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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 other 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 actual on-the-job training. Below are strategies you can use to find individual employers:

- Read newspapers that have job ads (e.g. 'Careers' in the *Saturday Courier-Mail*)
- Search the Internet for relevant websites, such as:
 - [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 industry 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 rather than 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 an 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 further information such as:

- information and links on job hunting;
- information and links on career research;
- contact information for local Apprenticeship Network Providers; and
- a link to Group Training Organisation listings.

For more information about the app and to download it, visit the [AusAppPathways website](#).

Tip 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!”



AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

Australian Defence Force (ADF) Information Sessions

The Australian Defence Force holds career information sessions across Queensland on a number of different career pathways in the ADF. For details about the following events and for information on Army Reserve Information Sessions, visit the [Defence Jobs Australia Facebook site](#). Click on the link below to book a seat at your chosen event.

Upcoming Events:

28/08/2018	Trade Careers Information Session <i>Ipswich</i>
29/08/2018	Defence Careers Information session <i>Chermside</i>
29/08/2018	Army Officer Information Session <i>Townsville</i>
29/08/2018	Army Officer Information Session <i>Cairns</i>
01/09/2018	7th Combat Brigade Open Day <i>7th Brigade Park, Hamilton Road Chermside</i>
04/09/2018	A Night in the Army Reserve Information Dession <i>Southport</i>



An alternative approach to choosing a career

In his [TEDxYouth talk](#), Ben Todd suggests that we shouldn't just pursue our passion or our interests. He claims that our passions may not have a job outcome and our interests can change. Ben's advice is to choose work that will make a difference. He suggests to:

- 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 has established the 80,000 Hours Organisation. Visit the [website](#) and find free career resources, including a Career Guide.

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 - choosing a career and how to prepare your job application
- 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.

Looking beyond credentials: Companies broadening their entry requirements

Australian corporate giants are among a growing cohort of the private sector to relax their degree requirements for new recruits, focusing more on merit rather than academic credentials. Some companies such as Ernst & Young and Penguin Random House have removed degree requirements all together.

The use performance-based tests during recruitment is on the rise, which aims to capture suitable applicants that would otherwise be blocked out based on their formal education. Read more about this new trend [here](#).

Competitions

Are you an aspiring filmmaker? Win a scholarship to Bond

Submissions for the Bond University Film and Television Awards (BUFTA) opened 1 May 2018 and will close on 30 September 2018. 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](#).

Upcoming Events:

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[Bond University Film and Television Awards \(BAFTA\) competition closes](#)

Chinese Writing Contest

The annual Chinese Writing Contest at The University of Queensland is open to all Queensland schools that teach Chinese language. Between Monday 8 October and Friday 19 October 2018, the competition will judge all native and non-native speakers. To enter your school and receive test papers click [here](#).

Employment

5 things recruiters want to tell you in your interview

While you may only be a student at this stage, professional recruiters are very aware of the employment they work in, and the intimate expectations of the multiple employers they work for. These are the five traits recruiters look for in potential employees:

1. Do your research for the job description
2. Challenge the interviewer with a thoughtful, role-specific question
3. Don't be defensive. Honest feedback is part of the process in the long run.
4. Go in with an open mind
5. Less is more. Don't waffle in your replies

Read more about these five traits [here](#).

Employment projections for five years to May 2022

Employment is projected to increase in 16 of 19 broad industries up 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.

MySkills: Revealing the benefits of Vocational Education and Training

Vocational Education and Training is one of the most progressive forms of education available to school leavers. It's in touch with the realities of the current and future employment market – because it's entirely driven by the employment market. Visit the Australian Government's [MySkills](#) website for information relevant to everyone looking to plan their careers. The website also includes stories and videos about people and their career journey ... one of them might suit you!

NCVER: How VET education will change to facilitate digital disruption

VET already plays an important function for industry by equipping the workforce of Australia with the skills to flourish with disruptive technologies. A new report by NCVER provides an insight into how this

technological disruption will influence the way that VET is delivered in the future. There will be an emphasis on generic non-technical skills such as teamwork, problem solving, creativity and adaptive learning as many of the repetitive tasks will be undertaken taken by automated processes.

[Click here](#) to read the full report and the barriers that VET will be facing as it transitions to this new type of industry.

New Work Reality Report: The key factors to full-time work

The 2018 New Work Reality Report followed the journeys of 14,000 young people over a decade to reveal the factors that accelerated a young person's transition to full-time work. The most valuable factors for entering the modern world of work notably include:

- Building enterprise skills in education (accelerated full time work by 17 months)
- Relevant paid employment (accelerated full time work by 12 months)
- Paid employment in future focused clusters (accelerated full time work by 5 months)
- An optimistic mindset (accelerated full time work by 2 months)

The full report can be viewed [here](#).

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.

What is a Virtual Assistant

A virtual assistant is like a personal or executive assistant, but with one important difference: virtual assistants work remotely, so they don't have to be in an office each day. All of their duties can be executed from within the comfort of their own home. A virtual assistant may have a broader range of duties than typical secretarial and administrative tasks, however. It's not necessarily going to mean organizing someone's life; virtual assistants can do anything from travel plans to marketing or even graphic design.

If you are interested in bookkeeping, research or editing, you can be a virtual assistant. Similarly, if you can teach, write copy, manage social media or projects, you can claim the title. Basically, if you have a skill that somebody needs and it can be done online, you can be a virtual assistant.

Find out more about what a Virtual Assistant can do by visiting [Careers On Line](#). Here you will find out about:

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- Why become a virtual assistant?
- How to become a full-time virtual assistant
- Build a website
- Become an online freelancer
- Open up all the necessary social media channels
- Find out what other virtual assistants are doing

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



2019 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:

Science and Engineering Dean's Scholars Program – If you apply and receive a first-year merit scholarship ([Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship](#), [Women in Engineering Scholarship](#), [Women in Information Technology Merit Scholarship](#), [Westpac Bicentennial Foundation Young Technologist Scholarship](#), [Indigenous Fee Waiver Scholarship](#) or [International Merit Scholarship](#)), you may also be eligible for the [Science and Engineering Dean's Scholars program](#). You will receive an invitation after your first semester of studies and receive a GPA of 6.0 and above. 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 16 November 2018.

Women in Engineering Scholarship – This scholarship applies to females applying for a B Engineering degree at QUT. Recipients of these scholarships will receive \$6,000, paid over two years. Recipients are expected to play a leading role in QUT's Women in Engineering Program. Applications close on 16 November 2018. 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 16 November 2018. See the [website](#).

Westpac Bicentennial Foundation Young Technologist Scholarship – Recipients of this scholarship will receive \$5,000 per year to complete their course in addition to access to the Westpac Scholars Alumni Program, mentoring, networking and development opportunities. Applications close on 16 November 2018. See the [website](#).

Indigenous Fee Waiver Scholarship and support - Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students commencing a degree in the Science and Engineering faculty can apply for the Undergraduate Fee Waiver Scholarship. If you gain entry through the Oodgeroo Unit's Centralised Assessment Selection Program (see the [website](#)) this scholarship will pay for your tuition fees in Semesters 1 and 2, while receiving a \$500 study stipend in Semester 1. Applications dates are not currently available.

Visit QUT's Science and Engineering scholarship [website](#) for more information.

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 2019 scholarships and bursaries are now open and will close on 31 October 2018. 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 B Business (Hospitality Management) that is based on the Swiss Hotel Association model. During the course, students will 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 2019. The value of each scholarship is \$22,500, paid in yearly installments over 3 years. Applications close on 12 October 2018. 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 1 – 5 October 2018 (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. Visit the [Career Weeks website](#) for more information and to download the Career Week Brochure.

Selected university academic scholarship application dates

GU: Griffith University – The Deans Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarship and Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarship applications are now open and will close on 16 December 2018. See the [website](#).

Note: Other institutions offer academic scholarships. However, information about these scholarships for 2019 is not yet available on their websites.

ACU: Australian Catholic University – The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Accommodation Scholarship is currently open for Indigenous students applying to study at ACU in 2019. Applications close 18 January 2019. See the [website](#) for more scholarship opportunities at ACU.

SCU: Southern Cross University – Applications for 2019 scholarships at SCU are now open, however there are additional 2019 scholarships that are yet to be finalised. Keep up to date with the available 2019 scholarships on their [website](#).

USC: University of Sunshine Coast – Applications for Semester 1 2019 scholarships at USC will open 1 September 2018 and close 30 November 2018. Start browsing the wide range of available 2019 scholarships on the [website](#).

USQ: University of Southern Queensland - Applications for USQ's Vice Chancellor's Scholarship and Future Community Leader Scholarship are now open. Applications close on 31 August 2018. Read more on the [website](#).

TAFE Queensland Scholarships

The 2018 round of the TAFE Queensland Scholarships Program for Semester 1, 2019 are open now and will close on 31 August 2018. There are two types of scholarships available: Merit and Access/Equity. STEM industries have been identified as a focus area for this round, with significant funds available to support scholarships from Certificate III upwards in this area (ie. Electrotechnology, Engineering and resources, ICT, Information and networking). If you are interested in STEM, it is recommended that you apply for a relevant scholarship. What do you have to lose? Visit the scholarship [website](#) for details.

University of Queensland Academic Scholarship Programs

There are three university-wide academic scholarships available for Year 12 students applying for UQ:

- 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 significant 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 through the one application. Applications close at midnight on 16 November 2018. Specific information about these scholarships and the application process can be found on the [website](#).

University of Queensland's 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 for 2019. The scholarships are valued at \$8,000 per year for up to five years to help with living and study expenses. They include one-on-one academic support and other benefits. Applications close 31 August 2018. 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 16 November 2018 (90 scholarships worth \$30,000 each and 15 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 16 November 2018 (8 scholarships worth \$30,000 and 12 scholarships worth \$10,000)

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



Gap Year Program News

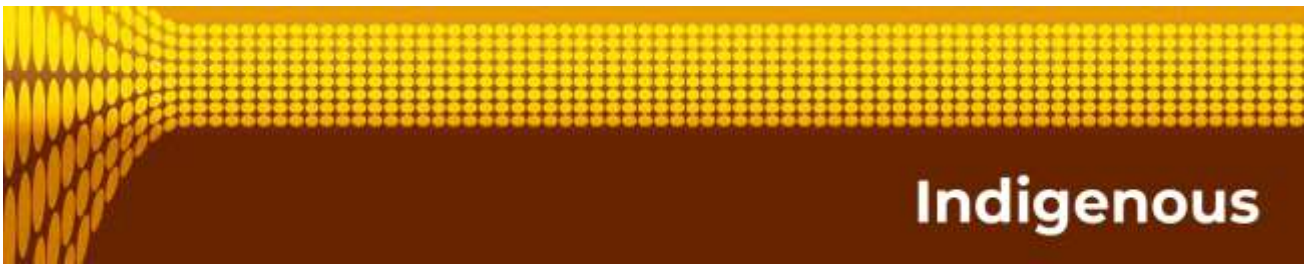
Upcoming Gap Year program information events

Camp America will hold an online information session from 6 pm on Thursday 20 August 2018. Visit the [website](#) to register.

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange will hold webinars on their exchange programs in Spain, Germany, Canada, Reunion Island and Scandinavia. The next webinar will be from 6 pm on Thursday 30 August 2018. Visit the [website](#) for more information and to register.

World Education Program Student Exchange (WEP) will hold an information session from 7 – 8.30 pm on Wednesday 5 September 2018 in Brisbane at Fulton Trotter Lounge, Spring Hill. Visit the [WEP website](#) to register.

Lattitude Global Volunteering still has vacancies in some of its 2019 programs. Visit the [website](#) for more information.



University of Southern Queensland Indigenous Higher Education Pathways Program (IHEPP) **IHEPP**

IHEPP provides a pathway to university study for Indigenous students that provides student support as they move through their study program. For more information visit the [USQ website](#).

What is UQ's 'InspireU' and how to enrol

InspireU is a tertiary program that supports indigenous youth participate in a number of residential camps that use UQ's faculties and schools. During the on-campus residential camps, participants take part in interactive workshops, industry visits and guidance from both UQ and industry experts to help inform them on career opportunities and how to achieve them. Read more generally about the program [here](#).

The InspireU residential camps for law will run from 23 to 29 September 2018. The camp will include:

- Meeting with Judge Jarro – the first Indigenous judge in QLD
- Meeting with Justice Philippides – Supreme Court Judge
- Tour of two top tier law firms – Corrs and McCullough and Robertson
- Workshops with current Law students
- Staying at International House – one of the UQ colleges
- A trip to Movie World
- Attending a Gala Dinner with special guests

The application date closes on 3 September 2018. Read more about the law camp and book your attendance [here](#).



Australian Jobs 2018: Where the jobs will be

The Australian Government Department of Jobs and Small Business has released its 2018 version of Australian Jobs. The easy-to-read report gives an overview of Australian labour market trends state-by-state and industry-by-industry. Its information is valuable for job seekers, readers considering future education and training, and current labour market trends. Read the report [here](#). It covers the following broad areas:

- Jobs by Location
- Jobs by Industry
- Jobs by Occupation
- Jobs in the Future
- Jobs and Training
- Job Search and Skills

Becoming an architect

On the Australian Institute of Architects [website](#), you can find information about how to pursue 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? Read about the 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, Travel and Tourism](#)
- Quizzes – [Hospitality quiz](#) and [Tourism quiz](#)
- Occupational videos – see the videos by scrolling down on the [Australian Apprenticeships Pathways website](#)

Labour market snippets

Three key steps to making sure your skills stay relevant - According to this 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, an article from the World Economic Forum suggests that it is possible to shape these 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 with the rise of AI.

- Expect massive 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.



Miscellaneous

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 twitter feed](#).

National Skills Week

[National Skills Week](#) is being held between 27 August – 2 September 2018. 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 Thursday 30 August 2018 at the TAFE Queensland South Bank Campus.

Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



Mater Education Open Day

Mater Education, located in South Brisbane, will hold its next open day from 4 – 6.30 pm on Thursday 13 September 2018. All 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 Services Assistance
- Certificate III in Pathology Collection
- Medical Administration

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 2018 Queensland tertiary institution open days

August 30 – Central Queensland University Gladstone open day hosted at the Gladstone campus at 613 Bryan Jordan Drive, Callemondah. Drop in anytime between 4 pm – 8 pm on Thursday 30 August 2018. See more information and register on the [CQU event page](#).

September 1 – Central Queensland University Emerald open day hosted at the Emerald campus just off the Capricorn Highway, Emerald. Drop in anytime between 9 am – 1 pm on Friday 1 September 2018. See more information and register on the [CQU event page](#).

September 1 – University of Southern Queensland Ipswich open day at the Ipswich campus from 10 pm – 1 pm on Saturday 1 September 2018. Register your attendance at the [USQ open day website](#) to go in the draw to win a \$1000 gift card.

September 7 – University of Southern Queensland Springfield open day at the Springfield campus from 3 pm – 7 pm on Friday 7 September 2018. Register your attendance at the [USQ open day website](#) to go in the draw to win a \$1000 gift card.

Private Provider Updates

HTMi Australia – Swiss Hospitality now in Brisbane!

HTMi offers students the opportunity to study the HTMi Diploma in International Hotel and Tourism Management, a two year Diploma that delivers all the required units of study from HTMi Switzerland's Diploma in International Hotel and Tourism Management.

Two internships are integrated into the course, and are designed to assist students in getting practical hands on experience in the hospitality industry. This unique offering is supported by AccorHotels and will provide exclusive opportunities for students to prepare for exciting careers in the rapidly growing global hospitality industry. For further information visit the website; <http://htmiaustralia.edu.au/>.

JMC: September/October high school workshops at JMC Academy

Interested in a creative career? JMC Academy is holding six Introductory Workshops over the September/October school holidays to give high school students in years 9 - 12 an opportunity to test drive several creative areas.

The six workshops will be held between Tuesday 2 October 2018 and 5 October 2018 at JMC Academy Brisbane, 75 Grey Street, South Brisbane QLD 4101. The cost for each workshop is \$50. The workshops offered are:

- Film & TV Production Workshop – an introduction to Film & TV studio recording processes
- Discover Visual Communication Workshop – covers the fundamentals of visual communication
- Recording Studio Workshop – an introduction to the recording techniques of large-format studios
- Character Design Workshop – an introduction to the workflows for designing game characters
- Perform, Record and Creative Music Workshop – you'll join a band and progress from stage to lab
- Entertainment Management Workshop – an introduction to Entertainment Business Management as a career

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

JMI: Auditions open for 2019 courses at the Jazz Music Institute

JMI offers a B Music in Jazz Performance and Certificates III and IV in Music Industry (Performance). Auditions are available by application between 1 July 2018 – 31 January 2019. To learn more about JMI, its courses and how to apply for an audition, visit the [How to Apply page](#) and click on the 'Application for Audition Form'.

QATC: 2019 courses at the Queensland Agricultural Training Colleges

2019 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](#) and use the Course Finder to narrow your options and to find the area you wish to study.

QSFT: Queensland School of Film and Television school holiday bootcamps

QSFT is offering the following bootcamps at its Annerley campus during the coming September/October school holidays:

- Acting Bootcamp (for years 7-8) – 26 and 27 September 2018
- Junior Filmmaker Bootcamp (for years 9 – 12) – 28 September 2018

You can browse the bootcamps and pre-register your interest [here](#) by clicking on the red 'CLICK HERE' link. For more information, contact the school on telephone 3392 7788 or email info@qsft.qld.edu.au.

THINK: 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 of 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 at the Brisbane campus, starting at 6 pm on Tuesday 4 September 2018. Visit the [event website](#) for details and to register.



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 2018. 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 2018. 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.

Growing Leaders – Ensuring you have a positive mood

Tim Elmore suggests that successful and happy living and effective and leadership requires the ability to maintain a predictable mood. This in turn allows the team to approach you more often, and when it is most crucial. Elmore sets out five steps to foster a good mood:

1. Practice self-awareness
2. Speak words of self-affirmation before you see people
3. Ask yourself who you are now and who you want to be
4. Ask yourself who and what you are grateful for
5. Identify a good target to work towards during the day

Read more about Elmore's steps to a positive mood [here](#).



Courses at TAFE Queensland

You can study at TAFE through several modes including:

- School-based
- Classroom based: Certificates, diplomas, associate/degrees
- Apprenticeship
- Traineeship

Currently popular courses are Nursing, Business and Information Technology. New courses are Cyber Security, Database and Mental Health. Visit their [website](#) to find out more about what courses are offered through TAFE Queensland.

TAFE At School Programs in 2019

If you're a year 10, 11 or 12 student you may be able to complete a TAFE Queensland qualification while you're still at school. Choose from a variety of certificate I to certificate III courses from a range of study areas ranging from hospitality to horticulture, early childhood education to engineering, and everything in between. Benefits of TAFE at School are:

- Fits around your high school studies
- Direct entry to a TAFE Queensland course
- University pathways

[Click here](#) for more information and to download a TAFE At School brochure

To make an application:

1. Please have your Students USI and LUI numbers available. (USI numbers can be obtained at www.usi.gov.au / LUI numbers are provided by Schools)
2. Go to www.tafeapply.com
3. Enter the code: **TQB1901**
4. Complete the details on the application form and press submit

You must have your USI and LUI numbers when applying, delivery days are subject to change and some courses have prerequisites.



ACU: Adjustment Factor schemes at the Australian Catholic University

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

- **Subject Scheme** – under this scheme, applicants are given adjustment factors depending on their results in Year 12 subjects relevant to the course they are applying for. These adjustment factors are allocated automatically when applying through QTAC. No separate application is required.
- **Access ACU** – under the Schools Relationships, Campus and Regional Schools schemes, applicants may receive up to five adjustment factors automatically through QTAC depending on their geographic location or school relationship with ACU. No separate application is required.
- **Educational Access Scheme** – This is a QTAC scheme, which allocates adjustment factors based on educational disadvantage from financial hardship, home environment and responsibilities, personal illness and disability, education disruption and English language difficulties. Applicants apply for this scheme separately as part of their QTAC application.
- **Elite Athlete and Performer Program** – under this scheme, applicants who have demonstrated an elite level of sporting achievement can receive up to five adjustment factors. Applicants apply directly to ACU for this scheme.

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

Elite Athlete Schemes through universities

If you play sport at a Start, National or International level you may be eligible to apply to institutions' elite athlete and performance admissions schemes. For information about performer schemes contact the institutions directly. The following institutions have specific programs for elite athletes and/or other study assistance schemes. Click on an institution for more information.

- [ACU](#)
- [CQU](#)
- [QUT](#)
- [UNE](#)
- [USC](#)
- [USQ](#)
- [UQ](#)

GU: Applications for the Queensland Conservatorium

The closing date for audition and application to the Queensland Conservatorium, to commence study in 2019, has now been extended to **Friday 7 September**. Auditions will be held in early October and study will commence in late February, 2019.

Domestic students apply for audition and admission via [Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre \(QTAC\)](#) and will need to pay their audition fee/s through [GriffithPAY](#). All applications and audition fees must be finalised and submitted by 7 September 2018. Further information on the audition requirements, including fees, or if any international students are looking to apply, details can be found on the [Conservatorium Auditions webpage](#) or by contacting the Queensland Conservatorium at QCGU.programsupport@griffith.edu.au.

GU: Bachelor of Computer Science at Griffith University

This course will be at the Gold Coast campus in 2019. 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](#).

GU: Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) major in civil and architectural engineering

At Griffith University this major will combine civil and structural engineering with the creative design and environmental sustainability aspects of architecture. It is offered at the Gold Coast campus. See the Griffith [website](#) for details.

GU: New degrees for 2019 at Griffith University

From 2019 Griffith University will be offering new bachelor degrees in intelligent technologies, creative industries, communication and journalism, clinical exercise physiology and construction management. The new degrees include:

- [B Creative Industries](#) – Gold Coast campus
- [B Intelligent Digital Technologies](#) – Gold Coast and Nathan campus
- [B Clinical Exercise Physiology](#) – Gold Coast campus
- [B Communication and Journalism](#) – Gold Coast and Nathan campus
- [B Construction Management \(Hons\)](#) – Gold Coast Campus
- [B Engineering \(Hons\) – New major: Mechanical Engineering](#) – Nathan campus

There are also new industry-related double degrees spanning across commerce, data science, arts, psychological science, information technology, environmental science and data science. Read more about the new double degrees [here](#).

GU: New STEM double degrees at Griffith University

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](#) (Gold Coast)
- [B Engineering \(Hons\) \(Mechanical major\)/B Industrial Design](#) (Gold Coast)

GU: On-campus accommodation at Griffith University

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, support and an online tour.

QUT: Accommodation assistance

QUT's accommodation service provides students with information and advice on finding and securing accommodation. We also provide assistance if you have any problems arising from your accommodation. There are different types of accommodation for students in Brisbane and identifying which is best suited for you is a very important step. To find out more, visit the QUT [accommodation website](#).

QUT: Check out QUR on the school holidays

Students can take a tour of QUT campuses, hear from current students and attend a seminar about getting into QUT at [Get Ready for QUT](#) on Thursday 27 and Friday 28 September.

QUT: Consider scholarships

Scholarships mean less time working, more time for study, and more time to take advantage of exciting opportunities while at Uni. Many scholarships also have benefits such as access to industry events, networking or leadership programs. There are scholarships for a wide range of circumstances. [Explore the full range of QUT scholarships](#).

QUT: Elite Athlete admission process through QTAC

Applicants 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. QUT will inform successful elite athlete applicants on their adjustment factor 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.

QUT: Important information for Year 12 International Students wanting to go to QUT

International students currently studying Year 11 and 12 in Australia are invited to QUT's Gardens Point campus on Monday 22 October for a fun day exploring the campus and their study options. This is a scheduled pupil-free day. Register at www.qut.edu.au/events/high-school-day

From 2019, all international students completing Year 12 in Australia (except for B Education) will be subject to QUT's assumed knowledge scheme. This means that these students will not have had to study specific subjects at school to gain entry to undergraduate courses. However English language proficiency is still required. Read more [here](#).

QUT: Important reminder regarding audition and portfolio entry requirements

The due date to register for auditions and submit portfolios for Creative Industries courses that have additional entry requirements is 5pm Friday 14 September 2018. This is the last date to register for relevant auditions and portfolios for:

- Bachelor of Fine Arts (Music major)
- Bachelor of Fine Arts (Dance or Music or Visual Arts major) / B Education (Secondary) dual degree
- Bachelor of Fine Arts (Visual Arts major) / B Business dual degree
- Bachelor of Design (Fashion) / B Business dual degree
- Bachelor of Design (Fashion or Fashion-International majors)
- Bachelor of Design (Fashion)
- Bachelor of Education (Secondary)/Bachelor of Fine Arts (Dance)
- Bachelor of Education (Secondary)/Bachelor of Fine Arts (Music)

Applications for auditions for the single degree B Fine Arts (Acting or Dance or Dance Performance or Visual Arts majors) close 7 December 2018. Visit the [Additional entry requirements webpage](#) to access more information and to register.

Upcoming Events:

14/09/2018

[Due date to register for auditions and submit portfolios for Creative Industries courses that have additional entry requirements.](#)

Study a uni subject while you're at school

[START QUT](#) is a university experience program for high-achieving high school students,. QUT are currently accepting applications for 2019 from students in Year 11. START QUT students can complete up to two QUT units (subjects) during Year 12. To apply or find out more about the units offered visit the [START QUT website](#).

UNE: University of New England's (UNE) Early Entry Program – A reminder

UNE 2019 Early Entry applications will close on Friday 28 September 2018. 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

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receive an offer directly from UNE in early November. Visit the [Early Entry website](#) for details of the application process.

Upcoming Events:

28/09/2018

[University of New England's \(UNE\) Early Entry Program applications close](#)

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, a minimum of 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](#).

UQ: 2019 Scholarships Guide

UQ offers three core types of scholarships: Academic, Equity and Sporting. These can make the UQ experience more enriching and lighten the load of certain aspects of university life. Future students are encouraged to explore the huge range of scholarships available by looking through the 2019 Scholarships Guide available [here](#).

UQ: Adjustment Factors for regional and remote students applying for UQ Health courses

These students may be eligible for an additional two adjustment factors 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 Laws \(Honours\)](#) (including all dual programs)
- [B Midwifery](#)
- [B Nursing](#)
- [B Nursing / B Midwifery](#)
- [B Occupational Therapy \(Honours\)](#)
- [B Pharmacy \(Honours\)](#)
- [B Physiotherapy \(Honours\)](#)
- [B Psychological Science \(Honours\)](#)
- [B Social Work \(Honours\)](#)
- [B Speech Pathology \(Honours\)](#)
- [B Veterinary Science \(Honours\)](#)

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

UQ: Anthropology Day

The Anthropology Museum at UQ is hosting a free event on Thursday 13 September 2018 for students to gain hands-on experience with what it is like to study anthropology at university. Students will also hear from UQ anthropologists and why it matters. Register your attendance [here](#).

UQ: 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 for 2019 opened on 6 August 2018 and close 31 October 2018. Visit the ESP [website](#) for details and to download the 2019 brochure.

Upcoming Events:

31/10/2018

[UQ Enhanced Studies Program \(ESP\) Semester 1 2019 applications close](#)

UQ: Bachelor of Advanced Business (Honours)

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](#).

UQ: Campus tours for the Gatton campus

Students interested in studying at UQ's Gatton campus and school groups with a general interest in the rural programs can partake in a tour suited to their particular interest. These tours could focus on Agribusiness, Equine Science, Horticulture and Agronomy, Production Animals, Veterinary Science and Wildlife Science. Read more and book a tour [here](#).

UQ: Chinese Writing Contest

The annual Chinese Writing Contest at UQ is open to all Queensland schools that teach Chinese language. Between Monday 8 October and Friday 19 October 2018, the competition will judge all native and non-native speakers. To enter your school and receive test papers click [here](#).

UQ: SPARQ-ed Research Immersion Program

Students Performing Advanced Research (SPAR) immersions are open to Year 10 - 12 students and teachers throughout Queensland. These immersion programs offer participants the chance to undertake a scientific project devised in collaboration with a world-renowned research group. Students can complete an additional assessment piece which earns them a bonus adjustment factors to UQ. The next program will be held from Monday 17 – Friday 21 September 2018. Visit the [website](#) for details and to apply.

UQ: Study overseas with a European Engineering double degree

This international dual degree is the first of its kind in Australia that invites high-performing Engineering students to spend at least three semesters of their degree studying with a premier university in Germany, France or Sweden. Upon completion, students will receive formal degrees from both UQ (B Engineering (Hons)) and their host European university (Masters in Engineering). Read more about the program [here](#).

USC: Access USC Adjustment Schemes

Under this scheme, applicants to USC undergraduate courses can be awarded up to six adjustment factors across the following programs:

- [QTAC's Educational Access Scheme](#) – up to 3 x OP points; or 6 x adjustment factors
- Elite Athlete Adjustment – up to 3 x OP points; or 6 x adjustment factors
- [Regional Preference Adjustment](#) – up to 1 x OP point; or 2 x adjustment factors
- Disadvantaged School Adjustment – up to 1 x OP point; or 2 x adjustment factors
- Participating in the [Smith Family Learning for Life program](#) – up to 1 x OP point; or 2 x adjustment factors
- Year 12 Subject adjustment factors for Maths C and LOTE – up to 1 x OP point; or 2 x adjustment factors

Visit the [website](#) for further details of USC's regional preference scheme.

USC: Headstartprogram

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 for a USC degree when you come to university full-time. Visit the [Headstart program webpage](#) for details.

USQ: Pathway programs at the University of Southern Queensland

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

- **Tertiary Preparation Program (TPP)** is a free program that develops the writing, computing and general study skills you need for further study.
- **Accelerated Entry Pathway Program (AEPP)** 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.
- **Associate degrees** provide students with an introduction to university study before undertaking a bachelor degree program. They are available in Business and Commerce, Construction, Engineering, Indigenous Community Development, Science, Social Studies and Spatial Science.
- **Diplomas and Certificates** are another way to start your studies. Diplomas take one year (full-time) while certificates take a half-year (full-time). There is a Certificate in University Studies and Diplomas in Human Services and Development, Science, and University Studies.
- **English language preparatory programs** are free and ideal for applicants from non-English speaking backgrounds
- **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.

USQ: Sport and Exercise clinic opens

USQ's Ipswich campus has recently opened a new Sport and Exercise Clinic offering health services for children, adolescents and adults of all ages. USQ Sport and Exercise students will be able to use this clinic to develop and extend their skills while giving back to the community. Read more [here](#).

USQ: Supporting VET pathways to University

After the introduction of ATARs in 2021, USQ will continue to accept VET qualifications to assess school applicants for entry to USQ. Read more on USQ's [website](#).