



THE NEXT CHAPTER FOR UC

**A LIFE CHANGING
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

We need your help to build a strong, life-changing scholarship program at University College

For nearly 90 years the lives of young people have been transformed by University College. Typically, these students have come from regional communities – in fact 85% of our students came from the country in the 1980s. Today, these students make up only around half of our cohort.

We are concerned that as the cost of living continues to rise, academically capable and ambitious students from rural Australia (for whom UC is their college of choice) are missing out due to their inability to pay.

Our fees are now over \$39,000 a year, but there is no doubt that the experience of college life during the transition to university is unrivalled. The COVID-19 pandemic only served to highlight the importance of connection, with many universities still struggling to restore their on-campus experiences.

Rural students face additional stresses when they make the decision to travel for further studies; they are moving away from their family and support networks, and have to adapt to a totally new living and study environment. Our college experience offers the support and community that is needed to help these students thrive, by providing superior food, academic and wellbeing support,

networking and mentoring opportunities, spacious and modern rooms and ample opportunities for social engagement – all of which can have a positive impact on a student’s educational success.

But what truly sets us apart is our strong connection to rural and remote students around the country; they play a vital role in creating the ‘vibe’ of UC. It is one of the key reasons why students choose us over other Melbourne colleges – we offer a more diverse student cohort, offering a chance to step away from the social bubble of high school.



I’ve loved having the support of UC behind me, and being surrounded by those who have made Melbourne feel like a home for me. Thank you so much for allowing me to experience college life... it’s something I’m so grateful for, and I will carry these experiences with me for the rest of my life.”

Ben, Elliminyt, Victoria



The truth is that too many bright, well-rounded and ambitious school-leavers from rural and remote areas are missing out on the opportunities that university and our college offer because their families can no longer afford it.

We have always been proud of our principles of access and equity, diversity and independence. However, our long history of welcoming and nurturing talented students from diverse backgrounds is under threat. We need you to help us turn this around.

How can you help?

With your support, we will aim to offer at least ten more half scholarships each year, to ensure more financially disadvantaged students from rural Australia are given the chance to experience all that UC has to offer.

Our primary goal is to build our endowment fund by \$4 million. Our advice is that annual distributions from that endowment would see these scholarships offered in perpetuity.

Contributions may be made via capital gifts or rolling, multi-year pledges, and all donations are tax deductible. Benefactors who make a total gift of \$100,000 or more will have the opportunity to name a scholarship, either for themselves or others they wish to honour.

If you would like to discuss making a gift, please contact our Fundraising and Alumni Relations Leader, Stephanie Rogan, on advancement@unicol.unimelb.edu.au or +61 3 9349 9113.



Some of the ways you can contribute are outlined below. Of course, gifts of all sizes will be welcome, and will help us make a difference.

\$10,000

An annual gift of \$10,000, matching the University of Melbourne’s Narrm Scholarship offering

\$20,000

An annual gift of \$20,000 for three consecutive years would provide one half-scholarship for the duration of the donation

\$100,000

A major gift of \$100,000 to help build our endowment fund

\$500,000

A major gift of \$500,000 could secure an annual half-scholarship in perpetuity

Please help us – we are determined not to leave behind those remarkable students who have helped to make the College what it is today!



"My scholarship has meant that I was able to experience something that I wouldn't otherwise be able to. Your support can change the trajectory of someone's life and make a massive difference."

Carly, Ballarat, Victoria

"Moving from Tasmania to UC in Melbourne was a significant leap for me. The support I received through a scholarship was pivotal in this journey. It wasn't just about financial assistance; it was about feeling supported in a new environment, allowing me to focus on my studies and fully immerse myself in college life."

Scholarships make it much easier for students from regional backgrounds to thrive and contribute meaningfully.

I'm grateful for my experience and encourage others to support scholarships that make such a difference in students' lives."

Tom, Hadspen, Tasmania



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