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### **Career options in the Construction and Property Services Industry**

The [Construct My Career website](#) has information on the jobs available in the construction and property services industries. The information on the website includes [videos](#), [information sheets](#) and [quizzes](#) - all of which will introduce you to the jobs available in this industry. The site also includes a questionnaire - [My Career Match](#) - which comes up with industry job ideas based on your responses to the questions it asks you. Explore the website yourself to get a feel for this growing industry.

### **Job Search Sites**

The Australian Apprenticeships Pathways (AAP) website has a comprehensive list (with links) to general and specific job search websites that may also relate to apprenticeships and traineeships. Visit the [AAP website](#) to access the sites.

# AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

## Upcoming Australian Defence Force (ADF) events

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

### **Upcoming Events:**

24/10/2018	<a href="#">Pilot and Aviation Careers Information Session</a> <i>Cairns</i>
23/10/2018	<a href="#">Trade Careers Information Session</a> <i>Maryborough</i>
23/10/2018	<a href="#">Defence Careers Information Session</a> <i>Brisbane</i>
24/10/2018	<a href="#">Pilot &amp; Aviation Careers Information Session</a> <i>Townsville</i>
24/10/2018	<a href="#">ADAF Future Leaders Networking Evening</a> <i>Toowoomba</i>
24/10/2018	<a href="#">Trade Careers Information Session</a> <i>Gympie</i>
25/10/2018	<a href="#">Lady Tradie Evening</a> <i>Maroochydore</i>
27/10/2018	<a href="#">Trades Racing Simulator Day</a> <i>Robina</i>
29/10/2018	<a href="#">Aviation Careers Information Session</a> <i>Brisbane</i>
30/10/2018	<a href="#">Defence Careers Information Session</a> <i>Toowoomba</i>
30/10/2018	<a href="#">Pilot and Aviation Careers Information Session</a> <i>Robina</i>
30/10/2018	<a href="#">Defence Careers Information Session</a> <i>Maroochydore</i>
03/11/2018	<a href="#">HMAS Moreton Navy Careers</a> <i>Bulimba</i>



### **Career decision making tools from QUT**

Not sure of what courses to include in your QTAC application? QUT have two career tools you can use to help confirm your choices, prepare for life at university and your future career. Try out the [Match My Skills](#) and [Kickstart Your Career](#) resources now by clicking the links.

### **Resources for jobs exploration**

The next best thing to talking to people already in the jobs we are interested in is to watch videos about the jobs. Visit the [myfuture YouTube channel](#) for videos on a broad range of occupations.

### **Still working out what to do?**

You are not alone. Many people, despite hours spent on career exploration activities, find it difficult to identify one specific job they would like to do in the future. Part of the problem is that we seem to think that there must be an ideal job out there for us. [Emilie Wapnick in her TED presentation](#) talks about 'multipotentialites' - people who have a range of interests and jobs over their lifetime. Perhaps you are one of these people. If so, your best strategy may be to forget about a lifelong ideal job (which is a smart move given the current world of work!) and concentrate on choosing your 'first step' occupation.

### **The Footnotes website**

The [Footnotes website](#) presents career information using the format of an online magazine. The articles are designed to appeal to young people. It also has a quiz which develops your profile based on the stories, careers and courses that appeal to you. It will give you some direction with your career exploration. Just a word of caution: Some of the information may not be relevant to Queensland students.

### **The STARportal**

The [STARportal](#) is the Australian Government's centralised national portal for STEM activities around Australia. The searchable database allows you to locate STEM activities in your locality and online. The portal provides new ways to connect with STEM fields and includes links to many other STEM resources.



## **What is your passion?**

We are continually told when exploring careers to follow our passion. If we do this everything will fall in place, right? Can't pinpoint your passion? Are you a failure? [Terri Trespicio in her TEDx talk](#) questions the validity of basing career decisions on passion. She states that passion is not a plan, it is a feeling. It is what you feel when all your attention and energy is focused on what is right in front of you. You don't follow your passion; your passion follows you. According to Trespicio, if you are so busy looking for your passion, you could miss out on the opportunities around you. She suggests to stop stressing about finding our passion and just start doing.

# Competitions

## **Under the Radar – a competition for young filmmakers**

Under the Radar is a competition dedicated to showcasing the work of young filmmakers at an internationally recognised film festival. The competition is run in its own category ('Youth Short Film Competition') within the St Kilda Film Festival that will be held in May 2019. Applications for submissions into the 2019 festival will open in November 2018. Visit the [website](#) for more details and to keep up with updates.

# Disabilities

## **Australian Government: Disability Employment Services**

The Australian Government's Disability Employment Services (DES) can help you find and keep a job if you have a disability. DES providers can help you gain the job-ready and job-seeking skills you may need. If necessary, they can also provide support once you are in a job. Visit the [DES website](#) for more information about this service.

## **Disability services at tertiary institutions**

Tertiary institutions have services and facilities to assist students with a disability. The level of assistance provided is assessed by the disability personnel at the institution. The [QTAC website](#) has a list of institution disability service contacts. It is recommended that you approach the relevant service prior to starting your course at that institution.

## **QTAC: Have you applied for EAS?**

Students with a disability are strongly encouraged to apply for the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) when applying for tertiary courses through QTAC. The benefit of this scheme is that you may be eligible to receive Adjustment Factors (bonus points) that may improve your chance of receiving a course offer. It is not too late to apply for EAS if you have not already done so. Visit the [Educational Access Scheme](#) page on the QTAC website to download the relevant cover sheet (or sheets). Comply with all the requirements on the cover sheet and upload your documents to your QTAC application (by going to 'Outstanding Documents'). If the document you need to provide isn't listed in 'Outstanding Documents', you can post your documents to QTAC. The final date to submit your EAS application for the offer-round on 25 January 2019 is 14 December 2018. See the [Key dates and fees page](#) for due dates for other offer rounds. QTAC recommends that current Year 12 students submit their application by the end of October, so additional information can be accessed from your school if necessary.

# Employment

## **Job Search Sites**

The Australian Apprenticeships Pathways (AAP) website has a comprehensive list (with links) to general and specific job search websites that may also relate to apprenticeships and traineeships. Visit the [AAP website](#) to access the full list of job search sites available in Australia.

## **Prepare for your job interview?**

It is wise to prepare for a job interview whether the interview is for a cadetship with a large corporation, an apprenticeship with a local builder or a checkout job at a supermarket. Your preparation should include thinking up job interview questions and how you might answer them. A good resource to help you with this can be found on the [Career FAQs website](#).

## **Sample Resumes and Cover Letters**

The [Career FAQs](#) website has sample resumes and cover letters for many occupations, including for people with no work experience. Check the website out for a template that suits your level of experience.

## **SRJ Walker Wayland Cadetship Program**

SRJ Walker Wayland is a Queensland based accounting, audit and advisory firm with offices in Brendale, Brisbane, Caboolture and Sunshine Coast. The firm is now accepting applications for its 2019 cadetship program. A cadetship incorporates study with paid work experience. The SRJ Walker Wayland Cadetship Program is open to Year 12 students and first-year university students who have or are planning to apply for an accounting, business or dual degree including one of these majors. You can download the Cadetship Guidelines Form and the Cadetship Application Form from the [website](#). Applications are now open and can be submitted by emailing it to [andrea.roberts@srjww.com.au](mailto:andrea.roberts@srjww.com.au)

## **Things you can learn from a Christmas casual job**

An [article](#) on the Griffith University Careers Service website looks at how joining the work force over the Christmas period can teach you many valuable things about yourself, and can help you prepare for your future career. The following are summaries of four of the 10 learnings listed:

**Smiling under stress** – Christmas can be an extremely stressful time, especially for retail workers. Dealing with impatient customers and demanding floor managers all day can make you want to lose it. All jobs are stressful and learning to deal politely with people under pressure is a skill that will serve you well when encountering difficult clients in future roles.

**Coping with rejection** – Christmas casual jobs are very competitive. This can be a good opportunity to learn how to deal with feelings of rejection and reflect on how you can improve next time you go for an interview or submit your resume.

**Showing up for work even when you don't want to** - It's hard to have to work when everyone else is enjoying the Christmas season. Likewise, when you work full time later in the future, there will be times where you will wake up on a beautiful morning and the last thing you want to do is head off to work. It's better to learn to push through earlier rather than later.

**Asking for help** - Christmas shoppers are crazy and sometimes you won't be able to deal with their incessant requests all by yourself. At times, it can be difficult to ask for help as it can feel like you are bothering people or that you can't do the job. Learning to step out of your comfort zone and ask for a hand is an important step for growth in any role.

### **Why jobs of the future won't feel like work**

We've all heard that robots are going to take our jobs, but what can we do about it? In this [TED talk](#), innovation expert David Lee says that we should start designing jobs that unlock our hidden talents and passions (the things we spend our weekends doing) to keep us relevant in the age of robotics. He suggests that we identify the problems we want to solve and the talents we want to bring to work. Lee says, "When you invite people to be more, they can amaze us with how much more they can be."

# Financial Assistance & Scholarships



## **ACU: Selected Australian Catholic University Scholarships**

Visit the [ACU Scholarships and Bursaries](#) site for information about all the scholarship available at ACU. Applications for the scholarships described below are now open. Note the application processes and the application due dates:

- **ACU Equity Scholarships** - These scholarships are intended to financially assist students from low socio-economic backgrounds and are a one-off payment of \$2,000. Applications close on 19 December 2018.
- **Andrew Aitken Memorial Nursing Scholarship** – This scholarship is awarded to an eligible student in the first year of their nursing course at ACU’s Brisbane campus. One scholarship, valued at \$3,000, is awarded each year. Applications for the next round close on 11 March 2019.
- **Catherine McAuley Scholarship** – Students in their first year of undergraduate studies (except for the B Theology) at the Brisbane campus can apply for this scholarship. One scholarship valued at \$10,000 (2,500 per annum up to four years) is available each year. Applications close on 11 March 2019.
- **Co-op Scholarship** – This scholarship has been established to assist high achieving students with financial costs associated with attending university. One scholarship valued at \$4,000 (paid in one lump sum) is made available each year. The scholarship is open to undergraduate students in their first year of the course. Applications close on 11 March 2019.

## **Australian Government: Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships**

The Federal Government is providing up to 1200 of these scholarships in total to students from a regional or remote area intending to complete STEM tertiary education/studies. The scholarship is worth up to \$18,000 in study assistance. Click the PDF file on this [website](#) for more details of the scholarship. QTAC manages the administration of the scholarship, so applications need to be made through [QTAC](#). Applications for 2019 opened on 28 September 2018 and will close 14 December 2018.

## **CAS Hawker Scholarships**

The Charles Allan Seymour Hawker Scholarship commemorates the achievements of one of Australia’s most respected statesmen. Selection for this scholarship is based on personal qualities, demonstrated leadership as well as academic ability. A full C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship is valued at up to \$60,000 over 3 years and normally covers all college fees and university HECS fees. Successful applicants can choose to study at one of the following institutions:

- [Australian National University](#) – Burgmann College (ACT)

- [Flinders University of South Australia](#) – St Marks College (SA)
- [University of Adelaide](#) – St Mark’s College & Roseworthy Campus (SA)
- [University of New England](#) – Robb College (NSW)
- [University of South Australia](#) – St Mark’s College (SA)
- [Marcus Oldham College](#) (VIC)
- [University of Cambridge](#) – Trinity College (UK)

Applications for the 2019 [C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships](#) open on 3 December 2018 and will close on 4 January 2019.

### **CQU: Scholarships for 2019**

Future students of CQU are encouraged to apply for the wide variety of scholarships on offer from CQU. Some scholarships reward early engagement with CQU. For example, students that learnt about the transformative opportunities of higher education in the CQUni Connect or BROLGA Program in 2018 can apply for the [Vice-Chancellor’s CQUni Connect Scholarship](#) valued at \$2,000. Alternatively, students who successfully completed prior study at CQU through the SUN Program can apply for the [Vice-Chancellor’s Sun Pathway Scholarship](#), also valued at \$2,000. Applications for these scholarships close 11 January 2019.

### **GU: General scholarship information**

Griffith and its partners provide more than \$40 million annually, to support students as they complete their degrees. Over 600 scholarships are available to new and continuing students whose success at University would benefit from direct financial support. Scholarship closing dates vary so check on the [website](#) for individual scholarship closing dates.

### **GU: Scholarships for International Students**

High-achieving international students completing Year 12 in Australia and applying to Griffith will automatically be considered for a 25% reduction in tuition fees for the duration of their program. Read more about the [International Student Excellence Scholarship](#).

### **GU: Scholarships from the Business School**

Business students are invited to apply for the suite of prizes, awards and scholarships on offer to assist them with their business studies. For high achieving school leavers, the [Pro Vice Chancellor \(Business\) Academic Excellence Scholarship](#) offers full-time Griffith business students up to \$20,000 for a 4-year double degree. To read more about the Griffith Business School scholarships, search ‘Business and Government’ on the [scholarship webpage](#).

## **How to handle your finances when you first start making money**

This [article](#) from the Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) website talks about the importance of having financial management skills, including a knowledge of superannuation, tax, and interest. The author offers the following tips based on her learnings from the mistakes she made when she first started work.

- Know exactly what you're signing up for – research is the key. Visit the [Money Smart website](#), for a comprehensive guide on everything you need to know about banking, budgeting, saving and investment.
- Cover what you need, save for what you want. Avoid the lure of 'have now, pay later' options.
- Save, save, and save some more. It's worth having two bank accounts, one for big things you are saving for (car?) and another for emergencies (the washing machine breaks down).
- Superannuation is so important. You want the future-you to be thanking the current-you for being a sustainable planner.
- Don't ever add 'backup funds' (e.g. planning to borrow from Mum, Dad, or someone else if you run out of money) to your budget. Shut those opportunity doors. They aren't secure financial pathways, and chances are you'll burn those relationships out a lot quicker than you can spend someone else's money.
- Take your time to find out what works for you.

## **Queensland Government: Fee-free vocational training for Year 12 graduates**

This Queensland Government program supports Queensland Year 12 graduates in transitioning to employment by providing fee-free training for Certificate III qualifications in high priority vocational areas. Find out more on the [Queensland Government Training website](#).

## **QUT: Scholarship Reminders**

Remember that QUT's [Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships](#) applications will close on 16 November 2018. Each scholarship is worth \$30,000 paid over the duration of your degree.

### **Upcoming Events:**

16/11/2018

[QUT: Scholarship applications close](#)

## **QUT: Westpac Bicentennial Foundation Young Technologist Scholarship**

This scholarship is for high-achieving students with a passion to bring about change through cutting-edge technology. Young Technologist scholars also gain access to ongoing networking, learning and development opportunities through the national Westpac Scholars Alumni program. They also receive \$5,000 per year up to five years. Applications for this scholarship close on 16 November 2018. For details, visit the [QUT website](#).



## **UQ and St Leo's College: Music Achievement Scholarships**

The University of Queensland (UQ), in collaboration with St Leo's College (a residential college at UQ), awards these scholarships to support college residents who are enrolled or planning to enroll in music studies at UQ. The scholarship provides a \$6,000 reduction in annual fees to reside at St Leo's College. Applications close on 1 February 2019. Find out more on the [UQ Scholarship website](#).

## **UQ: Scholarships for 2019**

UQ invites future students of 2019 to apply for a wide range of scholarships that would assist in making the transition to university. Scholarships are categorized as either Academic and Equity, Sporting, Residential College or faculty-based. Offerings change frequently so view the [full list of opportunities here](#). Closing dates vary for each scholarship. The deadline for academic scholarships for 2019 are closing Friday 16 November 2018. These are open to both Year 12 and gap year students. Click [here](#) to read more about the scholarships and to apply.

### **Upcoming Events:**

16/11/2018

[UQ: Scholarships for 2019](#)

## **USC: Scholarships closing soon**

Scholarships and bursaries aren't just for high academic achievers or if you are struggling financially. They're also available for students demonstrating sporting achievement or community involvement such as volunteering, fund raising or taking on a leadership role. Visit the [Scholarship web page](#) to see what is available before applications for Semester One 2019 scholarships close on 30 November 2018.

### **Upcoming Events:**

30/11/2018

[USC: Scholarships closing day](#)

## **USQ: Scholarships closing soon**

USQ offers scholarship opportunities for students of all backgrounds and stages of their tertiary education. There is likely going to be a scholarship to fit your circumstances. The main round of scholarship applications will be closing on 26 October 2018. Click [here](#) for a full list of scholarships on offer at USQ.

### **Upcoming Events:**

26/10/2018

[USQ: Scholarships closes](#)



## Gap Year Program News

### **Spend your gap year as a volunteer**

Volunteering is a great way to:

- Explore a range of jobs (gain work experience)
- Help you make new friends and contacts (expand your network)
- Improve your social, relationship and communication skills
- Increase your confidence and boost your self-esteem
- Keep you healthy, physically and mentally
- Add to your resume
- Help you learn new skills
- Connect to your community
- Develop effective team skills
- Gain a sense of well-being and fulfilment.

Read the myfuture article '[Volunteering](#)' to understand the full range of benefits you receive through volunteering. For volunteering ideas you can explore the following websites:

- [Volunteering Queensland](#)
- [Go Volunteer](#)
- [Seek Volunteer](#)
- [The Good Universities Guide](#)
- [Volunteer with the Red Cross in Queensland.](#)



### **ACU: Nano Nagle Scholarship**

The specific goal of this scholarship is to encourage the development of leadership skills in emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders through a platform of professional preparation during their studies. It is awarded on merit to a student studying at the Brisbane campus of the Australian Catholic University. See the [website](#) for details. Applications close on 11 March 2019.

### **Chris Lewis Scholarship**

This scholarship has been developed by Curtin University to support an Indigenous Australian student who can demonstrate academic potential and their commitment to the Indigenous community. Visit the [Curtin University website](#) for details. Applications close on 16 November 2018.

### **Curtin: Scholarships for Indigenous Students at Curtin University**

This scholarship is to assist and encourage Indigenous students to undertake an undergraduate degree in science, communications, marketing or media and to consider ChemCentre as an employer. It is valued at \$30,000.00 over 3 years. Applications close on 16 November 2018. Visit the [Indigenous Scholarships Portal](#) for details.



### **A career in radiation oncology**

Radiation Oncology is the treatment of cancer using Radiation Therapy. There are three main careers within the field of radiation oncology: Radiation Oncologist, Radiation Therapist, and Radiation Oncology Medical Physicist. These three professional groups all work together to treat patients with cancer. Visit the [Your Choice, Save Lives website](#) to learn about the role of each of these professionals.

### **Careers in the Racing Industry**

The Australian thoroughbred racing and breeding industry offers a range of careers and employment opportunities. The [Racing Australia website](#) lists and explains over 20 of the jobs available. These include Stable Hand, Farrier, Steward, Race Caller, Barrier Attendant, Jockey and many more.

### **Careers with STEM**

Are you interested in computer science, coding, cyber security, or want to combine science with animal welfare? You can find out more about these job opportunities and more at [CAREERSwithSTEM.com.au](#). You can download the most recent [E-Mag](#) that is packed with lots of job information and personal stories from people who have made great choices in STEM.

### **Explore jobs in health care, construction and food service**

The [Right Choice website](#) has information on jobs and training in the health services (child care, aged care and allied health), construction (carpentry, plumbing and electrician) and food services (food and beverage, kitchen operations).

### **Have you considered nursing?**

Did you know that there are many areas that a nurse can specialise in? The [NurseInfo](#) website has information about how to become a nurse and areas of nursing practice. You may also find the following articles related to nursing of interest:

- [What type of nurse do you want to be? There are heaps of areas of specialization](#)
- [The difference between an enrolled nurse and a registered nurse](#)

## **Project manager – an occupation for all industries**

This occupation is known by several different titles including project administrator, program manager and contract administrator. The title can also be different in different industries e.g. Construction manager in the construction industry, Health administrator in the health industry, Production manager in the manufacturing industry.

Project managers are responsible for ensuring that projects are designed and completed on time and within budget. They work in both the public and private sectors across all industries. Visit the [Project Manager website](#) to view project management profiles.

There are different levels of training available for this occupation, from VET qualifications (e.g. Certificate in Project Management) to post graduate qualifications (Graduate Certificate in Project Management, Graduate Diploma in Project Management, Master of Project Management). A good foundation for postgraduate courses would be a degree in Business, Commerce, Economics, Engineering, Regional and Town Planning or Information Technology. Some degrees that provide project management skills are specific to an industry e.g. B Construction Management and B Hospitality Management.



# Miscellaneous

## **Schoolies website**

The Queensland Government has developed the [Schoolies website](#) to help Year 12 students stay safe during their celebrations in finishing secondary school. Parents and students can register on the site to stay up-to-date on everything schoolies. You will also find information for:

- [Schoolies and school leavers](#)
- [Parents and guardians](#)
- [Local community](#)
- [Accommodation providers](#)
- [Teachers](#)
- [Volunteers](#)
- [Media](#)

# Private Provider Updates

## **Academy of Design: Creative courses available**

The Academy of Design offers diploma and certificate courses in photography, film and TV graphics, fashion design, interior design and beauty. It has campuses in Brisbane and on the Gold Coast. Visit the [website](#) for further information. While you are there, click on the You Tube logo to view recent student work on the Lime Juice Studio channel.

## **AFTRS: Summer Intensives at the Australian Film, Television and Radio School**

AFTRS offers a diverse [Summer Intensives program](#) aimed at both beginners and those in the industry with an opportunity to boost their skill-sets. All courses will be held in Sydney. The courses can run from five-days to three-weeks:

- Advanced TV Presenting intensive (3 Dec 2018 – 7 Dec 2018)
- Digital Producer intensive (7 Jan 2019 – 11 Jan 2019)
- Feature Documentary intensive (29 Jan 2019 – 2 Feb 2019)
- Filmmaking intensive (26 Nov 2018 – 30 Nov 2018)
- Narrative Comedy intensive (26 Nov 2018 – 30 Nov 2018)
- Prop Making and Scenic Art intensive (11 Feb 2019 – 15 Feb 2019)
- Radio Studio intensive (14 Jan 2019 – 18 Jan 2019)
- Screenwriting intensive (14 Jan 2019 – 18 Jan 2019)
- TV & Radio Presenting intensive (7 Jan 2019 – 11 Jan 2019)
- Videomaking intensive (5 Nov 2018 – 9 Nov 2018)
- Writing for TV intensive (21 Jan 2019 – 25 Jan 2019)

A 10% discount applies if you book a course at least 28 days in advance. You can browse the specific courses of the Summer Intensives program from the [website](#).

## **Hospitality Institute of Australasia: Skills for the hospitality industry**

Looking for part-time or full-time work in the hospitality industry but lack the required skills? The [Hospitality Institute of Australasia](#) is offering industry-based online courses that include:

- Provide responsible service of alcohol (RSA)
- Provide responsible gambling services (RSG)
- Food safety training

### **IML-UQ: Study a foreign language during the holidays**

Students commencing Years 11 or 12 in 2019 can study enrichment language courses in German, Japanese, French, Chinese (Mandarin) and Spanish at the University of Queensland's Institute of Modern Languages (IML) Summer High School Program from 14 – 18 January 2019. These courses are suitable for students who wish to enrich their knowledge of the language and culture they are currently studying in high school, and to practice their language skills. For further information and to enrol, visit the [IML website](#).

### **QSFT: Workshop at the Queensland School of Film and Television**

[QSFT](#) invites interested students to their next 'Introduction to Directing' workshop to be held from 9 am – 1 pm on Saturday 27 October 2018 at the Annerley campus, 22 Warwick Street. Read more about the workshop [here](#).





### **Deadline for written statement and online assessment requirements for education courses**

Students applying for entry into tertiary education courses for 2019 must submit written statements through an online questionnaire to address suitability criteria for the course. These form part of their QTAC application. These statements must be submitted before the QTAC documentation due dates (see Key dates on the [QTAC website](#) or in your QTAC book on Page 20). You must have submitted your statements by 7 December 2018 for the 20 December 2018 and the 14 December 2018 for the 16 January 2019 offer rounds. Visit the [QTAC website](#) to view a Fact Sheet explaining what is required in the written statements.

### **Pathways to university study**

While an OP is still the most popular pathway to gaining entry to your preferred university course, it is not the only pathway available in Queensland. If you don't achieve your university course goal straight after Year 12, this is not the end of the road. There are many upgrading pathways available to you. Several tertiary institutions have web pages dedicated to the alternative pathways to tertiary studies.

- Australian Catholic University – [Pathways and Entry Schemes](#)
- Bond University – [Pathways to further study](#)
- CQUniversity – [English, Work and Study Preparation](#)
- Griffith University - [Pathways](#)
- James Cook University - [Pathways to University](#)
- Queensland University of Technology – [Helping you get into your course](#)
- TAFE Queensland – [University pathways](#)
- University of Queensland – [Pathways and Bridging](#)
- University of Southern Queensland – [Pathway Programs](#)
- University of the Sunshine Coast – [Uni Pathways and Preparation](#)

Also, check out the [Upgrading Pathways](#) page on the QTAC website. Note that some of the pathways are specific to the institution listing them. You should always check that the institution you want to go to accepts the pathway you are thinking of choosing.

### **QTAC Q & As**

**Q. I applied for the Financial category of the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) when I applied to QTAC. I put my Centrelink number on the application. Do I need to provide any additional information?**

**A.** QTAC will let you know if more information is required. Consequently, it is important to monitor your emails.

**Q.** **If I get an OP 1, will subject bonus ranks improve my chances of getting into a course?**

**A.** No. The rank schedule is on a 1 – 99 (highest) scale. When you receive bonus ranks, your OP is converted to a rank. OP 1 is comparable to rank 99. This is the top of the rank scale so further ranks CAN'T be added to it.

**Q.** **I didn't apply for the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) when I applied to QTAC. Can I still apply for EAS?**

**A.** Yes. Download the relevant cover sheet (or sheets) from the [EAS page](#) on the QTAC website. Complete all the requirements listed on the cover sheet. Attach supporting documents if required. You can upload, mail or deliver your completed EAS application to QTAC. Some cover sheets may require a school statement. QTAC would like Year 12 students to submit their EAS applications by the end of October.

**Q.** **I am totally confused about offer rounds. According to the 2019 Year 12 Guide, the offer-round for my courses is 25 January 2019. Now I hear that I could get an earlier offer.**

**A.** Institutions may give offers to eligible applicants (i.e. applicants who have met all the entry requirements). Visit the [Course Offer Dates](#) page on the QTAC website for dates when institutions might give offers. Offers will be made on all offer-round dates. It is essential that you monitor your emails as this is how QTAC will let you know you have an offer. This is critical as you must respond to an offer by the due date or your offer will lapse and you will not be considered for any other courses in future offer rounds.

**Q.** **I applied for a university course that requires an audition but didn't do the audition. Will I still be considered for entry to this course?**

**A.** You should contact the university. However, the answer will probably be 'No'.

**Q.** **My school gives out OP estimates and mine is currently 9 – 12. The Pathways (preferences 5 and 6) courses on my QTAC application have previous cut-offs of OP 11. Is this a good enough safety net?**

**A.** No. It is advisable to select Pathways courses (especially your 6<sup>th</sup> preference) that have been cutting off at least three or four OP points below your estimated OP to provide you with a good safety net.

**Q.** **Where can I get help with my QTAC application after I leave school?**

**A.** Your best source of help at this time of the year is [QTAC](#). First look at the 'How do I' questions on the QTAC homepage. If this doesn't help, ring (1300 467 822) or [email QTAC](#). Email is probably best, as the QTAC phone is very busy at this time of year and you need to be patient as you will be on a queue.



### **Dealing with exam stress**

For those who are starting to feel their exam stress is becoming a legitimate obstacle, ReachOut.com has set out a handy list of resources from their website that can help smoothen the period over:

- [Stress swaps](#) – Simple ways to swap the worst forms of procrastination for more productive forms of procrastination
- [Apps](#) – Five apps to help remove the stress factors through digital diaries, motivation, meditation and more.
- [Brain food](#) – Eating healthy can lead to healthy results. Read about the best brain food for the exam period.

For more stress-reducing tips, visit the ReachOut website as a productive form of procrastination. If you are not coping it is best to talk with your parents, Guidance Officer/School Counsellor or family doctor.

### **The end of year exam period is almost here! De-stress with Mental Stillness**

This is the time of the year when our stress levels soar. Unfortunately, stress not only affects mental and physical health but can also impact on exam performance. To help us manage our stress, Generation Next and Sydney University's Department of Psychiatry have developed a free, evidence based, easy-to-use app. The Mental Stillness App provides simple guided-meditation sequences on video that can be used on demand. It can be downloaded for [iPhones/iPads](#) and [Android devices](#).



### **Are you an Elite Athlete?**

If you compete at a State, National or International level in an approved Australian Institute of Sport sport, you may be eligible at your University of choice for their Elite Athlete Sporting program. Programs work with students and provide support services for students dealing with competing demands of sport and study. The following universities have Elite Athlete programs and you need to apply in order to be considered for entry into the program:

- [University of Southern Queensland](#)
- [The University of Queensland](#)
- [Griffith University](#)
- [Queensland University of Technology](#)
- [Australian Catholic University<sup>2</sup>](#)
- [Central Queensland University](#)
- [University of Sunshine Coast](#)
- [James Cook University](#)
- [Bond University](#)
- [Southern Cross University](#)

### **Bond: Alternative pathways through Bond University College**

[Bond University College](#) provides an alternative pathway to university through several two-semester University Preparation and Diploma programs.

### **Bond: Careers in Business, Hotel and Tourism Management, Actuarial Science and Commerce Experience Day**

Year 11 and 12 students, their teachers and parents are invited to this experience day to be held from 9 am – 3 pm on Wednesday 24 October 2018. This experience day will provide you with an opportunity to learn more about entrepreneurship, actuarial science, sport management, hotel and tourism management and big data. Register to attend [here](#).

### **Bond: New entry test for Medicine**

From 2018 onwards the Bond Medical Program has introduced an extra step in the selection process - a Psychometric test. Approximately 50% of applicants will be offered the opportunity to complete an online

psychometric test based on their academic achievement. This test will incur a fee to be paid by the applicant directly to the test provider. The results of this test will determine eligibility for being offered an interview.

Find out more [here](#). Applicants for the Bond Medical Program apply through QTAC between the opening date of 15 January 2019 and closing date of 31 January 2019.

### **Bond: Student experience for 13 years in a row**

Those considering a degree with Bond University will be joining a university with small class sizes, strong student and career support, industry connections and accelerated learning programs. The Good Universities Guide has released its latest results with Bond University receiving five stars in each of the six categories for student experience. Click [here](#) to read more about how Bond fared in the assessment and to see if it is right for you.

### **Bond: Student for a Semester**

This program provides an opportunity for Year 11 and 12 students living on the Gold Coast, Brisbane or Northern NSW to complete a university subject while still at school. Applications for the January 2019 semester open online on Friday 9 November 2018. For more information and to apply, visit the [website](#).

#### **Upcoming Events:**

09/11/2018

[Bond: Applications open for Student For a Semester January intake](#)

### **CHC: Final Open Night for 2018**

If you are interested in studying with CHC in 2019 or beyond, its final Open Night will be running from 5:30pm on Thursday 25 October 2018. Join CHC for a free meal while you meet their academic staff from each faculty (Business, Liberal Arts, Education, Ministries and Social Sciences), ask questions and explore the campus. Click [here](#) to register your attendance.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

25/10/2018

[CHC: Final Open Night for 2018](#)  
*Christian Heritage College*

### **CQU: Accommodation options for 2019**

CQU offers its students the opportunity to discover their independence and have a college experience. [Capricornia College](#) in Rockhampton and [Canefield College](#) are now accepting applications for Semester 1, 2019. Clicking [here](#) to read more about the on-campus accommodation options at CQU.

## **CQU: Drop-in session for changing preferences**

A lot can change between the time you lodge QTAC applications and receiving your final results. CQU is running a drop-in session to help future students make the right choices for their university studies. The drop-in session will from 9am – 1pm on Monday 17 December 2018 at the CQU Brisbane campus at 160 Ann Street, Brisbane. Click [here](#) to keep up to date with the final details of this drop-in event. If you cannot make the drop-in session CQU are also hosting online chat sessions over the following dates:

- Tuesday 27 November, 3 - 6 pm
- Saturday 15 December, 8 am - 1 pm.

Click [here](#) to register for one of these online chat sessions

## **CQU: Sonography at CQUniversity**

Medical Sonography is a diagnostic medical procedure that uses high frequency sound waves (ultrasound) to produce visual images of organs, tissues, or blood flow inside the body. This field of work is in-demand nationally. CQU offers a four-year [B Medical Sonography/Graduate Diploma of Medical Sonography](#) which leads to accreditation with the [Australasian Sonographer Accreditation Registry](#). In Queensland the course is offered at CQU's Brisbane and Mackay campuses. During the course, students study anatomy, physiology, health science and sonographic skills and undertake extensive clinical placements. You apply for this course through QTAC.

## **General: 2019 directory of performing arts courses now available**

Interested in performing arts courses? Access the [Stage Whispers Directory of Performing Arts Courses 2019](#) for a comprehensive list of performing arts courses in Australia and New Zealand.

## **GU: Admission pathways to your preferred degree at Griffith University**

Griffith Uni's admission pathway options can help you improve your selection rank, upgrade to your preferred Griffith undergraduate degree or satisfy subject prerequisites. They also have access schemes that can help you gain entry to Griffith.

Making the most of your preferences when you apply can also help provide an admission pathway to your preferred degree. [Click here](#) to find out more.

## **GU: B Construction Management (Hons)**

From 2019 Griffith will be offering the new 4-year Bachelor of Construction (Hons) at the Gold Coast campus. Graduates will be equipped with the principles, practices and ethics required to work on construction projects and in the business environment that the work operates in. Click [here](#) to learn more about this new course.

## **GU: Campus Tours**

Griffith University runs two free tours per week for each campus. Future students can take a look at the lecture theatres, teaching rooms and the state-of-the-art facilities on offer at Griffith.

- Tours of the Gold Coast campus run Mondays at 11am and Fridays at 1pm.
- Tours of the Nathan campus run Tuesdays at 11am and Fridays at 1pm.

Click [here](#) to book your free campus tour.

## **GU: GriffithBUSINESS Year 10 and 11 Ambassador Workshop**

Students in Years 10 and 11 who have an interest in business are invited to participate in the final workshop of the year for the GriffithBUSINESS School Outreach Program. This single-day business workshop will involve a lecture presentation followed by an interactive group activity. The workshop will run on consecutive days between Wednesday 24 October – Friday 26 October 2018 at the Gold Coast campus, Logan campus and finally the Nathan campus. Click [here](#) to read more and to book your spot.

## **GU: GUESTS programs – Griffith Film School summer intake and Trimester 1 2019 intakes**

Year 11 students who are OP eligible are invited to apply for one of Griffith Film School's short-term GUESTS courses that will provide an authentic introduction to Animation, Film and Screen Media Production. Choose from either [1108GFS Principles of Animation](#) or [1701GFS Introduction to Screen Production](#). Both courses commence on 3 December 2018. Applications for these courses will close 12 November 2018.

Also note that the application period for the GUESTS program in Trimester 1, 2019 will close 30 October 2018. Read more about the GUESTS program, and how to apply, [here](#).

### **Upcoming Events:**

30/10/2018	<a href="#">Griffith University's GUESTS program in Trimester 1, 2019 closes</a>
12/11/2018	<a href="#">Griffith University's GUESTS programs – Griffith Film School summer intake and Trimester 1 2019 intakes closes</a>

## **GU: How VET qualifications will be assessed from 2020**

Queensland will replace the OP system with the ATAR system from 2020. This means a different weighting to standalone VET qualifications. Griffith will still expect VET students to meet English pre-requisites and a minimum grade of C in Units 3 and 4 in one of English, Literature, English and Literature Extension or English as an Additional Language. Click on 'Moving from OP to ATAR' on the [website](#) for more details about the shift and what it could mean for you.

## **QUT: Accommodation options**

Students moving to Brisbane need to start thinking about accommodation well before they start university. [QUT's accommodation service](#) aims to make the move away from home as smooth as possible by providing advice on tenancy matters, information about student accommodation complexes and access to the accommodation vacancies database. Accommodation options include

- Residential complexes (no meals provided)
- Catered student residences (meals provided)
- Shared accommodation (no meals provided)
- Rental property (no meals provided)
- Homestay (meals provided)

### **QUT: CreateX 2018**

QUT Creative Industries is presenting CreateX: an immersive festival of performances, exhibitions, screenings and panel discussions. The festival will be held at the QUT Creative Industries Precinct at the Kelvin Grove campus between Tuesday 13 November and Saturday 17 November 2018. Click [here](#) for more details and to receive updates.

### **QUT: Deadline for written statement for education courses**

Students applying for entry in education courses at QUT (and other institutions) for 2019 must, as part of their QTAC application, complete an online questionnaire covering the student's suitability for the course. This will include writing statements. The questionnaire will be emailed to the student after they have submitted their initial QTAC application for a teaching course. Current Year 12 students who would like to be considered for an offer from QUT in the 17 December 2018 offer round should submit their statement and complete the questionnaire by 7 December 2018. Visit the [QTAC website](#) to view a Fact Sheet explaining what is required for the written statements and the online questionnaire.

### **QUT: Educational Access Scheme (EAS)**

If you have experienced circumstances that have made it difficult for you to achieve your full potential, make sure you apply for EAS on your QTAC application. One of QUT's Adjustment schemes is to offer EAS applicants up to six selection ranks (equivalent to three OP bands) for each EAS category (for a maximum of five OP bands or ten selection ranks if you're eligible across multiple categories). Successful applicants under the EAS 'financial hardship' category receive a guaranteed \$3,500.00 through a QUT Equity Scholarship once enrolled in Semester One 2019. Check the details about EAS on the QUT [website](#).

### **QUT: Explore student life**

With the end of school in sight, those with their sights set on university might like to explore what life at university is like, particularly campus life and where to get support while finding your feet. QUT's Student Life website sets how to make the most of your time at QUT. Click [here](#) to visit the website.



## **QUT: Real Decisions**

This event is held after you receive your Year 12 results but while there is still time to make changes to your QTAC preferences. It will be held on Tuesday 18 December 2018 at QUT. On the day, you can get advice from staff and students about gaining entry, QTAC preferences, courses and career outcomes. Visit the [Real Decisions web page](#) for details of the program.

### **Upcoming Events:**

18/12/2018

[QUT Real Decisions Event for Year 12 and their parents](#)

## **QUT: START QUT applications closing soon**

Year 11 students looking to study a university course at QUT in 2019 while completing Year 12 are invited to apply to the [START QUT program](#). It will provide you advanced standing (credit) when you start at QUT in 2019. Applications close 31 October 2018.

### **Upcoming Events:**

31/10/2018

[QUT: START QUT applications close](#)

## **QUT: What happens when you defer?**

If you've applied through QTAC and been offered a place in a QUT undergraduate course, you can defer your offer (usually for one year). This means that you begin your studies in the following year. You will receive an email from QUT several months before orientation and the start of classes to invite you to take up your deferred offer. If you have changed your mind about what you want to study, you can apply through QTAC again for a different course. For more information about deferring offers visit the QUT [Deferment](#) page.

## **Scholarship Season**

Please see the Financial Assistance and Scholarships section for important information about different Universities scholarship offerings and closing dates.

## **UQ: Concurrent diplomas**

A dilemma arises if you want to get into the B Engineering (or B Science or any other degree at UQ) but you also want to continue studying Japanese (or another language, or music). If you identify with this dilemma, read about the [concurrent diplomas offered at UQ](#). These diplomas (in Languages and Music Performance) can be studied alongside your degree studies. You apply for the diplomas directly to UQ (not QTAC) once you have received your offer of a place in a bachelor degrees.

## **UQ: Enhanced Studies Program closing soon**

High achieving Year 11 students who want to complete a university subject at UQ in Semester 1 of Year 12 are invited to apply for UQ's Enhanced Studies Program. Upon completion the student will receive one adjustment factor towards their university entrance rank. There are over 40 courses to choose from in 2019. Applications close Wednesday 31 October. Click [here](#) to learn more.

**Upcoming Events:**

31/10/2018

[UQ: Enhanced Studies Program closes](#)

### **UQ: Entrepreneurship program for schools**

UQ's Idea Hub is an incubator for startups in Queensland. It has launched the Discover Program for senior high school students with an entrepreneurial mindset. The program focuses on four key topics: Entrepreneurship Diversity, Business Acumen, Agile Thinking and Leadership Talent. The fees are partially subsidised by UQ and can take place on campus or in the students' school. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **UQ: Health Hub**

UQ's Health Hub includes a [blog](#) that will be of interest to students considering a course/career in health. The following are just some of the topics on the blog:

- My journey into Social Work
- My placement experience at the UQ Centre for Exercise and Healthy Brain Ageing
- What to expect in your first year of social work at UQ
- I landed my dream job in cardiac rehabilitation
- My placement experience in Mulakalapalli

You can sign up on the Health Blog to receive updates about the student experiences, opportunities, events and career information added to the blog.

### **UQ: PACE – Pharmacy Australia Centre for Excellence**

PACE is a leading pharmaceutical research, education and commercialization facility located adjacent to the Princess Alexandra Hospital. School students interested in studying pharmacy or medicine are invited to schedule a visit at the facility for a student-led tour and a hands-on experience with either a drug dispensing workshop or a drug compounding workshop. These tours and workshops are free and can be arranged by contacting the UQ School Liaison team at [school.liason@uq.edu.au](mailto:school.liason@uq.edu.au). You can also book a campus visit through the [website](#).

### **UQ: Prerequisite courses through UQ College**

UQ College is offering a short 4-week intensive program from 20 November 2018 – 15 December 2018 for applicants who need to complete a prerequisite subject in time for the QTAC January 2019 offer round. Prerequisites can be taken in Mathematics B, Biology and Chemistry. Results will be made available in time

for the January 2019 offer round. Applications close 9 November 2018. Click [here](#) for more information and to sign up.

**Upcoming Events:**

09/11/2018

[UQ: Prerequisite courses through UQ College applications close](#)

**UQ: Queensland Mathematics Summer School**

UQ will be hosting the QMSS for mathematically talented Year 10 students planning to study Maths B and Maths C in Year 11. The summer school will run over five days between Monday 21 – Friday 25 January 2019. Students will be exposed to new ways of thinking and aspects of both undergraduate and graduate-level topics. Registration closes 26 November 2018. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

**Upcoming Events:**

26/11/2018

[UQ: Queensland Mathematics Summer School applications close](#)

**UQ: School holiday campus tours**

The school holidays provide an ideal time for prospective students and parents to book a tour of the UQ campus at St. Lucia any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 10:00am. Click [here](#) to book a campus tour.

**UQ: The ConocoPhillips Science Experience**

Applications are open for the 2019 ConocoPhillips Science Experience. This three-day event will be held at UQ from 23 – 25 January 2019. Students in Years 9 and 10 in 2019 who have a passion for science are invited to apply. There will be workshops covering topics such as maths, physics, genetics, marine science, neuroscience, health and safety science, agriculture and nanotechnology. It is best to apply before 31 December 2018. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

**USC: Early Offer Guarantees**

This scheme allows eligible Year 12 students to receive an early guaranteed place at USC for 2019, rather than waiting for their Year 12 results. Participation in this scheme requires the school to formally register and assess student eligibility for an early offer. School registration applications are still open but need to be returned by Monday 22 October 2018. Late applications will not be accepted. Click [here](#) to read more about the program and how to get your school to sign up.

**USC: Headstart**

Headstart is a transition program for Year 11 and 12 students that allows them to study USC courses while still completing high school. Read about the benefits of this program on the [USC website](#). You can also

download the Headstart Guide 2019 from this site. Applications close on 31 October 2018 for Semester One 2019.

**Upcoming Events:**

31/10/2018

[USC Headstart 2019 Semester 1 applications close](#)

**USQ: Accelerated Entry Pathway Program (AEPP)**

AEPP is an intensive program offered for free during Semester 3 (starts on 3 December 2018). On completion, students can apply for a range of undergraduate programs at USQ. Applications for the 2018/2019 program closes Wednesday 28 November 2018. The [AEPP website](#) has more information.

**Upcoming Events:**

28/11/2018

[USQ: Accelerated Entry Pathway Program \(AEPP\) applications close](#)

**USQ: Apply now to study in Semester 3 of 2018**

Applications are open for students wishing to start at USQ in Semester 3 this year. Please note that applications for most courses in Semester 3 will close 5 November 2018. Complete your application either through QTAC or directly to USQ. Click [here](#) for more details.

**Upcoming Events:**

05/11/2018

[USQ: Apply now to study in Semester 3 of 2018 applications close](#)

**USQ: First in Family to Uni**

The [First in Family website](#) will help you if you are the first person in your family to go to university, They talk about the benefits and expectations of attending university.

**USQ: Parents' Guide to Uni**

It may be difficult for parents to understand how to relate to their child's new life. USQ have a seven-episode podcast for parents to keep them up to date with what their child will be generally experiencing. You'll hear from other parents, academics, career practitioners and students. Click [here](#) to listen.

**USQ: The High School page**

For high school students, USQ's [Social Hub](#) has a page just for you. The articles are short and written by students. You can find topics such as 'How to make the most of your gap year' and 'Top 5 misconceptions about life as a uni student'. You can also download a special edition of USQ's HeyU with articles about Year 12 and beyond. Take a break from study and have a relaxing read.