



GERRIC Student Programs

Enrolment Guide

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How to Apply

Please read the information below along with our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) prior to registering or applying for a scholarship/equity place our GERRIC student programs.

Helpful Hints

- If you are applying for a scholarship based on financial hardship, please see our [Scholarships page](#) and submit the additional application and supporting documents in an email to gerric@unsw.edu.au. **Please note that scholarship applications will only be accepted by email until the 16th November, 12pm. Unfortunately after this date, regardless of situation, all scholarship funds will have been exhausted.**
- Your tickets will be reserved for **30 minutes** in the Eventbrite portal during the registration process. Payment via Eventbrite is made by **credit card** at the time of registration.
- You are only required to supply supporting selection criteria documentation (e.g. test results) if applying for a scholarship or if requested by GERRIC.
- A new program application and payment is required for each student program that is offered in the year (i.e. January and July). We do not have the capacity to copy details from previous programs. **This also applies for scholarship applications.**
- We will **ONLY** accept online applications for the January student program.
- Workshops will only run if sufficient numbers of enrolments are received.
- Set a [reminder](#) for the 3rd December, 7am to register.
- Before you register make sure you have the following handy:
 - Personal details (email address, phone numbers, address)
 - Child's details (name, gender, date of birth, year at school, school)
 - Proof of qualifying criteria (this is not required for the application process, however GERRIC reserves the right to request this information at any point)
 - Details of any disability the child may have
 - Any asthma/anaphylaxis plans
 - Details of any medications we should know about
 - The name and contact details of any adults other than yourself who will be picking up your child or dropping them off **at any point** in the programs
 - Read the following documents
 - UNSW Acceptable Use of IT:
https://www.it.unsw.edu.au/staff/policies/agree_to_rules.html
 - Terms and Conditions:
<https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/about-us/gerric/for-gifted-students/terms-conditions-and-refunds/>
 - Appearance Release:
<https://my.unsw.edu.au/unsw/AppearanceReleaseForm.pdf>

Application Procedure

1. Head to <https://january2019studentprograms.eventbrite.com.au> at 7am on **Monday 3rd December, 2018**.
2. Select the "TICKETS" button
3. From the list, select the workshop you would like your child/children to attend. You can register more than one child at one time. Just select a quantity of 1 ticket for each separate workshop. Make sure you have selected the CORRECT WORKSHOP for the ticket. *NOTE: we do not provide refunds for change of mind, please know what workshops your child is interested in PRIOR to registration.*
4. Select the "CHECKOUT" button
5. Fill in your and your child's information as required.
6. Please ensure you detail any special requirements, and email Anaphylaxis or Asthma management plans with a colour photo, the student's name and the workshop they will be attending to gerric@unsw.edu.au, if applicable. Attendance without such a plan is not permitted.
7. **Parent/guardians MUST** agree to the Terms, Conditions & Refund Policy. GERRIC assumes that you have read, understood and will adhere to our Terms & Conditions and Refund Policy – so please read it carefully.
8. Select "COMPLETE REGISTRATION" and you will be taken to a confirmation page.
9. You will receive a confirmation email from Eventbrite. If you do not receive this email please contact us ASAP. It is very important we have the correct email address on file as this is our main form of communication.
10. You will receive more detailed course information, including any pre-readings and specific locations in an email closer to the programs.

Your place in the program is not guaranteed until payment is received.

For any further information please direct enquiries to:

GERRIC - Student Programs
School of Education
UNSW Sydney 2052
(02) 9385 1972 or email gerric@unsw.edu.au

Waitlist Procedure

If the workshop your child wants is full:

- Refresh the page.
- Check if there are any other workshops they would like to do. This is the safest way to secure a place.
- Sign up for the waitlist for the workshop at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/waitlist-only-gerric-student-programs-tickets-51744029786>.
- You will receive an email confirmation, if you do not please contact gerric@unsw.edu.au. This is important, it tells us that the details have been entered incorrectly.
- If a place is made available in the workshop your child has signed up to the waitlist for, we will contact you immediately for payment.
- We will only make contact if a space is made available. If you do not hear from us, unfortunately no additional spots are available.

GERRIC Student Programs Scholarships

GERRIC understands that many gifted students' families cannot afford the costs of our programs. We have limited scholarships available for students with financial need who meet the selection criteria below. The **Professor Miraca Gross Scholarship** provides one place in both the Junior Scientia and Scientia Challenge programs in both January and July (a recipient receives a place in the next upcoming session, not both). The **Lauren Kipic Memorial Scholarship** provides one place in each program in January and the **Tim Huang Scholarship** provides one place in each program in July.

As scholarships are limited, some students also seek sponsorship independently from their schools or local businesses or community organisations. You may also contact us to arrange a payment plan.

To apply for one of GERRIC's scholarships, please **download the additional application form (PDF)** and submit alongside the Student Programs Workshop Application and supporting documentation. *Scholarship applications must be received in full by the application deadline in order to be considered. These can be emailed through to the GERRIC office.*

******Please note that for the January Student Program you should apply for the Professor Miraca Gross and/or Lauren Kipic Memorial Scholarships******

Scholarship Selection Criteria

- Applicants' parents will have socioeconomic hardship as demonstrated by Centrelink documentation ('Part B' of their tax statement)
- Applicants will provide a written statement outlining why they would like to attend the Junior Scientia or Scientia Challenge Program
- Applicants are to provide recommendation letter of support from a school or community leader
- Applicants must provide written evidence of meeting the academic selection criteria for the programs (e.g. test results or Opportunity Class placement).

Additionally, special consideration may be given to scholarship applicants who are:

- Rural & remote students
- Twice exceptional
- Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students
- English Language Learners

Equity Applications

Do you not meet the scholarship eligibility requirements financially, but still have equity considerations that should be considered? If you would like to apply for equity consideration, resulting in early placement for the programs, you will need to follow the procedure outlined below.

1. Fill out the following form:

Child's Full Name:

Child's Year at School:

Preferred Workshop/s:

Parent's Full Name:

Parent's Email:

Parent's Phone Number:

Alternate Phone Number:

Equity Indicator:

2. Attach evidence of equity needs. Examples of sufficient evidence are provided below, however this is not an exhaustive list of proof.

Twice Exceptional – psychologist/teacher report

Rural/Remote – recent bill with address and parent name clearly indicated

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander – statement from parent/guardian

Non-English-Speaking Background – signed statement from school teacher, enrolment into EALD class, signed statement from parent

3. Send the form to gerric@unsw.edu.au before the 16th November, 11pm. Use the subject line "Equity Application – January Student Programs" and ensuring all supporting documents are attached.

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Students will be notified of success prior to **December 3rd** (regular registrations open).

Please note that, if successful, parents of students with equity consideration will be given until **December 8** to register and pay for their child's place in the workshop. After this date, the place will be surrendered to a child on the waitlist.

Frequently Asked Questions

When is the application deadline?

The application deadline for the January program is **12 December, 2018**. However, it is highly recommended to purchase tickets as close to the opening date as is possible (**3 December**). If you wish to apply for a scholarship, please ensure that it is submitted by **16 November**.

What are the selection criteria for children to qualify for a GERRIC workshop?

Listed below is the selection criteria for any student wishing to attend the GERRIC Student Programs. It is the responsibility of the parent and/or caregiver to read the below and make sure that the student meets the criteria.

Qualifying selection criteria for the Junior Scientia or Scientia Challenge program (at least ONE of the following):

- Scored at or above the 95th percentile (I.Q. 125+) on an individual or group I.Q. test; or scored at or above the 95th percentile on a subscale (e.g. verbal or performance) of an individual I.Q. test
- Scored at or above the 95th percentile on a standardised test of achievement in any academic subject area
- Scored within the top band on the NAPLAN in any subject area
- Gained placement in a full time, self-contained class for academically gifted students (e.g. Opportunity Classes in NSW Schools)
- Obtained an academic scholarship of some description
- Gained a Distinction or High Distinction in the Australian Schools Science or English Competitions, the Australian Primary Mathematics Competition, or the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) tests (any subject)
- A letter from the school confirming that the student's academic potential in any/all subject areas is within the top 5% of the student population

In addition, all students are expected to be able to behave in a manner that respects the safety and learning needs of others.

How much do the programs cost?

Program fees are \$365 per student. Robots by EMU incurs an additional \$20 charge, as students receive a take-home robot kit. This price covers the whole three days of the program and is inclusive of GST.

What payment options are available?

Payment can only be made by credit card using our online payment system (Eventbrite), which will only occur during the registration process.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty we encourage you to [apply for a scholarship](#). Some students also seek sponsorship independently from their schools or local businesses or community organisations. You may also contact GERRIC to discuss a payment plan.

Do students attend multiple workshops or just one?

Each workshop runs for the full three days and content is cumulative. Each student is only placed in ONE workshop per season (January or July), which lasts for the whole three days.

What scholarships are available?

There are three scholarships available for families with financial hardship: the **Lauren Kipic Memorial Scholarship** (available in January only), the **Tim Huang Scholarship** (available in July only), and the **Professor Miraca Gross Scholarship** (available in January and July for sponsorship for EITHER session, not BOTH). These cover the workshop fees. The student's family is responsible for travel and all other associated costs.

[Click here](#) for more information on how to apply for a scholarship.

If I change my mind about wanting to attend the program after making my payment, can I get a refund?

Please refer to our [Terms, Conditions, and Refunds policy](#).

Do I need to supply copies and proof of the selection criteria with my application?

Those applying for a scholarship or equity consideration must submit proof of meeting the selection criteria. Other applicants do not have to formally submit or supply copies or proof of the selection criteria, however you must be able to supply proof to GERRIC upon request.

For the January programs, does Year 3-4, 5-6, etc refer to the student's previous or upcoming year of school?

Most families opt for the higher level when a student's year at school falls on the cusp between one or more of our designations.

e.g. a student who will start Year 3 the following February is eligible to apply for the Year 3-4 workshops, and a student who will start Year 5 the following February is eligible to apply for the Year 5-6 workshops.

However, if the topic of a workshop in the lower bracket is particularly appealing to a student, or if a parent believes that level to be more socially appropriate for their child, they may apply for a workshop at that level.

e.g. a student who has just finished Year 4 may apply for a Year 3-4 workshop if desired.

What if my Child is not within the age bracket offered for a workshop?

Do note that your child MUST be within the appropriate age bracket for the workshops they've applied to. No refunds will be provided in the event that your child is found to be outside the age bracket during the workshop days.

I'm interested in becoming a GERRIC workshop presenter. How can I apply?

We always welcome new workshop proposals from talented teachers with an interest in gifted education. Please note that workshops are developed individually by each presenter based on their own passions and expertise, so to apply you must propose the workshop topics and develop your own curriculum/lesson plans – GERRIC does not provide lesson plans.

Learn more and apply!

Are all your programs about science? Why are they called "Scientia"?

"Scientia" simply means "knowledge" in Latin, and is part of the UNSW motto *Scientia Manu et Mente*, "knowledge by hand and mind." The GERRIC Junior Scientia and Scientia Challenge programs offer workshops about a range of subjects, from science to art, literature, music and new technologies.

What measures are in place to ensure student safety while at the programs?

All GERRIC staff, both teaching and non-teaching, have Working With Children Checks and anaphylaxis response training. The GERRIC Coordinator is certified in First Aid and CPR. UNSW Security is alerted to the presence of the students on campus, and all students wear name tags throughout the programs with emergency contact numbers and instructions in case they or others they may encounter on campus need to contact the GERRIC coordinator. Students are always kept with their group and should not ever be alone on the campus (they visit the toilet in pairs or with one of the classroom assistants). Students must bring their lunches and are not allowed to visit campus eateries.

Students may only leave at the end of the day with a parent or guardian. If you would like to arrange alternative pickup or drop-off arrangements for your child, please indicate this on your application form or email gerric@unsw.edu.au.

When and where do the Student Programs take place?

All programs take place from 8:45am - 3:30pm, at the UNSW Kensington Campus.

While many of the programs, particularly for younger children, are concentrated in one building, other workshops take place in various buildings across campus in order to take advantage of science and computer labs, music and recording studios, and other specialised equipment needs. Each workshop meets in a specific room or lab and students are to be picked up and dropped off from the workshop location. Location information is sent to parents prior to program commencement via email.

We recognise that navigating the campus can be difficult and encourage families to plan ahead knowing that multiple siblings or friends with whom you may be carpooling may have students placed in different workshop locations. GERRIC staff are happy to wait with students if it takes you a

little extra time to pick up students from multiple locations, however, we do not have enough staff to walk individual students to particular pick-up and drop-off locations. This is for the safety of all students and to ensure we know where every student is at all times.

Parking is always a challenge at universities and UNSW is no exception; we encourage you to use public transit if possible.

What accommodation is available if we are coming from out of town?

[Please click here for a list of accommodation options we have compiled.](#)

What if I have another question that's not answered here?

Please read these Frequently Asked Questions carefully and then contact us with any additional queries.

Terms, Conditions, and Refunds

1. The University of New South Wales reserves the right to alter any arrangements or cancel a course or to refuse any enrolment as permitted by law.
2. Should the University of New South Wales cancel a course due to low enrolment numbers or some other reason, the participant will receive a full refund of fees.
3. A refund for withdrawal (less a \$50 administration fee) is available if notification is received in writing either by mail or email at least 14 days prior to the start date.
4. The University of New South Wales cannot accept responsibility for changes in personal circumstances or work commitments.
5. No refunds will be given after 14 days prior to the event start date.
5. There is no refund or credit if you change your mind or make errors when completing the application form.
6. It is the nominating parent/guardians' responsibility to make sure the student meets the selection criteria and can supply a copy of selection criteria to GERRIC upon request. **No refunds will be awarded for student unsuitability.**
7. GERRIC reserves the right to cancel workshops and change workshop details including venue and content if deemed appropriate. Advertised content is subject to change; correct at time of publishing. **Workshops will only run if sufficient numbers of enrolments are received.**