspect. Sr Shanahan recognises that College days are an important time for students to grow and mature.

Spirituality: This aspect considers spirituality in a broad sense and includes social justice. The applicants should show an interest in continuing to develop their understanding of their faith of whatever denomination, challenging themselves as well as reflecting on wider social and spiritual issues.

Mary Smoker Scholarship for community-minded undergraduate women who will lead and inspire

Scholarship value:

- \$10,000 remission of fees per year
- Tenable for the duration of degree undertaken whilst living at Sancta (subject to review of student progress each semester)

Scholarship criteria:

- Commencing undergraduate student
- Undertaking a Bachelor degree at The University of Sydney
- Financial need
- Demonstrated commitment to participate in College life and contribute to the supportive community culture of Sancta, as evidenced through application and appropriate references

Preference is given to a student of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander identity. See information on confirming Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander identity on the University of Sydney website. <http://sydney.edu.au/policies/showdoc.aspx?recnum=PDOC2014/364&RendNum=0>.

Documentation can be submitted directly to marketingdevelopment@sancta.edu.au at the same as residential or scholarship application.

Scholarship conditions:

- Maintain a sound academic record
- Remain enrolled in Bachelor's degree at The University of Sydney and remain a resident of Sancta Sophia College
- Continue to contribute to College life through genuine participation and involvement

Mary Smoker is a Sancta alumna and retired pharmacist. She wishes to support a student to study at The University of Sydney and live at Sancta, acknowledging the excellent experience she had as a student here. Understanding that finance is a common barrier, she wants to support a student who would otherwise not have access the opportunity to live at Sancta.

Gwen Kennedy Entrance Scholarship for medical students who will lead and inspire

Scholarship value:

- \$2,500 remission of residential fees per year
- Tenable during the time that the student remains at Sancta Sophia College; subject to review each semester

Scholarship criteria:

- Commencing female or male student at postgraduate level
- Undertaking a medical degree
- Excellent academic record in undergraduate degree
- Demonstrated commitment and ability to contribute to the College community
- Financial need

Scholarship conditions:

- Maintain a Distinction average (or equivalent)
- Remain enrolled in medical degree
- Continue to contribute to the Sancta community through genuine participation and involvement

Gwen Kennedy, an alumna of Sancta, was an eminent gynaecologist and obstetrician and practiced medicine under her maiden name, Gerrard until retiring at the age of 81. She was at Sancta all her university student days and she graduated in 1936. Gwen was very pleased that her two daughters and only granddaughter also attended the College.

Gwen Kennedy's family maintain strong ties to Sancta and generously support the continuation of the Gwen Kennedy Scholarship.

Joint University of Sydney & Sancta Sophia College Sporting Scholarships for students with talent in Sport

Sancta Sophia College sports scholarships are designed to support sportsmen and women at the College. The College matches a sports scholarship provided by the University of Sydney Sports & Fitness (SUSF) through their Elite Athlete Program by up to \$2,000 per year.

See <http://www.susf.com.au/join-us-as-an-elite-athlete.html> for more details on sporting scholarships provided by the University of Sydney. Applicants must apply first through SUSF and be awarded a scholarship for Sancta to make the matching contribution.
