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# Apprenticeships & Traineeships

## Want an apprenticeship in 2017? Begin your search now

Year 12s, don't wait until you finish school in November to start looking for an apprenticeship. Start now as many employers begin to recruit for 2017 from this time of the year. The first thing you need to do is decide on the type of apprenticeship you want. The Queensland Training Information Service website at <http://qtis.training.qld.gov.au/Apprenticeship> has a list of apprenticeships available in Queensland. Click on apprenticeships you like for more information about the job. You can also talk to people already in the job and/or do work experience to help you with this decision. The following websites have useful steps to gaining an apprenticeship:

- Apprenticeships Info <http://apprenticeshipsinfo.qld.gov.au/> (click on 'Become an apprentice')
- Australian Apprenticeships Pathways <http://www.aapathways.com.au/Self-Help/Step-by-Step-Guide>.

# AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

## Australian Defence Force (ADF) Gap Year

Applications for the 2017 ADF Gap Year are now closed. Program information for the 2018 intake will be posted later this year on the Gap Year website at <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/gap-year/>. You can register to receive Gap Year updates on this site.

## Connect with the Australian Defence Force (ADF) through social media

Use the following sites to keep up with ADF events and new developments:

- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/DefenceJobsAustralia>
- You Tube <https://www.youtube.com/user/DefenceJobsAustralia>
- Twitter <https://twitter.com/DefenceJobsAust>

You can find action videos of recent ADF activities at <http://video.defence.gov.au/#>.

## Upcoming Australian Defence Force (ADF) Information Sessions

**Mackay** – Wednesday 10 August 2016 at 6 pm – Defence Careers Information Session at the Quest Hotel, 38 Macalister Street, Mackay. Walk-ins are welcome or you can book your spot at <https://www.ivvy.com/event/ZQ21NN/>.

**Moranbah** – Thursday 11 August 2016 at 6 pm – Defence Careers Information Session at the Moranbah Community Workers Club. Walk-ins are welcome or you can book your spot at <https://www.ivvy.com/event/F8W24O/>.

**Cairns** – Thursday 11 August 2016 at 6 pm - Women in Defence Information Session at the Rydges Plaza Cairns. Walk-ins are welcome or you can book your spot at <https://www.ivvy.com/event/WQK639/>.

**Calamvale** – Wednesday 17 August 2016 at 6 pm - Defence Careers Information Session at the Calamvale Hotel, Cnr Compton and Beaudesert Roads, Calamvale. Book your spot at <http://events.defencejobs.gov.au/event/HTYZSF/>.

**Mooloolaba** – Wednesday 17 August 2016 at 6 pm - Defence Careers Information Session at the Mooloolaba Yacht Club, 123 Parkyn Parade, Mooloolaba. Book your spot at <http://events.defencejobs.gov.au/event/G3OTFM/>.

**Brisbane** – Saturday 20 August 2016 from 10 am – 4 pm at the 2016 Aviation Careers Expo at Aviation Australia, 20 Boronia Road, Brisbane International Airport. Register your attendance at <http://events.defencejobs.gov.au/event/2ZXRWE/>.

**Brisbane** – Monday 22 August 2016 at 5.30 pm - Women in Defence Information Session at Defence Force Recruiting Brisbane, Level 13, 295 Ann Street, Brisbane. Book your spot at <http://events.defencejobs.gov.au/event/MD9B6B/>.

See <https://www.facebook.com/DefenceJobsAustralia/events> for details of these information sessions. You can also find information sessions on the Army Reserve on this site.

## **Women in the Australian Defence Force (ADF)**

The Defence Jobs website has specific information for women thinking about joining the ADF. For example:

- Have your questions about jobs available, fitness required, posting, etc. at <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/women/faqs.aspx>
- See <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/army/lifestyle/women/> for an insight into the lifestyle of women in the Australian Army
- Explore the 'Seven faces of the Navy' at <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/navy/women/>
- See 'Women in the Air Force' at <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/airforce/women-in-the-airforce/>.



## Develop your career profile

The myfuture website at <http://www.myfuture.edu.au/mycareerprofile> has a My Career Profile (MCP) tool. MCP uses your responses to a number of questionnaires and activities (e.g. interests, skills, knowledge) to develop your profile and to match it to suggested jobs. You can read about the suggested jobs on the myfuture website and select those that most appeal to you. This is a good place to begin if you are having trouble getting started with your career exploration. When you enter the myfuture site, you are required to 'Log in' or, if this is your first time on the site, 'Sign up' (note that signing up is free).

## The High Five of career development revisited

Earlier in the year, this bulletin had an item on the High Five of career development. The High Five are five concepts that are very important for managing our career in today's world of work. You can access videos that explain the concepts by using the following links.

- **Change is constant** - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yyoGa\\_SuOcc&lr=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yyoGa_SuOcc&lr=1)
- **Know yourself and follow your heart** – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ezJWSss-u3Q&lr=1>
- **Focus on the journey** – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dupKoaFgqGY&lr=1>
- **Learning is ongoing** – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7m4e1DhiOw&lr=1>
- **Access your allies** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GeFQjVP-Vxc&lr=1>

# Competitions

## **Ipswich Enviroplan Photographic Competition 2016**

Budding photographers are invited to explore and capture the natural beauty of Ipswich by participating in the 2016 Enviroplan Photographic Competition and Exhibition. The closing date is 22 August 2016. Visit <http://enviroplanphotocomp.com.au/> for more information about the competition.

## **State Library of Queensland (SLQ) Young Writers Award**

The Young Writers Award is a short story competition open to Queensland residents aged 15 – 25 years. In 2016 there are two categories:

- 15 - 17 years – for short stories of 1,500 words or fewer
- 18 - 25 years – for short stories of 2,500 words or fewer.

The competition closes on Friday 30 September 2016. See <http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on/awards/ywa> for more information and to access the online application form.





## **Australian Catholic University (ACU) programs**

**Passion for Business early entry program** – This is a guaranteed early entry program designed to nurture your business passion and give you a step up in your future career. Applications close 14 September 2016. Visit <http://www.acu.edu.au/732703> for information on eligibility, the application, selection and offers.

**Early Achievers Program (EAP) for 2017 is now open** – EAP at ACU considers the contribution you have made to your community through your school, local community organisations, cultural and/or religious groups (not just OPs) for entry to ACU courses. An additional benefit of this program is that successful applicants receive an offer early, usually in November. Applications for this program are now open and will close on 17 October 2016. On the website at <http://www.acu.edu.au/454796>, you can download a brochure and view videos about preparing and submitting your application.

**Core curriculum at ACU** - All degrees at ACU have a Core curriculum of five units. In addition to two course specific core units, students undertake two University Core Curriculum units that are common to all undergraduate courses and a community engagement unit that is specific to the course being studied. Students can study one of the University Core Curriculum units overseas in cities such as Rome, Beijing, Paris and London. Read more about the Core curriculum at <http://www.acu.edu.au/459650>.

## **Australian College of Physical Education (ACPE) now in Brisbane**

ACPE is a provider of specialist undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in sport, dance and physical education. Its main campus is in Sydney. The College has recently opened a campus in Fortitude Valley, Brisbane. The first course on offer at the Brisbane campus will be B Sports Business (Leadership). This course combines knowledge of the Sports Industry with a focus on the commercial aspects of sport. This degree can lead to careers in sports management, marketing and events. FEE HELP is available for eligible students. Visit the ACPE website at <https://www.acpe.edu.au/>.

## **Become a creative for a day with Design College Australia**

This college offers nationally accredited diploma courses in graphic design and photography. VET FEE-HELP is available for eligible students. The college will hold

'Creative for a Day' graphic design and photography workshops from 9.30 am – 4 pm on Saturday 20 August 2016 at its campus in Fortitude Valley, Brisbane. Visit <http://www.designcollege.com.au/events-and-workshops/designer-for-a-day/> for details and to book a place.

## **James Cook University (JCU) FAQs**

Find answers to commonly asked questions about studying at JCU on the FAQs section of the home page at <https://www.jcu.edu.au/>. If the question you want to ask isn't already there, click on 'Ask a question' to key in your question. While you are on the JCU home page, read about the open day to be held on 21 August 2016 at the Townsville campus.

## **New creative course for 2017 at CQUniversity Cairns**

The new B Creative Arts has recently been approved for CQU's Cairns Square campus in 2017. This three-year course has majors in Acting, Contemporary Dance and Popular Music. It will be an industry-focused arts degree. Details are available at <https://www.cqu.edu.au/courses-and-programs/study-areas/Creative,-Performing-and-Visual-Arts/undergraduate-programs> and via <https://youtu.be/6J3ZONbwDfg>.

## **News from the University of Queensland (UQ)**

**Aerospace Gateway Schools Direct Entry Scheme** – This scheme provides an opportunity for students at participating secondary schools to receive a direct entry offer into the following programs at UQ in Semester 1 2017:

- B Engineering (Honours)
- B Engineering (Honours)/B Information Technology
- B Information Technology.

If you are a current Year 12 student enrolled at one of the participating schools and you meet the criteria and prerequisites, fill in the application form and submit it to your school Principal by 2 September 2016. Completed applications must be submitted to UQ by 9 September 2016. Visit <https://www.eait.uq.edu.au/agsp> for a list of participating schools, the Information for Applicants handout (which contains the selection criteria) and the application.

**UQ Business School courses** – The following undergraduate courses are offered through the Business School:

- B Business Management: This course prepares you for today's constantly changing and highly competitive business world; majors/specialisations available are advertising, business economics, e-business, human resources, international business, marketing, real estate and development and sustainability; see [http://www.uq.edu.au/study/program.html?acad\\_prog=2059](http://www.uq.edu.au/study/program.html?acad_prog=2059)

- B Commerce: This course trains you in the principles of commerce and the business environment; majors/specialisations available are accounting, business information systems and finance; see [http://www.uq.edu.au/study/program.html?acad\\_prog=2024](http://www.uq.edu.au/study/program.html?acad_prog=2024)
- B International Hotel and Tourism Management: This course opens up career opportunities in the global tourism, hospitality and events industry; majors/specialisations available are event management, hospitality management and tourism management; see [http://www.uq.edu.au/study/program.html?acad\\_prog=2194](http://www.uq.edu.au/study/program.html?acad_prog=2194).

**UQ's Integrated Pathology Learning Centre** – This centre, located in the Health Sciences Building at Herston, is an interactive pathology museum. Health science students at UQ use it as part of their studies. Take a virtual tour of the centre at <http://vimeo.com/40189044>.

**Options for studying biomedical science at UQ** – These options are:

- 3-year B Science, majoring in Biomedical Science
- 3-year B Biomedical Science
- 4-year B Advanced Science (Honours), majoring in Biomedical Science.

Visit <http://www.science.uq.edu.au/index.html?page=239693> for more information.

**Careers that Started in Science booklet** – Love science but don't know where it can lead you? Download this booklet at <http://www.science.uq.edu.au/career-profiles> to read the case studies of science graduates who now have exciting and interesting careers.

## **NIDA courses in Brisbane during the September holidays**

The National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) will offer courses in acting from 19 September 2016 at St Laurence's College, South Brisbane. Bookings made before 19 August will receive a 10% earlybird discount. See <https://www.open.nida.edu.au/courses?near=brisbane/4101/10> for details. An Auditions Masterclass for students in Years 11 and 12 will also be offered. See [https://www.open.nida.edu.au/course/OHAM15?utm\\_source=mail2&utm\\_campaign=OP16\\_Spring\\_EB\\_Youth\\_Bris&cmp=1&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.open.nida.edu.au/course/OHAM15?utm_source=mail2&utm_campaign=OP16_Spring_EB_Youth_Bris&cmp=1&utm_medium=email) for more information.

## **Queensland Hotel and Hospitality School at TAFE Queensland Brisbane**

TAFE Queensland Brisbane has joined with the Star Entertainment Group (Treasury Casino and Hotel, Jupiters Gold Coast and The Star Sydney) and other major industry partners to create the Queensland Hotel and Hospitality School. The school's 13-week International Hospitality Service Program is based on the Certificate III in Hospitality. It will give students the skills needed for entry level jobs in five and six star hotels, restaurants and convention centres. Training includes silver service, beer and wine knowledge, food and wine matching, personal and professional presentation and employability skills. The course also provides students with two four-week rotations of

work experience with the school's industry partners allowing students to demonstrate their attitude, presentation and skills to potential employers. The program is delivered at the South Bank and Gold Coast campuses. The first 2017 intake to the course will be on 30 January. For further information and to register your interest in the program, visit [www.tafebrisbane.edu.au/qhhs](http://www.tafebrisbane.edu.au/qhhs). Enquiries can be made to Chris Cole on telephone 3244 6545 or email [chris.cole@tafe.qld.edu.au](mailto:chris.cole@tafe.qld.edu.au).

## Queensland School of Film and Television (QSFT) weekend workshop

QSFT is offering an earlybird deal for their 'Introduction to Sound Production' workshop to be held from 9 am – 1 pm on Saturday 10 September 2016 at their Annerley campus. The \$45 earlybird special will be offered to those who apply and pay before 20 August 2016 (the cost after this date is \$60). This workshop is ideal for those who are interested in sound recording and mixing using portable recording equipment. The topics covered include:

- Types of Recording Microphones
- Recording Devices
- Recording Techniques
- Adjusting the Camera Sound Level
- Sound Mixing.

You can download an application form at [http://www.qsft.qld.edu.au/assets/files/2016/FRM\\_QSFT%20Workshop%2019-23\\_Application%20Junior\\_Write\\_Record\\_v2\\_20160601.pdf](http://www.qsft.qld.edu.au/assets/files/2016/FRM_QSFT%20Workshop%2019-23_Application%20Junior_Write_Record_v2_20160601.pdf). Email your completed application to [applications@qsft.qld.edu.au](mailto:applications@qsft.qld.edu.au) or fax to 3392 7511. For more information, ring 3392 7788 or email [marketing@qsft.qld.edu.au](mailto:marketing@qsft.qld.edu.au).

## Queensland University of Technology (QUT) news

**Caboolture campus open day** - This event will be held from 9 am – 2 pm on Sunday 21 August 2016. Find out more at <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/caboolture-campus-open-day>. Register on this site for a chance to win a MacBook Air.

**START QUT** – This is a program for high-achieving students who wish to study university subjects during their final year at school. Students can complete up to two QUT subjects and receive credit towards their Queensland Certificate of Education and bonus entry ranks when they apply for entry to QUT tertiary courses through QTAC. Applications for Year 11 students are now open and will close on 31 October 2016. Visit [www.qut.edu.au/study/high-school-programs/start-qut](http://www.qut.edu.au/study/high-school-programs/start-qut) for details.

**September holiday campus tours** – Want to check out the QUT campuses? Take a guided tour of the Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove campuses and hear from current QUT students about their life at university on 21 and 23 September 2016. See <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/holiday-campus-tours> for times.

**Academic scholarships evening** – Year 12 students and their parents are invited to attend this evening from 6 – 7 pm on 22 September 2016 at the Kelvin Grove campus.

The evening will provide information on QUT academic scholarships, opportunities for scholarship recipients, overseas exchange, study costs and life as a university student. Registrations will open in August. See <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/academic-scholarships-evening> for details.

**Curious about a creative career but don't know where to start?** Join the Pathways panel discussions for middle to senior students interested in pursuing study or a career in the areas of visual art, design, and fashion. Pathways events are held in conjunction with the Open Studio where Year 11 and 12 students have the opportunity to see and experience the visual art facilities at QUT's new Creative Industries Precinct and make artwork with QUT lecturers. Visit <http://www.artmuseum.qut.edu.au/schools/index.jsp> for more information.

### **September holiday workshops at JMC Academy**

JMC Academy provides creative industry courses in music, songwriting, audio engineering, film and television production, entertainment business management, games, 3D animation and digital design. It will hold the following introductory workshops at its Brisbane campus located at 75 Grey Street, South Brisbane during the September 2016 school holidays.

- Monday 19 September - Maya and Mudbox Workshop: The focus in this workshop will be on character creation and animation.
- Monday 19 September - Ableton Live Workshop: In this workshop students will be introduced to sound recording and engineering.
- Tuesday 20 September - Animation and Game Development Workshop: This introductory workshop is designed specifically for high school students.
- Tuesday 20 September - Pro Tools Workshop: This workshop will introduce high school students to the system of Pro Tools.
- Wednesday 21 September - Music, Audio, and Entertainment Business Workshop: This workshop will introduce students to all facets of the music industry including Contemporary Music Performance, Sound Production and Artist and Event Management.
- Thursday 22 September - Film and Television Workshop: This workshop will provide students with an introduction to Film and TV studio recording processes.
- Thursday 22 September - Motion Capture Workshop: This workshop will introduce students to the technology and techniques for designing, setting up, capturing and working with motion capture data.

For more information and to book tickets, visit <http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/events/workshops/brisbane-high-school-workshops>.

### **TAFE at School Parent Information Evenings**

This month TAFE Queensland Brisbane will host three information evenings for parents of students in Years 10 – 12. These evenings provide an opportunity for parents to find

out why studying a TAFE course while still at school may benefit their children. The information evenings will cover the programs offered, the application and payment processes, pathways to further study and differences between TAFE and school. They will be held on:

- Monday 22 August 2016, from 5.45 pm at **Bracken Ridge Campus**, 157 Norris Road, Bracken Ridge
- Tuesday 23 August 2016, from 5.45 pm at **Loganlea Campus**, 50-68 Armstrong Road, Meadowbrook
- Wednesday 24 August 2016, from 5.45 pm at **South Bank Campus**, 66 Ernest Street, South Brisbane.

Enquires can be directed to [innovations.brisbane@tafe.qld.edu.au](mailto:innovations.brisbane@tafe.qld.edu.au) or call Peta on 3244 5684.

## University of Southern Queensland (USQ) snippets

**Open Days** – These events will be held at the Ipswich campus on 14 August and the Springfield campus on 21 August 2016. The Open Day website at <http://www.usq.edu.au/study/open-day> has details about each of these events.

**Early scholarships** – A reminder that the following scholarships close on 26 August 2016.

- USQ Future Community Leader Scholarship  
<http://www.usq.edu.au/scholarships/usq/future-community-leader>
- USQ Vice-Chancellor's Principal's Recommendation Scholarship  
<http://www.usq.edu.au/scholarships/usq/vice-chancellors-principals-recommendation>.

**Didn't do OP?** – This section of the USQ website at <http://www.usq.edu.au/study/apply/no-op> provides information about alternative options open to OP ineligible students to gain entry to university studies at USQ.

**The Science Experience** – USQ will host this event for students in Years 9 and 10 from 20 – 22 September 2016 (during the school holidays) at the Toowoomba campus. This program will provide students who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of hands-on science activities under the guidance of scientists. Visit <http://www.usq.edu.au/hes/outreach-and-engagement/the-science-experience> for details.

## University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) Headstart Program

Headstart is a program that gives Year 11 and 12 students the chance to experience university by studying USC subjects while still at high school. Applications for Semester one 2017 close on 31 October 2016. When you successfully complete two subjects within the Headstart program you are guaranteed entry to most programs at USC. Visit <http://www.usc.edu.au/learn/courses-and-programs/headstart-program-year-11->

[and-12-students](#) for more information about the Headstart program and to download the Headstart Guide.

## Updates from Griffith University

**Griffith Connect Guaranteed Admission Scheme** – If your school is involved in the Griffith Connect Valued Partners Program, you can apply for this scheme. The scheme offers OP and International Baccalaureate Diploma eligible students guaranteed entry to a range of Griffith courses, based on Year 11 and Semester 1 Year 12 results.

Applicants must meet relevant subject prerequisites to be eligible for an offer. They must also list their preferred Griffith course as their highest eligible preference on their QTAC application to receive a guaranteed early offer in November. A list of schools involved in the Griffith Connect Valued Partners Program can be accessed at <https://www.griffith.edu.au/guidance-officers-teachers/griffith-connect-program>.

Applications close on Friday 30 September 2016. Find out more at <https://connect.gu.gji.com.au/>.

**Year 12 Parent Evenings** – These will be held at Nathan campus on 23 August, Logan campus on 24 August and the Gold Coast campus on 25 August. Information about transitioning to university, study options and student support will be provided. See <https://www.griffith.edu.au/guidance-officers-teachers/events> for more information.

**Rock School** – This is a short practical course in popular music to be held during the Christmas school holidays from 9 - 13 January 2017 at the Gold Coast campus. Applications close Wednesday 9 November 2016. Late applications will not be accepted. See <https://www.griffith.edu.au/music/popular-music/high-school-and-community-programs/rock-school> for details and to download an application form.

**Griffith Sports College** – The college supports students in the Elite Athlete Program to manage their training and competition while they complete their tertiary studies. It is run by Duncan Free and Naomi McCarthy, both of whom are Olympic Gold Medallists and former Griffith students. One of the benefits of the program is the allocation of bonus OP/rank points that can assist athletes to gain entry to Griffith courses. Read more of the benefits at <https://www.griffith.edu.au/sport/griffith-sports-college>.

**Continuing Education Certificates** – These provide a pathway to Griffith undergraduate degree courses. Entry is not based on OP or Rank. Certificate students study part-time over two semesters in subjects related to their preferred degree program. Find out more at <https://www.griffith.edu.au/admissions/alternative-entry/continuing-education-certificates>.

**Gold Coast Science Competition** – This event aims to raise the profile of science and encourages students to demonstrate their scientific abilities by entering a project into one of six categories. It will be held at the Queensland Academy of Health Sciences, Southport from 29 August – 1 September 2016. Entries close on Thursday 18 August, 2016. Find out more and download a competition booklet and flyer at <http://scienceonthego.griffith.edu.au/events/gold-coast-science-competition-2/>.

### **Whitehouse Institute of Design workshops in the September holidays**

This institute will hold the following workshops in Brisbane:

- 'Illustration for Fashion' Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 September 2016
- 'Image Styling' Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 September 2016
- 'Techniques for Interior Illustration' Friday 23 and Saturday 24 September 2016.

Visit <http://www.whitehouse-design.edu.au/courses/brisbane-perth-workshops> for more information.



# Employment

## New jobs people will have by 2030

Speculation about future jobs seems to be everywhere. This list is from The CheatSheet. Some of the jobs have been in other futuristic job lists published previously in this bulletin, so they haven't been included here.

- **Bot lobbyist** - A bot lobbyist will create fake social media accounts to aid in promoting a client's business and marketing efforts.
- **Meme agent** - We have agents for celebrities of every other kind, so in the future, even stars of internet memes will have representation.
- **Big data doctor** - Big data already has a growing influence in many industries, and health care could be next, with a new class of medical practitioners who treat based on a patient's biographic profile and personal data.
- **Crowdfunding specialist** - With the popularity of crowdfunding websites like Kickstarter and IndieGoGo, there's a growing need for expert advisers to help fundraisers promote their causes.
- **Jobs of the future specialist/recruiter** - The quickly changing job market isn't going to slow down anytime soon, so a professional specialising in careers of the future will have tremendous value to job seekers.
- **Disorganiser/corporate disruptor** - A corporate disruptor will be called upon to shake things up at businesses whose systems and processes have gone stale.

Read the full article at <http://www.cheatsheet.com/personal-finance/10-high-paying-jobs-of-the-future.html/?a=viewall>.

## Tips for future-proofing your career

An article in the Canadian *HR Reporter* lists strategies that could future proof your career. Some of these are relevant to secondary students exploring their career and course options. Here are some of the most relevant strategies:

- Obtain a broad education that includes exposure to many different disciplines, but choose a major or specialty that is practical and in demand.
- Keep your options open as long as possible while also following a specific career path.
- Choose a career that's likely to be in demand in the near future and unlikely to be automated or offshored.
- Maintain a fall back career wherever possible.

- Become as computer literate as possible and maintain your skills in the latest tools and technologies.
- Learn to communicate effectively in a business context.

You can read the full article at <http://www.hrreporter.com/columnist/hr-policies-practices/archive/2016/07/26/tips-for-future-proofing-your-career/>.

# Financial Assistance & Scholarships



## Applying for university scholarships

Even if you think you may not get one, go ahead and apply for a scholarship. What do you have to lose? Scholarships tend to fall into one of the following categories:

- Academic
- Equity
- Indigenous
- Sports
- Field of study (e.g. engineering, IT)
- International
- External (e.g. sponsored by an organisation outside of the university)

Every university website has a scholarship web page with details about the scholarships available, the value of the scholarship, the selection criteria and the application process. The initial application for many university scholarships is online, followed by a submission of supporting documents.

## Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) Scholarships and Bursaries

AVCAT is a national independent charity that helps the children and grandchildren of ex-service men and women with the costs of full-time tertiary education. Applications for 2017 scholarships and bursaries open on 18 August 2016 and close on 31 October 2016. Applicants need only complete one application form to be considered for all scholarships and bursaries available through AVCAT. It is advisable to start preparing your documents before applications open as this can take a lot of time. Some of the documents that you can prepare in advance include:

- A copy of your full birth certificate
- A copy of an official document showing the veterans' operational service and/or the period of continuous full-time service as a member of the Australian Navy, Army or Airforce (e.g. Discharge certificate, Certificate of Service)
- A copy of your academic results for the last 18 months
- An up-to-date resume
- References/prizes/award certificates (no more than four documents and less than two years old).

Visit <http://www.avcat.org.au/> for more information.

## **Griffith Connect Academic Excellence Bursary**

This bursary is valued at \$3000 and is awarded to one high-achieving student (OP 1 to 6 or equivalent) from each of the Griffith Connect Partner Schools who meets the eligibility criteria. Applications close on Friday 7 October 2016. Find out if your school is part of the Griffith Connect program. More information at [www.griffith.edu.au/scholarships/categories/griffith-connect-academic-excellence-bursary](http://www.griffith.edu.au/scholarships/categories/griffith-connect-academic-excellence-bursary).

## **New Creative Industry scholarships at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT)**

QUT has recently announced new Vice-Chancellor's Elite Visual and Performing Arts Scholarships for 2017. These scholarships are in addition to the existing Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships (Creative Industries). The new scholarship is available for students who are applying for the following courses which have additional entry requirements such as an audition or portfolio.

- B Fine Arts (Dance Performance)
- B Fine Arts (Visual Arts)
- B Fine Arts (Acting)
- B Music.

Students do not have to apply for the scholarships. They will be automatically awarded to the top students in their audition/performance or portfolio application as follows:

- The top two performers in audition or portfolio are awarded the Vice-Chancellor's Elite Visual and Performing Arts Scholarship valued at \$30,000 over four years
- The next two highest-ranked students are awarded the Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship (Creative Industries) valued at \$10 000 over two years.

In addition to applying for these courses through QTAC, students must also apply to QUT by 9 September 2016. Detailed information about entry requirements can be accessed at <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/study-areas/creative-design-and-performance-courses#undergraduate> (click on the relevant study area). Read about the new scholarship at <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships-and-prizes/vice-chancellors-scholarship-elite-visual-and-performing-arts>. See details for the Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships (Creative Industries) at <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships-and-prizes/vice-chancellors-scholarship-creative-industries>.

## **Selected university academic scholarship application dates**

**Griffith University** – The Deans Sir Samuel Griffith and Sir Samuel Griffith scholarship applications are now open and will close on 9 December 2016. See <https://www.griffith.edu.au/scholarships>.

**Queensland University of Technology** – The Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship (Academic) applications have opened and will close on 18 November 2016. See <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships-and-prizes/vice-chancellors-scholarship-academic>.

**The University of Queensland** – UQ Academic scholarships applications open on 20 August and close on 31 October 2016. See <http://scholarships.uq.edu.au/program/uq-academic-scholarship-program>.

**University of Southern Queensland** - Chancellor's Scholarship applications close on 28 October 2016. See <http://www.usq.edu.au/scholarships/usq/chancellor>.

**University of the Sunshine Coast** - Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship applications will open on 1 September 2016. See <http://www.usc.edu.au/learn/what-will-i-pay/scholarships>.

## **Tips for applying for university scholarships**

The following are tips to help you maximise your chance of gaining a scholarship:

- Apply for all the scholarships you are eligible for
- Read the information on the university's scholarship web page
- Follow the directions exactly and answer all parts of each question
- Include all documents requested
- Ensure that written applications are readable and provide examples to back up attributes and achievements
- Start preparing your application early
- Keep a list of personal achievements, extra-curricular activities you are involved in, both at school and in the wider community and any awards you have received
- Collect ideas for your application over time – start with dot points
- Do drafts of your application – get feedback (see your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor)
- Ask referees for supporting statements early, not at the last minute. They are usually very busy people
- When required, include examples of personal attributes and achievements such as:
  - Awards gained
  - Leadership (including coaching)
  - Volunteering and other community participation
  - Teamwork (sport, work, etc.)
  - Initiative
  - How you may give back to the university.

- Include your career aspirations and how the university course can help you achieve them
- Submit your application by the due date.



## Gap Year Program News

### Selected upcoming Gap year program events in August 2016

- 10 August - World Education Program Student Exchange information session in Mackay <https://wep.org.au/lets-talk/sessions/>
- 23 August - Camp America's 2017 Season Launch in Brisbane <http://campamerica.com.au/events/2016-season-kick-off-brisbane-queensland/>
- 24 August - World Education Program Student Exchange information evening in Brisbane <https://wep.org.au/lets-talk/sessions/>
- 31 August - World Education Program Student Exchange information evening on the Sunshine Coast <https://wep.org.au/lets-talk/sessions/>

# Occupational Information



## 'Green' jobs

The following information has been adapted from 'The Green Jobs Market', an article from the Graduate Careers Australia website at <http://www.graduatecareers.com.au/CareerPlanningandResources/careerprofiles/GreenCollarSectorEmergingMarkets/index.htm>.

Global social interest in addressing environmental issues, along with responses by government regulators and industry, are creating jobs in a growing 'green collar sector'. This term refers to employment opportunities loosely related, but not limited, to the climate change, energy and sustainability arenas.

Evolving key green areas are likely to create demand for graduates in roles such as economists, mathematicians, marketers, public relations experts, legal professionals, scientists, engineers and designers. Example areas include:

- Renewable energy generation and design (including solar, tidal, geothermal and landfill gas power sources)
- Environmental impact assessment
- Energy management and distribution
- Carbon capture, storage, mitigation and management
- Climate change strategy and adaptation
- Public transport infrastructure development
- Manufacturing developments (e.g. electric cars)
- Building design and construction
- Engineering design
- Public policy and legislative development
- Advertising and marketing of green/environmentally sensitive initiatives
- 'Greening' of existing companies and their practices
- Community engagement.

## Careers in Technology

This year the Big Day In presentations were held at the University of the Sunshine Coast and the University of Queensland. During these events various companies presented sessions on the future of technology. If you missed these events, you can go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S5etoh4y9FM> to view presentations from companies including:



- Animal Logic
- Westpac
- Microsoft
- Tata Consultancy Services
- Technology One
- Google
- IBM
- Adobe
- WiseTech Global
- Ernst & Young

### **Virtual scientists – Learn about careers in research science**

Meet research scientists who work in the fields of animal science, environmental management, mathematics, biological science, astrophysics, ecology, occupational health and safety, plant science, earth science, nanotechnology and food science at <http://www.science.uq.edu.au/virtual-scientists>.

### **Women's work/Men's work**

Across Australia, women and men tend to work in different industries and occupations. Health care, social assistance and education are dominated by women; scientific and technical roles are dominated by men. Stereotypes about the kinds of work women and men 'should' do limit people pursuing satisfying careers in non-traditional areas. Businesses and the economy also miss out on valuable skills and experience. The Workplace Gender Equality Agency has produced case studies of men and women working in non-traditional jobs. You can access these and related resources at <https://www.wgea.gov.au/learn/womens-work-mens-work>.

## Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



### Aviation Careers Expo Scholarship

At this year's Aviation Careers Expo, you have the chance to win a scholarship with Aviation Australia for the upcoming 19 September or 4 October 2016 Mechanical Aeroskills (Fixed Wing) course. Entrants must be aged 16 years or over, be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia living in Queensland and have completed Year 10 (or equivalent). The Expo will be held on Saturday 20 August 2016 at Aviation Australia, 20 Boronia Road, Brisbane International Airport. Visit <http://www.aviationaustralia.aero/events/ace/> to register to attend the Expo. Click on 'About the Expo' for more information about the scholarship.

### Information Nights at THINK Education design colleges

THINK Education is a network of colleges of higher education offering courses in design, business, hospitality management, natural therapy and beauty therapy. If you miss out on their Open Day on 13 August, you have another opportunity to explore the courses offered at Information Nights to be held at its design colleges on 23 August 2016. Find out more and register at:

- CATC Design School <http://www.catc.edu.au/about-us/upcoming-events/information-night-brisbane#ix>
- Billy Blue College of Design <http://www.billyblue.edu.au/news-events/upcoming-events/brisbane/information-night-brisbane#1YCPiptkHLCVMuwT.97>.

### Moranbah Education and Career Pathways Expo

This event will be held from 10 am – 3 pm on Thursday 11 August 2016 at Moranbah State High School, Mills Avenue, Moranbah. For more information about this event, contact the school on telephone 4949 2111.

### New York Film Academy (NYFA) Australia Gold Coast open house

NYFA invites students interested in filmmaking or acting to its Open Day starting at 12 noon on Saturday 13 August 2016. Students under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Go to <https://www.nyfa.edu.au/nyfa-events/> to RSVP.

### Upcoming university open days

**CQUniversity, Rockhampton campus** Open Day on Sunday 21 August 2016. Visit <https://www.cqu.edu.au/campaigns/opendays/rockhampton> to register to receive updates about the event and for a chance to win a prize.

**James Cook University, Townsville campus** Open Day on Sunday 21 August 2016. Visit <http://www.jcu.edu.au/openday> to register for the event (to win a prize), to download the program and to visit the Competition Hub.

**Queensland University of Technology Caboolture campus** Open Day on Sunday 21 August 2016. Visit <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/caboolture-campus-open-day> to register for Open Day for a chance to win a MacBook Air and to access the program for the day.

**The University of Queensland, Gatton campus** Open Day on Sunday 21 August 2016. Visit <http://future-students.uq.edu.au/open-day> for information about the program and to register.

**University of Southern Queensland Springfield campus** Open Day on Sunday 21 August 2016. Visit <http://www.usq.edu.au/study/open-day/springfield> to register to attend and to book your Career Explorer conversation.



## QTAC & Tertiary Entry

### QTAC updates

**Applications open** – You can now apply to QTAC on the online application accessed from the QTAC home page at <http://www.qtac.edu.au>.

**Offers** – QTAC institutions will be making offers on different days throughout the year. Year 12 students, depending on the courses they apply for, could receive an offer from 18 November 2016. Visit <http://www.qtac.edu.au/key-dates---fees/course-offer-dates> for a list of course offer dates for each QTAC institution.

**An issue with Year 12 applications** - One issue that has arisen is that Year 12 students are entering their secondary studies twice. Under the section titled 'Secondary Education', QTAC would like students to select 'No' to the question 'Have you completed or will you complete Year 12/senior secondary studies?' Selecting 'Yes' will lead to a doubling up of information. QTAC plans to change the question on 22 August 2016 to avoid confusion.

**Ordering preferences** – Applicants can apply for up to six courses on the QTAC application. The order in which you place the courses is very important. QTAC advises the following plan:

- **Preferences 1 and 2:** Desired courses - the courses you most want to study even if you are not sure you will get an offer
- **Preferences 3 and 4:** Back-up courses – less competitive courses that you are prepared to study if you don't get your higher preferences. They could be used to upgrade to your higher preference courses in the future.
- **Preferences 5 and 6:** Pathway courses - courses that are not competitive and will help you upgrade to your higher preference courses in the future. These are safety net courses. Most TAFE courses fall into this category.

The QTAC computer starts with your preference 1 course. If you are eligible for this course (i.e. you meet all the entry requirements and are competitive), you will be offered this course and your other preferences will not be looked at. If you are not eligible for your preference 1 course, the QTAC computer will continue down your list of courses until it finds a course you are eligible for or it exhausts your list of preferences and you don't receive an offer. **However, you will receive an offer if follow the plan.**

## Year 12 Subject Bonus Rank Schemes

Some universities offer bonus ranks when you successfully complete specific subjects in Year 12. Each university has its own scheme. You don't have to apply for these schemes as bonus ranks are automatically given when you apply for courses through QTAC. Bonus rank points only apply to Year 12 qualifications (e.g. OPs, IB and OP ineligible ranks) not VET certificates/diplomas and other qualifications you may have completed during Years 11 and 12. The follow gives a brief summary of Year 12 Subject Bonus Schemes at universities that offer them.

**Australian Catholic University** – A maximum of 5 points can be allocated across the Subject Bonus scheme and the Access ACU bonus schemes. Subject bonus points are based on results in Year 12 subjects relevant to the course you are applying for at ACU. For more information, see <http://www.acu.edu.au/417394> (click on Subject Bonus).

**Griffith University** – A maximum of six points can be allocated under this scheme for the successful completion of over 20 Year 12 subjects as well as university subjects. The maximum bonus points that a student can receive under all bonus schemes is capped at 10. Bonus points do not apply to medicine and oral health courses. For more information, see <https://www.griffith.edu.au/admissions/bonus-entry-options>.

**Queensland University of Technology** – A maximum of eight points can be allocated for the successful completion of Maths C, a language other than English, Physics, Engineering Technology (for Engineering single and double degrees) and university subjects. Bonus points do not apply to courses with additional entry requirements, Dean's Honours and Dean's Scholars programs and scholarships that require a minimum OP. For more information, see <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/applying/undergraduate-applications/special-entry-programs/entry-bonus-scheme>.

**University of Queensland** - A maximum of five bonus points can be allocated for the successful completion of Maths C, a language other than English and university subjects. The bonus points do not apply to scholarship applications. For more information, see <https://future-students.uq.edu.au/apply/undergraduate/special-entry-programs/uq-bonus-rank-scheme>.

**University of Southern Queensland** – Bonus points are applied for successful study in Maths C, Chemistry, Physics, a language other than English and university subjects. For more information, see <http://www.usq.edu.au/study/high-school-students/advising-school-leavers/opportunities/special-admissions-scheme/admissions-scheme>.

**University of the Sunshine Coast** – Bonus points are applied for successful studies in Maths C and a language other than English. For more information, see <http://www.usc.edu.au/learn/how-do-i-apply/entry-pathways/access-usc-bonus-scheme>.

Note that bonus points are not OPs. They are QTAC selection ranks. To allocate bonus points, your OP is converted to the QTAC 1-99 (highest) selection rank scale to which the bonus points are applied. You are then considered for admission on the basis of your new rank.

### **You only have a few more weeks to log into your Learning Account to win a Surface Pro 4**

The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) is offering Year 12 students the chance to win a Surface Pro 4. All you have to do is log into your Learning Account before 31 August 2016. You will need your LUI (Learner Unique Identifier) and password to log in. If you don't know your LUI, ask your school for it. You will need your LUI when you apply to QTAC for tertiary courses. See <https://studentconnect.qcaa.qld.edu.au/12851.html> for more information about the competition.



## Five habits of successful people

*The following article is from the Skillsroad website. While it doesn't specifically apply to study, you could use the habits listed below to fine tune your current study routine.*

You only have to read some biographies of great people, like Stephen Spielberg (at <http://www.theblackandblue.com/2011/04/05/the-stein-spielberg-three-step-guide-to-rejection/>) or Oprah Winfrey (at <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/20141205173028-461078-oprah-winfrey-a-profile-in-failure>) to realise that success has more to do with persistency and consistency than with chance. We've researched some of these biographies to make this list of habits many of them have in common.

- **They wake up early.** Research has shown, not only are early risers more optimistic and conscientious, they also anticipate problems and minimise them more efficiently.
- **They plan.** Successful people set goals, reflect and learn from their mistakes. Often they use some kind of notebook to achieve this. Famous people, like Eminem and J K Rowling keep a journal to map their progress.
- **They take action.** Making plans and goals will not take you anywhere unless you take the necessary steps to fulfil them (an action plan). Don't be overwhelmed by goals if they are big. Break them down into smaller, manageable pieces that you can action – but take action!
- **They look after their health.** Successful people understand the truth behind healthy body, healthy mind. Eating right and exercising mind and body is part of their routine, as is getting enough sleep (that means eight hours a day).
- **They welcome failure as a part of learning.** Nobody has ever achieved without having had to overcome obstacles. As Oprah Winfrey once said, "Turn your wounds into wisdom".

## Forgetting

Forgetting takes place most rapidly shortly after you stop studying a subject. The greatest loss is within a few hours. The speed with which you forget gradually slows down as time goes on. This is why it is more effective to do your revision over a number of weeks, rather than the night before the exam. Plan your review of material to start the first day after it is acquired, a second time about a week after that, and finally a few weeks later. See <https://uwaterloo.ca/counselling-services/curve-forgetting> for information about the Curve of Forgetting.





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