

# Special Consideration for Admissions to the Juris Doctor (JD) 2019 Admission

## INSTRUCTION SHEET

(Please keep for reference)

UNSW has limited places in the JD and Commonwealth supported places (CSP) in particular are highly sought after. Eligibility for entry is based on academic merit and applicants are considered on the basis of completed university studies only. See [www.law.unsw.edu.au/future-students/unsw-jd/apply](http://www.law.unsw.edu.au/future-students/unsw-jd/apply)

*Special Consideration for Admission to the JD* is separate to special consideration and/or disability support provisions for enrolled university students which, **in the vast majority of cases**, adequately take into account students' circumstances in assessment processes. *Special Consideration for Admission to the JD* is intended for a very small number of applicants who are close to the entry cut-off and whose circumstances during their university studies were so exceptional that they warrant additional special consideration in the admissions selection process.

### Who should apply?

You should lodge an application if

- You are an Australian citizen or permanent resident applying to the Juris Doctor via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) and
- You are eligible for consideration for entry to the JD. See - [www.law.unsw.edu.au/future-students/unsw-jd/entry](http://www.law.unsw.edu.au/future-students/unsw-jd/entry) and
- You can demonstrate that your university studies were significantly affected by a long-term severe illness/disability or exceptional personal circumstances that warrant additional consideration in the JD admission process.

Please note that because the JD is a postgraduate program which requires students to have a completed Bachelor degree, special consideration admission provisions are not as broad as they are for undergraduate admission. Disadvantage experienced during secondary studies, receiving a government income support payment (e.g. AUSTUDY) or having to work to support yourself at university for example are not considered in the JD special consideration process.

### What should I include in my application?

You must complete and sign the application form and attach the following:

#### PERSONAL STATEMENT

Your personal statement must include the nature and period of your disadvantage, an explanation of how your circumstances affected your educational performance and details of any special consideration/disability support you were provided by your institution/s.

## DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

You need to provide certified copies of reports from independent professionals (e.g. doctor, counsellor, social worker) who have personal knowledge of your circumstances and can verify what you have written in your personal statement as well as documentation of any special consideration/disability support you received at your institution/s.

## How are applications assessed?

Applications are assessed by experienced, senior staff in the Faculty of Law. If your circumstances are assessed as warranting consideration your selection rank will be adjusted and you will compete with other applicants for a place in the JD based on your adjusted rank.

For *Special Consideration for Admission to the JD* to affect the outcome of your application you need to be very close to the entry cut-off. For example, if admission to a CSP in the JD required a minimum High Distinction average at least a Distinction average would be needed.

## How and when do I lodge my application?

Your application, including documentary evidence, must reach the University by:

- **Friday 30 November 2018** for admission in Term 1 or
- **Friday 31 May 2019** for admission in Term 3.

Late applications will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances where approval has been given by the Admissions Office before the closing date.

Applications should be mailed to:

UNSW Admissions Office  
UNSW SYDNEY  
NSW 2052

Remember that you must also submit your application for admission to the JD via UAC at [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)

## Confirmation of receipt

You will be sent an acknowledgement letter confirming that we have received your application within 2 weeks of receipt of your application. Please contact the Admissions Office at [www.enquiry.unsw.edu.au](http://www.enquiry.unsw.edu.au) if you do not receive a letter as no further correspondence will be sent. Offers to the Juris Doctor will be made via UAC Postgraduate.

## Enquiries

For further information or a confidential discussion regarding your circumstances please contact Sonia Nitchell, Education Support Manager, UNSW Law on 02 9385 1792 or email [s.nitchell@unsw.edu.au](mailto:s.nitchell@unsw.edu.au)



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CLOSING DATES – 30 November 2018 for T1 and 31 May 2019 for T3

## PERSONAL DETAILS

UAC Application No.

Family Name  Given Name

Street  Suburb  Postcode

Telephone ( )  Email

Date of Birth       Age as at 1/3/2019  Sex (M/F/Other)

Australian Citizen  Permanent Resident (Country of citizenship )

Are you Aboriginal or a Torres Strait Islander? Yes  No

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Have you attempted an Australian Year 12 qualification? Yes  No  Year  State

### Studies attempted since leaving high school

For 'Level Reached', please record 'C' for completed studies, 'I' for incomplete studies, or 'E' for currently enrolled studies

Program (e. Bachelor of Commerce)	Institution Attended	Attendance (eg 2015-2018)	Level Reached (C, I or E)

## PRIVACY NOTIFICATION

The information you provide on this application form is "personal information" as defined by the Privacy and Personal Information Act 1998 (NSW) [the Act]. It is collected and held by UNSW in order to process your application, admission and enrolment; to send you information regarding UNSW or third-party courses or other university matters determined to be of potential interest to you; for administrative and statistical purposes; and (if this application isn't accepted) to process your application in relation to other courses offered by UNSW or related parties that may be of interest of you. We may disclose your information to others inside and outside NSW, including our related entities such as UNSW Global Pty Ltd, for the same purposes, and you consent to such bodies (including UNSW Global) acting upon your information and communicating with you regarding such courses, up to and including making offers in relation to those courses. You have the right of access to, and alteration of, the information concerning yourself in accordance with the Act and UNSW Privacy Management Plan. UNSW will not disclose your personal information without your consent and without due cause, except as authorised by law. You have the right to refuse this consent, but if the consent is not given your application may not be processed. By signing this document, you accept these conditions.

## DECLARATION AND CONSENT

I declare that the information declared on this form is complete and correct. I authorise the University to obtain information from any educational institution previously or currently attended by me. If any information supplied by me is considered to be untrue, incomplete or misleading in any respect, I understand the University may take such action as it believes necessary including the disclosure of the information to any person or body the University considers has a legitimate interest in receiving it and I consent to such disclosure. I understand the University reserves the right to vary or reverse any decision made on the basis of untrue, incomplete or misleading information. I have made this application having had access to sufficient information regarding UNSW programs, courses, fees, costs, facilities and services. I understand the University reserves the right to make alterations to any matter offered in its publications without notice and that this agreement does not remove my right to take further action under the Australian consumer protection laws.

Name

Signature  Date

Unsigned applications will not be processed.