



RMIT Early Offer program

Student application guide

At RMIT, your life experiences and skills count towards your course.

Are you a Year 12 who has experience being a leader, working with different people, showcasing your creativity or making an impact in the tech world?

Through RMIT's Early Offer program, your skills and experience outside the classroom could help you secure a spot in your dream course. Before your final exams, you could receive a conditional early offer for your course at RMIT.

Once you have received your offer, accept by placing your Early Offer course(s) to be your highest eligible preference(s) in your VTAC application.



Key dates and deadlines

- **16 July 2021**
Applications open for early offers
- **5 September 2021**
Applications close for early offers
- **By 24 September 2021**
Conditional early offers are sent out to successful applicants
- Don't forget to add your Early Offer course to your VTAC preferences by 30 September to avoid any late fees.

Am I eligible?

To apply for RMIT's Early Offer program, you must:

- Be a current Australian Year 12 or IB (or equivalent) student
- Apply through VTAC
- Be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or a permanent resident of Australia.



Understanding the application process

Ready to apply for RMIT's Early Offer program?

Applications are reviewed by selection officers in accordance with two of the five categories. Your experience will be assessed based on your evidence provided, duration and/or the quality of your experience(s).

The Early Offer program is competitive, which means eligible applicants will be ranked and offered in order of merit.

To submit a successful application, you need to:

- Summarise your skills and experience in 200 words and align these to two of the below categories. Don't forget to include the duration of your experience and an overview of why it relates to the chosen category!
- Provide evidence of your experience in your application (such as a completion certificate, reference letter, or link to something epic you've created).



Category 1 – Analytical and Critical Thinking

Examples of skills or experience you may wish to use to support your 200-word statement(s):

Problem solving	You solve complex problems using creative and innovative methods, drawing on diverse perspectives.
Analytical reasoning	You critically evaluate information to accomplish a specific purpose.
Critical thinking	You have incisively analysed the situation by examining it from multiple perspectives to identify its strengths and weaknesses.
Analysing information	You use information effectively to accomplish a specific purpose.

Category 2 – Interpersonal Skills and Teamwork

Examples of skills or experience you may wish to use to support your 200-word statement(s):

Providing support for others	You provide practical support and help to others, encouraging others to participate, intervening to resolve conflicts and offering constructive criticism.
Motivating others	You find innovative and successful ways of maintaining momentum.
Delegating with respect	You demonstrate positive relationships where you are able to appropriately delegate tasks or instructions.
Accurately perceiving feelings or situations	You have clearly described the context of your reflection.
Conveying feelings appropriately	You have inclusively analysed the situation by examining it from multiple perspectives to identify its strengths and weaknesses.
Listening	You are able to actively listen, synthesise and action or respond effectively to build relationships.
Adaptability	You adapt and adjust to new and changing situations, drawing on help from others to overcome challenges.
Relationship building	You are able to work with a diverse group of people to build effective and positive relationships.
Procedural	You have an ability to think through a process end-to-end and show forward planning.

Category 3 – Leadership

Examples of skills or experience you may wish to use to support your 200-word statement(s):

Coordinating and planning tasks	You are willing to accept responsibility for the tasks given and go above and beyond what is required to complete the task.
Managing groups	You build rapport with the audience to capture their interest.
Delivery	You use verbal and non-verbal cues to complement the ideas and information in your delivery and/or instruction.
Coaching	You are able to lead and provide support to others to ensure they are well-trained, skilled and prepared under your leadership.
Managing conflict	You are able to successfully diffuse and/or address conflict and provide a fair resolution.
Project management	You plan, manage and execute projects efficiently.

Category 4 – Communication

Examples of skills or experience you may wish to use to support your 200-word statement(s):

Expressing ideas	You are able to independently manifest ideas and articulate these clearly.
Negotiating	You are able to obtain or bring about solutions by discussion.
Demonstration	You complete tasks using the appropriate technical and operational skills.
Attention to detail	You are thorough and accurate when accomplishing a task.
Diversity	You are able to communicate effectively with a range of people, drawing on your background with multiple languages and cultures.



Category 5 – Creative Thinking and Innovation

Examples of skills or experience you may wish to use to support your 200-word statement(s):

Thinking outside the box	You are able to think in an original or creative way.
Showing curiosity	You have an inquisitive mind and demonstrate an eagerness to explore.
Creativity	You use imagination, inventiveness and natural curiosity to generate creative concepts.
Showing foresight	You show care or provision for the future.
Design thinking	You are able to observe, with empathy, how people interact with their environments, and employ an iterative, hands-on approach to creating innovative solutions.
Innovative thinking	You possess the ability to come up with new ideas and novel approaches to problems, drawing on diverse views and perspectives.
Entrepreneurial	You can transform the world by solving big problems or take on financial risks in the hope of profit.



Types of experience you can include in your application

To assist you with your application, here are types of experience you may wish to reference:

- Work experience (e.g. your part-time job, working in your family business or work experiences)
- Bootcamps or hackathons
- Hobbies (e.g. your involvement in a gaming community or social media influencing)
- Youth clubs
- Youth committees (e.g. Freeza music, Australian Youth Climate Coalition, etc.)
- Volunteering of any kind (e.g. tutoring students or volunteering at community facilities)
- Participating in community events or running market stalls and fundraising activities (e.g. run days at school and fundraising for specific charities)
- Tutoring
- Clubs, societies or groups (e.g. your sports club, social activities, or environment groups)
- Coaching or umpiring sports teams
- Team hobbies
- Additional roles at school (e.g. your role as a mentor, class representative or school captain)
- Diverse life circumstances, such as primary or secondary caring responsibilities, or care in the community
- Local productions (e.g. theatre or environmental events)
- Creating your own app or website
- Making a short film or music production
- Overcoming personal challenges
- Participating in social activities representing minority groups (e.g. Pride festivals)
- Providing support for family or community members, such as being an interpreter for parents at appointments, home schooling support for siblings or supporting family decisions
- Living and learning in other countries
- Additional language skills

Types of evidence you can include in your application

To assist you with your application, here are some examples of evidence you may use for your application:

- Reference letter from your employer, teacher, supervisor or coach
- Completion or participation certificates
- Awards or citations
- Hyperlinks to websites, apps, videos or blogs you have created or written

