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| What is the Optus Cybersecurity Scholarship? |  |

La Trobe University and Optus have announced a strategic alliance to deliver an integrated, digitally connected campus, a state-of-the-art Sports Precinct of the future; and the creation of market leading Cybersecurity tertiary degrees. These Optus scholarships will be awarded to the best and brightest candidates pursuing studies in the undergraduate Bachelor of Cybersecurity.

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| How much is the scholarship? |  |

$5000 per annum for three years paid in instalments of $2500 following confirmation of ongoing eligibility after the Semester 1 and Semester 2 census dates (April and September).

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| Who is eligible to apply? |  |

To be eligible to apply, you must:

* be an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen, Australian Permanent Resident or Permanent Humanitarian Visa holder;
* have enrolled in the Bachelor of Cybersecurity or the Bachelor of Cybersecurity/Bachelor of Psychological Science at La Trobe in Semester 1 2019 or are intending to enrol into the Bachelor of Cybersecurity/Bachelor of Psychological Science at La Trobe Semester 2 2019.
* achieve an ATAR equal to or greater than 80
* be able to demonstrate sufficient relevant work experience (mature age applicants only)

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| How are the applications assessed? |  |

The recipient of the scholarship shall be selected by the University on the basis of:

* an application form which addresses the eligibility criteria
* a personal statement outlining:
	+ personal goals and ambitions
	+ reasons for applying for the scholarship
* academic transcripts for Year 11 and first two terms of Year 12; or academic transcripts with ATAR results (if known)
* a copy of your CV/Resume (mature age applicants only)
* an interview with selection panel
* approval by Optus

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| Helpful information  |  |

* **Detailed information:** Make sure you provide full details requested in Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this application. Otherwise, your application may not be assessed appropriately. All information will be treated with strict confidentiality.
* **Supporting documentation:** Supporting documentation is written verification from someone who is qualified to comment on your circumstances. The person must not be related to you or in a close personal relationship with you.
* **False or misleading information:** La Trobe University reserves the right to withdraw an offer of a bursary and re-assess the application if the University believes the recipient has provided false or misleading information in the application form or subsequently.
* **Late applications:** applications received after the closing date may be accepted by staff ***only if accompanied by a signed formal request*** outlining ***exceptional circumstances*** ***outside your control*** that have resulted in a late application, e.g. serious illness or other personal crisis. The selection committee will later determine whether a late application will

be considered, based on the explanation you provide. *(Note: Reasons relating to employment, placements, holidays or other activities that you choose to engage in are unlikely to be considered “exceptional”.)*

* **Assessment process:** the assessment will commence after the application closing date. You will be notified of the outcome via email approximately 4 weeks after the application closing date. To ensure that all candidates are treated with equity, staff are unable to discuss the progress of an individual application.

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| Where to submit the completed application form |  |

You may submit your completed application including supporting documentation via email.

Email: scholarships@latrobe.edu.au by no later than **Sunday 28 July 2019**

**Confidentiality**

All information provided by applicants will be treated as confidential. At La Trobe University, we respect the privacy of your personal information. We collect personal information in your application to determine your eligibility for a scholarship, bursary or grant, and to assess your application as part of the ranking and allocation process. In accordance with privacy laws, personal information about you contained in your application will not be used for any other purpose or disclosed to any person who is not part of the La Trobe assessment and allocation process, without your permission. You may have the right to access personal information we hold about you, subject to any exceptions in relevant laws, by contacting the Scholarships Unit as noted below. The La Trobe University privacy policy can be viewed at: [www.latrobe.edu.au/privacy/](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/privacy/)

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| **Section 1: personal details** |  |

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| **Section 2: course intentions** |  |

Intended course in 2019

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VTAC course code

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Please ensure you select your preferences carefully, as the VTAC offer you receive will be for the course highest on your list of preferences for which you have met all selection requirements (including extra requirements).

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|  **Section 3: personal statement and supporting documents** |  |

* 1. Please provide as a separate attachment, your personal statement (no more than two A4 pages) detailing:
* What has brought you to La Trobe and why you have chosen to undertake the Bachelor of Cybersecurity?
* Your future career goals and ambitions on graduating from La Trobe University.
* How you believe this scholarship will benefit you and help you complete your studies.

Your statement must be typed and include your name, signature and the date.

3.2 Please also attach the following:

* + - Two referee statements, one personal and one academic where possible.
		- Evidence of your ATAR and/or your Year 12 results.
		- A copy of your CV/Resume
		- Any other supporting documents that you feel are relevant to your application.

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| **Section 4: declaration** |  |

**I (your full name)**

Being the applicant for the Optus Cybersecurity Undergraduate Scholarship, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the statements made in this application and in the accompanying documents are true in every particular, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I understand that it is my responsibility to provide the required supporting documentation with my application and that I will not be contacted for missing or incomplete supporting documentation.

I understand that if I provide inaccurate information in this application this may result in cancellation of an offer of a scholarship or termination of a scholarship that has been paid and refund to the University of any monies received by me.

I also understand that the scholarship assessment and allocation process is competitive and that not all applicants who meet the eligibility criteria will be awarded a scholarship.

Further, I understand that giving false and misleading information is a serious offence under the criminal code (Commonwealth).

I understand that should I be awarded this scholarship I will be required to:

* supply an annual report to the Donor
* maintain a weighted average mark (WAM) of 65 of higher
* maintain full-time enrolment in one of the above mentioned courses

I understand that should I be awarded this scholarship I may be required to:

* attend joint promotional events or participate in promotional activities in keeping with the spirit of the scholarship as reasonably required by the donor and La Trobe University

I have read and understood the information on page one of this form and the declaration and agree to these conditions.

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| Student signature | Date |
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| **Section 5: checklist** |  |

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|  | Circle YES or N/A where appropriate |
| I have read and understand the eligibility criteria of the Optus Cybersecurity Undergraduate Scholarship. | YES |  |
| I have completed all relevant sections of the application form and included copies of all the required documentation. | YES |  |
| I have completed, signed and attached my personal statement (Section 3.1). | YES |  |
| I have attached supporting documents as outlined in Section 3.2. | YES |  |
| Any other supporting documents attached? Please list them here: | YES | N/A |
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