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# Apprenticeships & Traineeships

## **How do I find a VET course in Queensland?**

One source of this information is the [Queensland Skills Gateway website](#). Use the training course search function on the site – enter the field of work (e.g. carpentry), the level of the course (e.g. All) and the industry (e.g. Construction). While the focus of this website is vocational education and training (VET), it does include an occupational search function that has information on a broader range of careers. Also included are links to helpful sites.

## **I want an apprenticeship. How do I find an employer?**

There are two broad types of employers for apprenticeships – an individual employer or a [group training organisation](#) (GTO). GTO's pay your wages and organise your formal training but place you with host employers for your on-the-job training. The following are strategies you can use to find an employer.

- Read newspapers that have job ads (e.g. 'Careers' in the *Saturday Courier-Mail*)
- Search the Internet, e.g.

### [Job Active](#)

[Seek](#) (use 'apprentice' as the keyword)

[Careerone](#) (use 'apprentice' as the keyword)

[Apprenticeship Central](#)

[Australian Defence Force](#) (do a search for 'apprenticeships')

- Contact GTO's near you – find a list of Queensland GTOs [here](#)
- Scan school and community notice boards
- Contact trade associations – you can find a list of Queensland associations [here](#)
- Approach previous employers e.g. from work experience or part-time work (take a copy of your resume with you)
- Visit your school VET coordinator and Guidance Counsellor/Officer
- Talk to an Australian Apprenticeship Support Network provider – search for the one located near you [here](#) or ring the infoline at 13 38 73

Most importantly, check out your social network (parents, extended family, neighbours and friends' parents). Usually there is someone who knows someone who might be looking for an apprentice. Don't be

afraid to approach employers who have not advertised a vacancy. It is said that up to a third of jobs are obtained through contacts not advertisements. Approaching employers who have not advertised a vacancy is called 'cold calling'. Find out more about cold calling [here](#).

### **New AusAppPathways mobile app**

AusAppPathways is a new app that can help you explore apprenticeship and traineeship pathway options. It is available for both Apple and Android devices. The app enables you to start with general industry information and continue your search to specific apprenticeship and traineeship occupation information. AusAppPathways also provides information and links on job hunting and career research as well as contact information for local Apprenticeship Network providers and a link to Group Training Organisation listings. For more information about the app, visit the [website](#) and access the [Guide to using AusAppPathways](#).

### **Tip of the Week from the AATIS**

The Australian Apprenticeships and Traineeships Information Service (AATIS) offers the following advice to young workers. It is good advice for young people looking for a job, whether it is full-time or part-time.

“Show that you are interested. Employers want to see that you want to be at work and are willing to work hard. You need to BE interested and LOOK interested if you want to make a good impression and keep your job!”

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# AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

## **Australian Defence Force (ADF) Information Sessions**

**Brisbane** – Saturday 26 August 2017 at 10 am - *Aim for your future* at Skyzone, 544 Kessels Road, Macgregor. RSVPs are essential by 24 August 2017. Book your spot [here](#).

**Loganholme** – Tuesday 29 August 2017 at 6 pm - *ADF Trade Careers Information Session* at Fitzy's Loganholme, Cnr Bryants Road and Pacific Highway, Loganholme. Book your spot [here](#).

**Townsville** – Wednesday 30 August 2017 at 6 pm - *Army Officer Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Townsville, 71 Stanley Street, Townsville. Book your spot [here](#).

**Cairns** – Wednesday 20 August 2017 at 6 pm - *Army Officer Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Cairn, Level 1, 55 Lake Street, Cairns. Book your spot [here](#).

**Narangba** – Wednesday 30 August 2017 at 6 pm - *ADF Trade Careers Information Session* at Narangba Valley Tavern, 34-37 Golden Wattle Drive, Narangba. Book your spot [here](#).

**Mooloolaba** – Wednesday 30 August 2017 at 6 pm - *Officer Information Session* at Mantra Mooloolaba Beach, 7 Venning Street, Mooloolaba. Book your spot [here](#).

For details about these events and for information on Army Reserve Information Sessions, visit the [Defence Jobs Australia Facebook site](#).



### **An alternative approach to choosing a career**

In his [TEDxYouth talk](#), Ben Todd suggests that to find work that is fulfilling, don't follow the conventional career advice that says we should pursue our passion or our interests. He claims that our passions may not have a job outcome (e.g. how many jobs are there in philosophy – his passion) and that our interests change over time. Ben's advice is to choose work that will make a difference. He offers the following steps to achieving this:

- Do your research. Go out and explore the world and find what is valuable and what is needed
- Work very hard and develop a skill set
- Apply your skill set to solving a problem you are interested in and that will make a difference.

Ben and his team have established the 80,000 Hours Organisation (80,000 hours represent the time we spend working during your lifetime). Visit the [website](#) to explore several free career resources, including a Career Guide, a Decision Tool and other information to help people choose a fulfilling career.

### **Australia's Careers Online website (COL)**

This [website](#) has several helpful career development and job search resources. These include:

- COL's Job Guide - with information on over 500 Australian Jobs
- Job Seeker's Workshop - what you need to know about choosing a career and how to prepare your job application so you get the job
- Job Links Directory – with links to websites on specific occupations and general job search resources
- Aussie Job Vacancies – listing job vacancies by category and location.



# Competitions

## **Are you an aspiring filmmaker? Win a scholarship to Bond**

Submissions for the Bond University Film and Television Awards (BUFTA) will close on 30 September 2017. BUFTA is a short film competition for students in Years 11 and 12. The first prize is a full-fee scholarship to study B Film and Television at Bond. Find out more on the [Bond website](#).

## **Aviation Simulator Competition**

This competition is for aspiring pilots of the future. You are invited to register for the competition to enter the random prize draw to win a 15-minute flight in the University of Southern Queensland's (USQ) new, first of its kind in Queensland, flight simulator. The draw will be held on Sunday 20 August 2017 at the Springfield campus during its Open Day event. Visit the [website](#) for details of how to register.

## **Qld College of Teachers (QCT) Photo competition**

The QCT is building an image library of real teachers in real situations to promote the teaching profession. They invite you to submit your best photos of inspiring teacher moments. You could win up to \$2,000 and your school could receive \$5,000. Visit the [competition website](#) for more information. The competition closes on 15 September 2017.

## **Race Discrimination Commissioner's Prize 2017**

The Race Discrimination Commissioner's Student Prize is an annual competition for school students aimed to promote research and discussion of racism among young people. Years 10 and 11 students are encouraged to submit an essay or record a speech to submit to the Commission by 15 September 2017. Find out more [here](#).

## **The Unleashed Awards**

The Foundation for Young Australians' (FYA) Unleashed Awards are Australia's premier social change awards for young people. Young people aged 12 - 29 years who are running a project that's having an impact are eligible to apply. The winners (nine in 2017) will receive financial support to progress their venture and a

trip to Melbourne for the award ceremony. Nominations are open now and will close 10 September 2017. For more information and to submit your nomination, visit the [FYA website](#).



### **2018 courses at the Queensland Agricultural Training Colleges (QATC)**

2018 courses at QATC are now open for enrolment. The colleges, located in Emerald, Longreach and training hubs across Queensland, offer:

- Nationally accredited diploma courses in Agriculture, Agribusiness Management, Conservation and Land Management and Veterinary Nursing.
- QATC Access Ag – and alternative pathway to employment or university studies
- Practical skill development through vocational training
- Short courses.

Depending on the course, you may have the option to study face-to-face on campus or via distance education. Visit the [website](#) to download the 2018 Course Guide. If you are not sure of the area you wish to study, use the Course Finder on the website to narrow your options.

### **Auditions open for 2018 courses at the Jazz Music Institute (JMI)**

JMI offers a B Music in Jazz Performance and Certificates III and IV in Music Industry (Performance). Auditions are available by appointment from September 2017. To learn more about JMI, its courses and how to apply for them, visit the [How to Apply page](#) on the JMI website.

### **Billy Blue College of Design Higher Education Diplomas**

Billy Blue is a [THINK Education](#) college. It has partnered with [Torrens University Australia](#) to offer the following higher education diplomas:

- [Diploma of Interior Design and Decoration](#)
- [Diploma of Graphic Design](#)
- [Diploma of Photo Imaging](#).

As these are higher education diplomas, eligible students can apply for FEE-HELP loans to fund their studies. If you study the D Interior Design and Decoration or the D of Graphic Design, you will get credit points towards the relevant Bachelor Degree at Billy Blue.

Billy Blue will hold an Info Night, starting at 6 pm on Wednesday 23 August 2017. Visit the [website](#) for details and to register.

## **Bonus points schemes at the Australian Catholic University (ACU)**

Through the following schemes, eligible applicants are given bonus points when they apply for ACU courses through QTAC. There is normally a maximum of 12 bonus points applied across all schemes.

- **Subject bonus** – under this scheme, applicants are given bonus points depending on their results in Year 12 subjects relevant to the course they are applying for. These bonus points are allocated automatically when applying through QTAC.
- **ACU Access** – under the Schools Relationships Bonus, Campus Bonus and Regional Schools Bonus, applicants may receive up to five bonus points automatically through QTAC depending on their geographic location or school relationship with ACU.
- **Education Access Scheme** – this is a QTAC scheme, which allocates bonus ranks based on educational disadvantage. Applicants apply for this scheme as part of their QTAC application.
- **Elite Athlete Bonus** – under this scheme, applicants who have demonstrated an elite level of sporting achievement can receive up to five bonus points. Applicants apply directly to ACU for this scheme.

Further information about these schemes can be found [here](#).

## **Griffith University updates**

**B Engineering (Honours) major in civil and architectural engineering** - This new major will combine civil and structural engineering with the creative design and environmental sustainability aspects of architecture. It will be offered at the Gold Coast campus, commencing in 2018. See the Griffith [website](#) for details.

**B Computer Science** – This course will be offered at the Nathan campus as well as on the Gold Coast in 2018. It is designed to prepare students to work on the cutting edge of technology, creating the future rather than just applying existing information technology solutions to business needs or building websites. Read about the course [here](#).

**New STEM double degrees** – The following double degrees will be offered in 2018:

- [B Environmental Science/B Business](#) (Nathan and Gold Coast)
- [B Engineering \(Hons\)/B Aviation](#) (Nathan)
- [B Engineering \(Hons\)/B Computer Science](#) (Nathan and Gold Coast)
- [B Engineering \(Hons\) \(Mechanical major\)/B Industrial Design](#) (Gold Coast)

**On-campus accommodation at Griffith** – The residential colleges located on the Nathan and Mt Gravatt campuses are available for students attending Nathan, Mt Gravatt and South Bank campuses. Accommodation at the Gold Coast campus is operated by Griffith University Village. The [accommodation website](#) provides information about accommodation scholarships, living on campus, the support and

## **JMC Academy September high school workshops**

Interested in a creative career? These workshops will give you an opportunity to test drive several creative areas. They will be held on Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 September 2017 (during the school holidays).

The workshops are designed for students in Years 9 – 12 and are interactive and hands-on. The cost for each workshop ranges from \$30 - \$50. Register now and use the code 'MAKEIT25' to get 25% off the workshop ticket price. This offer expires on 31 August 2017. The workshops offered are:

- Ableton Live High School Workshop – introduction to electronic music concepts
- Pro Tools High School Workshop – introduction to sound recording and engineering
- Animation and Game Development Workshop
- Music, Audio & Entertainment High School Workshop.

Visit the [JMC website](#) for details and to register.

## **News from the Queensland University of Technology (QUT)**

**Important reminder** - The due date to register for auditions and submit portfolios for Creative Industries courses that have additional entry requirements is **5 pm Friday 15 September 2017**. This is the last date to register for auditions for acting, dance, dance performance and music; and the last date to register and submit portfolios for fashion and visual arts, and business/visual arts double degree. Visit the [Additional entry requirements webpage](#) to access more information and to register.

**Changes to the Elite Athlete admission process** - Applicants can now apply for the QUT's Elite Athlete entry scheme through QTAC. QTAC will assess eligibility for the scheme and request supporting documentation directly from applicants. Where applicable QTAC will obtain supporting evidence directly from the Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS) if the applicant is with the QAS or the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS). Applicants can nominate themselves as an Elite Athlete at any time. However, QTAC documentation due dates will apply (see p. 21 of the *2018 Year 12 Guide*). QUT will inform successful elite athlete applicants on their bonus outcomes and QUT's supporting services. Information regarding eligibility and how to apply for the scheme is now available on the [QUT Elite Athlete Special Entry Scheme](#) page.

**Creative Industries Experience Days for Communication, Design and Creative Practice** - These experience days are hands-on workshops in creative practice, communication and design. During the following workshops, you can engage with lecturers, mix with current students and participate in curriculum-based activities that will enhance your academic skills.

- Experience Design – 9 am – 12 noon on Saturday 9 September 2017 at J Block, Level 2, QUT Gardens Point Campus.
- Experience Creative Practice – 9 am – 12 noon on Sunday 10 September 2017 at the QUT Creative Industries Precinct, Kelvin Grove Campus
- Experience Communication - 9 am – 12 noon on Friday 6 October 2017 at the QUT Creative Industries Precinct, Kelvin Grove Campus

Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

**Holiday campus tours** – High school students and their parents are invited to come and have a look around the QUT campuses during the September school holidays. Take a guided tour of our Gardens Point or Kelvin Grove campuses; tour the Creative Industries Precinct at Kelvin Grove and hear from current students about their life at university. Visit the QUT website for more information.

**Return to Study seminars** – QUT will hold these seminars for non-school leavers and mature aged people who may wish to return or commence study at university. They will be held on the dates below. For more information about these events and to register to attend, visit the [QUT website](#).

- 12 September 2017 - Gardens Point campus
- 13 September 2017 - North Lakes

### **News from the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC)**

**Meet USC for Parent Info and Headstart** – This event will be held in the late afternoon on Tuesday 12 September 2017 at the USC Sunshine Coast and the USC Fraser Coast campuses. Parents and students in Years 10, 11 and 12 are invited to attend to learn about the opportunities available at USC including the Headstart program. For details and to register to attend, visit the [USC website](#).

**Headstart program** - This program gives Year 11 and 12 students the chance to experience university by studying USC subjects while still at high school. By successfully completing the Headstart program in Years 11 and 12, you can gain credit into a USC degree when you come to university full-time. Visit the [Headstart program webpage](#) for details.

**Access USC Bonus Scheme** – Under this scheme, applicants to USC undergraduate courses can be awarded up to six bonus ranks across the following programs:

- [QTAC's Educational Access Scheme](#)
- [Regional Preference Scheme](#)
- Disadvantaged School Bonus
- [Smith Family Bonus](#)
- Elite Athlete Bonus
- Year 12 Subject Bonus.

Visit the [website](#) for details.

### **Pathway programs at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ)**

Successful completion of the following programs can guarantee entry to selected USQ undergraduate bachelor degrees. Read more about these programs on the [USQ website](#).

- **Tertiary Preparation Program (TPP)** is a free program that develops writing, computing and general study skills for further study.
- **Tertiary Preparation Program Intensive Pathway** is for Year 12 students who haven't chosen an OP pathway or are not confident of gaining entry to a degree course. Students study over the summer break.
- **Foundation Diploma of University Studies** provides students with an introduction to university study before undertaking a bachelor degree program. They are available in Business and Commerce, Construction, Creative Arts, Engineering, Indigenous Community Development, Science, Social Studies and Spatial Science.
- **Certificate of University Studies** consists of four core subjects. It gives students a start to further studies.

- **Indigenous Higher Education Pathways Program (IHEPP)** provides a pathway to university study for Indigenous students.
- **TAFE plus University** – There are two ways to use TAFE studies to gain entry to USQ courses. You can use TAFE qualifications to enter a degree course, or study one of the USQ/TAFE dual qualification programs.

### **Queensland School of Film and Television (QSFT) school holiday bootcamps**

QSFT is offering the following two-day bootcamps for students in Years 9 – 12 at its Annerley campus during the coming September school holidays:

- Acting Bootcamp – 20 and 21 September 2017
- Filmmaker Bootcamp – 27 and 28 September 2017.

You can pre-register your interest in a bootcamp [here](#). For more information, contact the school on telephone 3392 7788 or email [info@qsft.qld.edu.au](mailto:info@qsft.qld.edu.au).

### **University of New England’s (UNE) Early Entry Program – A reminder**

UNE 2018 Early Entry applications will close on Friday 29 September 2017. The Early Entry program enables Year 12 students to be considered for entry to UNE courses before their final Year 12 results are available. Applicants are selected based on information from their school, rather than an OP. Successful applicants receive an offer directly from UNE in early November. Visit the [Early Entry website](#) for details of the application process.

### **University of Queensland (UQ) notes**

**The new-look UQ Employability Award** – This award is designed to help students develop their skills beyond the classroom. The two key components to the program are:

- Participating in extracurricular activities – a minimum of 100 hours of work experience, 100 hours of volunteering and five supplementary activities
- Attending a mock interview - at the interview, students are asked about their extracurricular activities and to reflect on the skills they have gained through the program.

Find out more about the award [here](#).

**SPARQ-ed Research Immersion Program** – Students Performing Advanced Research (SPAR) immersion programs are open to Year 10 - 12 students and teachers throughout Queensland. The next program will be held from Monday 11 – Friday 15 September 2017. In this immersion, students will investigate some of the strategies to detect viruses like Ross River fever and Zika. Applications for this program close 31 August 2017. Visit the [website](#) for details and to apply.

**Applications now open for the Enhanced Studies Program (ESP)** – High achieving Year 11 students are invited to apply for this program. ESP provides students with an opportunity to study a UQ subject in Semester 1 of Year 12. Over 40 subjects are available in a range of study areas. Applications close 31 October 2017. Visit the ESP [website](#) for details.

**Bonus ranks for regional and remote students applying for UQ Health courses** – These students may be eligible for an additional two bonus ranks for a range of UQ courses under the Rural Access Scheme. Courses include:

- [Doctor of Medicine](#) (Provisional Entry)
- [B Clinical Exercise Physiology \(Honours\)](#)
- [B Dental Science \(Honours\)](#)
- [B Health, Sport and Physical Education \(Honours\)](#)
- [B Midwifery](#) (and dual)
- [B Nursing](#) (and dual)
- [B Veterinary Science \(Honours\)](#)
- [B Occupational Therapy \(Honours\)](#)
- [B Pharmacy \(Honours\)](#)
- [B Physiotherapy \(Honours\)](#)
- [B Psychological Science \(Honours\)](#)
- [B Social Work \(Honours\)](#)
- [B Speech Pathology \(Honours\)](#)

Visit the [Rural Access Scheme website](#) for more information. Note that at UQ you can receive only a maximum of five bonus ranks over all bonus schemes.

**New B Advanced Business (Honours) in 2018** – This four-year course will be limited to a small, highly motivated and high-achieving group of students aspiring to leadership roles in business, the community or academia. The prerequisites are English and Maths B or C (or a combination of both). Read about the course [here](#).

### **Want to join the circus?**

Applications are now open for the B Circus Arts at the National Institute of Circus Arts (NICA). Entry into NICA is by audition, interview and successful completion of a medical assessment. Applicants must apply to audition. Applicants are expected to have a background in areas such as performing arts, physical theatre, youth circus, dance, martial arts, acrobatic sports or gymnastics. Auditions for Queensland applicants will be held on 1 October 2017 at Flipside Circus, Alderley. Visit the [website](#) for more information, to download the Fitness Preparation Guide and to view a short video about NICA that explains the audition process.



# Employment

## **Employment projections for five years to May 2022**

Employment is projected to increase in 16 of 19 broad industries over the five years to May 2022. Health Care and Social Assistance is projected to make the largest contribution to employment growth (increasing by 250,500), followed by Professional, Scientific and Technical Services (126,400), Construction (120,700) and Education and Training (116,200). Together, these four industries are projected to provide more than half of total employment growth over the five years to May 2022. Visit the [Labour Market Information Portal](#) for more information about these projections.

## **Labour market snippets**

**Three key steps to making sure your skills stay relevant** - According to this recent World Economic Forum [article](#), in today's rapidly changing world of work, it's not the most qualified of the species that will survive, nor the most skilled. It is the one that is the most adaptable to change (sounds like Darwinism!). The point being that we will need to constantly learn new skills and unlearn outdated skills to future proof our career.

**Could a robot do your job?** – This [activity](#), from the ABC News website, gives you an opportunity to see what percentage of the job you are considering is susceptible to automation.

**It's human skills – not technical skills – that we need the most in today's work force** – According to a recent [article](#) from the Canadian *TheGlobe and Mail*, the skills workers require in today's world of work are changing and to stay ahead of the game workers need to acquire new skills. This supports what other articles are forecasting. However, this article places emphasis on the 'soft skills' such as critical thinking, communication and emotional intelligence. The author calls these human skills. So, in addition to technical skills (coding, engineering, data science, and others), we also need to focus on obtaining human skills – skills that robots currently have not perfected.

**Six ways to make sure AI creates jobs for all and not the few** – Millions of jobs will be affected and the nature of work itself may change profoundly in the future world of work. This is unsettling. However, this article from the World Economic Forum, suggests that it is possible to shape the future changes. If we think of AI as a technology that predicts, it's much easier to map its impact. The article lists six principles to keep in mind as we imagine how the world of work will evolve.

- Expect mass disruption
- AI will replace repetitive tasks more than jobs
- Middle-skilled jobs will be hit hardest
- Opportunities will be unequally distributed – at first
- Technology designers have responsibility
- The long-term trend can be positive - if we make it so.

Read the [article](#) to learn more about each of these principles.

### **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. Below are 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 if possible while also following a specific career path
- Choose a career that's likely to be in demand soon 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.

# Financial Assistance & Scholarships



## **2018 Science and Engineering scholarships at Queensland University of Technology (QUT) for Year 12 students**

Students applying for courses within the Science and Engineering Faculty at QUT can apply for several scholarships. These include:

**Dean's Scholars Program** – When you apply for a QUT Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship and other relevant scholarships (see [here](#)), you may also be eligible for this program. Successful applicants have access to a range of programs including professional and leadership development and mentoring. Applications for the Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships close on 17 November 2017.

**Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship** – Recipients of this scholarship have access to the Westpac Alumni Program, mentoring, internship opportunities and other events and activities. Applications close on 17 November 2017. See the [website](#).

**Indigenous scholarships and support** - Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students commencing a degree can apply for the Undergraduate Indigenous Scholarship. If you gain entry through the Centralised Assessment Selection Program (see the [website](#)) your fees will be covered for science and maths preparatory bridging courses. Applications dates are not currently available.

**Women in Engineering Scholarship** – There are up to 10 of these scholarships for females applying for the B Engineering. Recipients of these scholarships are expected to play a leading role in QUT's Women in Engineering Program. Applications close on 17 November 2017. See the [website](#).

**Women in Information Technology Merit Scholarship** – Up to six of these scholarships are available to female Year 12 students with an OP 1 – 5 who gain entry to an undergraduate information technology degree. Applications close on 17 November 2017. See the [website](#).

Visit the scholarship [website](#) for more information about these scholarships.

## **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 2018 scholarships and bursaries are now open and will close on 31 October 2017. 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 ASAP as this may take some 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 the [website](#) for more information.

### **International College of Hotel Management (ICHM) Entry Scholarships**

ICHM, located in South Australia, offers a dual B Business (Hospitality Management) and B International Hotel Management (Swiss Hotel Association) course. During the course, students have an opportunity to learn a language and to experience an industry placement in Australia or overseas. Eligible students can apply for FEE-HELP loans. ICHM is offering four Australian scholarships for entry in 2018. The value of each scholarship is \$30,000. Applications close on 6 October 2017. Visit the [scholarships page](#) for details and to access the scholarship application.

To help you with your course decision-making, ICHM will hold a Career Week from 25 – 29 September 2017 (during the school holidays). During the week, you will be introduced to the tourism and hospitality industry and the career paths available. You will also have an opportunity to explore the course and facilities at ICHM. Download the Career Week Brochure from the [ICHM website](#).

### **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 10 December 2017. See the [website](#).

**Queensland University of Technology** – The Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship (Academic) applications have opened and will close on 17 November 2017. See the [website](#).

**The University of Queensland** – UQ Academic scholarships applications are open and will close on 31 October 2017. See the [website](#).

**Note:** Other institutions offer academic scholarships. However, information about these scholarships for 2018 is not yet available on their websites.

### **TAFE Queensland Scholarships**

The 2017 round of the TAFE Queensland Scholarships Program is open and will close on 31 August 2017. Scholarships awarded in this round are to support study in Semester 1 2018. Hospitality has been identified as a focus area for this round, with significant funds available to support scholarships from Certificate III

upwards in this area. If you are interested in this study area, it is recommended that you apply for a scholarship. What do you have to lose? Visit the scholarship [website](#) for details.

### **University of Queensland (UQ) Academic Scholarship Program**

The university wide academic scholarships available at UQ for Year 12 students are:

- UQ Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships (awarded to applicants achieving at the very top of the OP 1 band or equivalent) valued at \$12,000 per year for up to five years
- UQ Excellence Scholarships (awarded to OP 1 applicants who demonstrate outstanding academic leadership and/or community service achievements during their senior secondary studies) valued at \$6,000 for up to four years
- UQ Merit Scholarships (awarded to OP 1 – 3 applicants who demonstrate significant academic, leadership and/or community service) valued at \$6,000 for the first year of study.

All three scholarships can be applied for on the one application. Applications close on 31 October 2017. Specific information about these scholarships and the application process can be found on the [website](#).

### **University of Queensland (UQ) Science International Scholarships**

Scholarships are available for outstanding international students in undergraduate or postgraduate coursework programs in science at UQ. Applications close on 15 January 2018 for Semester one 2018 entry. See the [website](#) for details.

### **University of Queensland's (UQ) LEAD Scholarships closing soon**

UQ's TC Beirne School of Law is currently offering the Leadership, Excellence and Diversity (LEAD) Scholarship to deserving students from disadvantaged backgrounds who intend to study an undergraduate law program at UQ. Up to 17 LEAD Scholarships are available in 2016. The scholarships are valued at \$7000 per year for up to five years. They include one-on-one academic support and other benefits. Applications close on 8 September 2017. Visit the [website](#) for more information and to apply.

### **Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT)**

These scholarships are now open. They include:

- Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships (Academic) – applications close on 17 November 2017 (80 scholarships worth \$30,000 each and 10 scholarships worth \$10,000 each)
- Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships (Creative Industries) – no application process required as recipients are chosen from the pool of Creative Industries course applications (12 scholarships worth \$10,000 each)
- Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships (Elite Visual and Performing Arts) – no application process required as recipients are chosen from the pool of Creative Industries course applications in Dance Performance, Visual Arts, Acting and Music (8 scholarships worth \$30,000 each).

- Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships (Elite Athlete) – applications close on 17 November 2017 (8 scholarships worth \$30,000 and 12 scholarships worth \$10,000)

To find out more, visit the QUT scholarship [website](#).



## *Gap Year Program News*

### **Upcoming Gap Year program information events**

**Camp America** will hold an online information session from 6 pm on Wednesday 23 August 2017. Visit the [website](#) to register.

**Southern Cross-Cultural Exchange** will hold webinars on their exchange programs in Spain, Germany, Canada, Reunion Island and Scandinavia. Visit the [website](#) for more information and to register.



### **National Skills Week**

In 2017, [National Skills Week](#) will be held from 28 August – 3 September. This week celebrates and informs students and the wider public of the diversity and career pathways available through the Vocational Education and Training sector in Australia. The [Queensland launch](#) of this week will be held on Monday 28 August 2017 at the Gold Coast Sports and Leisure Centre.



# Occupational Information



## **Becoming an architect**

On the Australian Institute of Architects [website](#), you can find information about a career in architecture. Information on the site includes a list of graduate career opportunities, the Architects Award, a video ('The truth about being an architect') and profiles on architecture students, architecture graduates and practising architects.

## **Career lessons from Comedians**

Are you a budding comedian? Access five important tips on becoming a professional comedian on [The Potentiality blog](#).

## **Careers in the meat industry**

Did you know that the Australian Meat Industry employs around 60,000 people from apprentices through to management? There are many pathways you can take in this industry, from labourers to positions for university graduates. Visit the National Meat Industry Training Advisory Council (MINTRAC) [website](#) to learn more about the employment opportunities available.

## **Hospitality, Travel and Tourism Careers**

There are many career resources available for these industries that can help you understand the nature of the industries and the career paths available. For example:

- Career websites - [Discover Hospitality](#) and [Discover Tourism](#)
- Industry information - [Hospitality career information](#), and [Travel and Tourism](#)
- Quizzes – [Hospitality quiz](#) and [Tourism quiz](#)
- Occupational videos – see the videos on the [Australian Apprenticeships Pathways website](#)

## Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



### **Australian Institute of Creative Design Open Day**

This Institute offers diploma, certificate and short courses in creative fields such as Art and Design, Beauty Therapy, Fashion Business, Fashion Design, Fashion Styling, Interior Design, Make-up and Photography. It will hold an open day from 5 – 7 pm on Wednesday 30 August 2017 at its Brisbane campus located in Fortitude Valley. Visit the [website](#) to explore the courses offered and to register for the open day.

### **Interstate student and family Information Day at the University of Melbourne**

This event will be held from 9 am – 5 pm on Monday 2 October 2017 at the Parkville campus. It will focus on aspects of the university that are of greater concern to interstate students such as the application process, scholarships, student services, the student experience and accommodation options. Participants will have an opportunity to ask current University of Melbourne students who have come from interstate about their experience and how they managed the transition. The program will also include a campus tour and residential college tour. Lunch will be provided on the day. For more information and to register to attend, click [here](#).

### **JMC Academy Open Day**

JMC produces skilled workers for the entertainment industry. It offers Diploma and Bachelor Degree courses in Animation, Audio Engineering and Sound Production, Contemporary Music and Performance, Digital Design, Entertainment Business Management, Film and Television Production, Game Development and Songwriting. JMC will hold an Open Day at its campus in South Brisbane from 10.30 am – 2.30 pm on Saturday 2 September 2017. Visit the [website](#) for more information and to register.

### **Mater Education Open Day**

Mater Education, located in South Brisbane, will hold its next open day from 4 – 6.30 pm on Tuesday 12 September 2017. Students and parents interested in the following courses are invited to attend.

- Diploma of Nursing
- Diploma of Anaesthetic Technology
- Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance
- Certificate III in Health Service Assistance
- Certificate III in Pathology Collection

- Medical Administration
- Medical Terminology

The open day will give you an opportunity to check out the facilities and to talk to lecturers and current students. For more information about the event and to register to attend, visit the [Mater Education website](#).

### **Selected 2017 upcoming Queensland tertiary institution open days**

26 August – [CQUniversity, Cairns campus](#) - Register now to go in the draw for the Open Days competition and to download the event program.

2 September - [University of Southern Queensland, Ipswich campus](#) - The day will also feature the All Things Healthy Expo.

2 September - [CQUniversity, Emerald campus](#) - Register now for local event updates and to go in the draw for the Open Days competition.

3 September - [CQUniversity, Gladstone campus](#) - Register now for local event updates and to go in the draw for the Open Days competition.

5 September - [CQUniversity, Noosa campus Information Session](#) - Register now for local event updates and to go in the draw for the Open Days competition.

10 September - [CQUniversity, Townsville campus](#) - Register now for local event updates and to go in the draw for the Open Days competition.



# QTAC & Tertiary Entry

## Choosing the best course to study

The Career FAQs Australia [website](#) suggests that you should use the following criteria to select your courses.

- **Course content** - The same course may be taught very differently from one institution to another. Review course outlines and pay close attention to core subjects, electives, and whether or not there's a work placement component.
- **Accreditation** - It's important to check that the course is accredited by relevant industry bodies. The [Good Universities Guide course ratings](#) are a great resource for finding out how different institutions rate in different areas.
- **Online or on campus** - You need to think about what mode would suit your learning style and lifestyle best – on campus or online.
- **Industry connectedness** - The graduate job market is tough and it's becoming more common for courses to offer students the opportunity to undertake internships and work experience during the course. Check this out.
- **Institution 'feel'** - If you're planning to study on campus, make the effort to attend open days and faculty information sessions as they give you a chance to explore, talk to staff and get a feel for the campus.
- **Student support services** - You may need to access support services during your studies. Ask about academic support, online resources, disability support, health services and career counselling services.
- **Funding** - Once you've narrowed down your options, you need to make sure you can afford them. Find out about Commonwealth Government loan schemes such as HECS-HELP, FEE-HELP and VET Student Loans. Also, check out available scholarships.

Also read 'Tips on choosing a course' on The Good Universities Guide [website](#).

## I am OP ineligible, when will I get my selection rank?

You can find out your OP ineligible selection rank by going into your application on the QTAC website (enter through the 'Applicant log in') in late December 2017. You will only receive your rank through QTAC. The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) will not give it to you when you receive your Year 12 results in mid-December. If you are not a QTAC applicant, phone QTAC on 1300 467 822 to find out your OP ineligible selection rank.

## Pros and cons of mid-year entry

Many tertiary courses have Semester 1 and Semester 2 entry. This means students can commence their course at the beginning of the year or mid-year. The following is a list of some of the advantages and disadvantages of applying mid-year.

### **Advantages**

- You can have a longer break from study between finishing Year 12 and starting tertiary study half way through the following year (like a mini Gap year).
- Mid-year entry allows you to apply again if you don't get a course for Semester 1.
- Starting mid-year gives you a chance to improve your skills by doing a study preparation course or short lower level course during Semester 1.
- Starting mid-year does not necessarily mean you take longer to graduate as many courses offer catch-up options such as summer schools.

### **Disadvantages**

- Not all courses offer mid-year entry.
- OP/rank cut-offs can be more competitive mid-year because there are usually fewer places available.
- You could regret not starting your study earlier when you see your friends starting their courses in Semester 1.
- You might get out of the study habit.
- You could become bored and end up wasting your time.

A sensible strategy is to apply for Semester 1 courses and defer your study. Also, you could contact the admissions office of the institution to find out the process to defer for six months instead of a year, which is the usual deferment period.

### **What is deferment?**

Deferment means that when you get an offer of a course place from QTAC, you can delay enrolling in the course until a later date – usually in a year's time. When you receive an offer from QTAC, you must respond. Deferment is one of the responses available. Each institution has its own rules on deferment. You can find these on the [QTAC website](#). Note that not all courses can be deferred. If you wish to defer for a longer period than that stated in the institution's policy, you should contact the institution directly.



### **Get your mind in shape**

Senior studies can be stressful, especially around exam time and assignment due dates (which seem to coincide!). Having stress management strategies to call on when needed is essential, not just for this year but also for your future success and happiness in studies and living. Check out the following apps.

[Smiling Mind App](#) – Smiling Mind provides a modern meditation for young people that guides the user through a series of exercises. It is free for use online or as a smartphone app.

[Headspace App](#) - Headspace is a free app that's like a personal trainer for your mind. It provides guided meditations to help you sleep, relax, study and focus.

## **Youth Enrichment Activities**

### **Ausyouth**

[Ausyouth](#) is a project aimed at inspiring debate between young people on social media channels and raising awareness about the issues that concern young people. You can contribute to the discussions by submitting items to The #ausyouth Daily.