



FUTURES HUB

Newsletter

EDITION 49

08/08/2023 – 21/08/2023

RTO No: 41391

Table of Contents

Apprenticeships and Traineeships	Error! Bookmark not defined.
Interested in information about traineeships and apprenticeships?.....	7
My Skills website	7
Want an apprenticeship in 2024 - Begin your search now!	7
Australian Defence Force.....	Error! Bookmark not defined.
Australian Defence Force (ADF) Gap Year	8
Australian Defence Force (ADF) Work Experience	8
Australian Defence Force Updates	8
Career Exploration	Error! Bookmark not defined.
Alternative pathways to higher education	10
Casual and short-term work can build your employability skills.....	10
Explore Your Career.....	11
Explore careers by interest.....	11
How to choose the right university for you.....	11
Is a Vocational Education and Training (VET) pathway an option?	12
Making your dream career a reality	12
The High Five of career development revisited.....	12
myfuture - a great career exploration tool.....	12
Competitions.....	Error! Bookmark not defined.
myQCE student competition	14
Disabilities	Error! Bookmark not defined.
Employment support.....	15
Vision Australia Further Education Bursaries	15
Employment, Job and Labour Market Info	Error! Bookmark not defined.
ABS Labour Force Data - June 2023.....	16
Job related videos from UQ alumni.....	16

Jobs you might like if you enjoy Maths	17
The 5 skills employers want now (and how to show them)	17
The most in demand jobs on LinkedIn right now	17
What are the benefits of work experience?	18
What should you know when you start a job?	18
Financial Assistance and Scholarships	Error! Bookmark not defined.
Australian Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS) 2024 scholarships	19
Bond University scholarships.....	19
Creative Media Institute (SAE) scholarships.....	19
Griffith Uni's Scott Reid Memorial Scholarship	20
QUT Excellence Scholarships (Academic)	20
QUT's Women in Engineering Scholarship	20
Tertiary Access Payment - opportunities for regional students.....	20
The Andrew. N. Liveris Academy for Innovation and Leadership	21
Tips for applying for university scholarships	21
UQ Sporting Scholarships	22
University of Southern Queensland scholarships.....	22
First Nations People	Error! Bookmark not defined.
Aurora Education Foundation: Indigenous Scholarships.....	23
Indigenous employment with ANZ.....	23
Gap Year Program News	Error! Bookmark not defined.
Gap year options for 2023/2024	24
Open Days, Expos and Career Markets.....	Error! Bookmark not defined.
CQUniversity Virtual Open Day	25
Preparing for an open day	25
SAE Open Day	25
Private Provider Updates.....	Error! Bookmark not defined.

Griffith College.....	26
QTAC and Tertiary Entry	Error! Bookmark not defined.
2023/2024 key dates for Year 12 students	27
2024 QTAC admissions is now open.....	28
A reminder of 2023 fixed closing dates.....	28
ATAR FAQs	29
Applying for Educational Access Scheme (EAS).....	29
Make use of your 2024 Guide Year 12!	30
Ordering your preferences	30
QTAC’s 2024 online application is now open	31
Understanding Minimum selection thresholds when ordering course preferences	32
What is an ATAR and how to apply for your ATAR.....	32
You will need a Unique Student Identifier (USI).....	33
Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority.....	Error! Bookmark not defined.
What qualifications will I get at the end of Year 12?	34
Study Skills and Wellbeing	Error! Bookmark not defined.
Don't Quit - some words of encouragement.....	35
How to use social media more mindfully and productively	35
Leaders with Influence	35
YES YES YES - La Boite -A show about healthy and respectful relationships, consent and sex from a teenage perspective	36
TAFE Queensland Updates.....	Error! Bookmark not defined.
Support services for TAFE students.....	37
TAFE Queensland information for Indigenous people	37
Universities	Error! Bookmark not defined.
Adjustment factors applied automatically	38
Check your QTAC Guide course information online.....	38
Pathways to University - A smart way to a degree.....	38

Reasons why doing an internship at Uni is a good idea	39
Why do a double degree?	39
Australian Catholic University	39
ACU Revision Webinars	39
Adjustment factors.....	40
Want to teach English and History?	40
Why study human rights?	41
Bond University	41
Pathway programs into Bond.....	41
Griffith University	41
Diploma of Engineering has replaced Aptitude for Engineering Assessment.....	41
GriffithENG program	42
Guarantee Admission Scheme	42
Languages return to GUESTS!	42
The Big Day In, Gold Coast 2023	42
VET Guaranteed Admission Scheme	43
Year 12 Early Offer Guarantee	43
James Cook University.....	43
Important information for Dental Surgery, Medicine and Vet Science applicants for 2024 entry	43
Queensland University of Technology.....	44
Creative Industries entry requirements for Bachelor of Fine Arts (Acting)	44
QUT Advice Night	44
QUT College.....	44
Self-guided campus tours.....	45
Thinking of going to uni in 2024.....	45
Southern Cross University	45
Areas of study.....	45

The University of Queensland	45
Discontinuation of Bachelor of Equine Science Program.....	45
Doctor of Medicine Provisional Entry Sub-Quota Introduction	46
Pathways to medicine	46
Spring into Engineering Holiday Camp.....	46
Thinking of UQ.....	46
UQ Ready - Transition to University Event.....	46
Women in Engineering tour of the engineering precinct	47
University of Southern Queensland	47
Study at your own pace.....	47
University of the Sunshine Coast.....	47
Parent lounge	47
Upcoming Events	Error! Bookmark not defined.



Interested in information about traineeships and apprenticeships?

Funded by the Department of Education, Skills and Employment, the Australian Apprenticeships and Traineeships Information Service [AATIS](#), provides resources that will help you navigate your Australian apprenticeships options. The Australian Apprenticeships Pathways hub provides sample job and training descriptions, steps on how to find an apprenticeship, industry-based job pathways charts and practice literacy and numeracy quizzes. Check out their website.

My Skills website

[My Skills website](#) is the national directory of vocational education and training (VET) organisations and courses. It is an Australian Government initiative to enable you to search for and compare VET courses and training providers. On the site, you can search by using a course type, training providers, location or skills match. It also has key information for students who are starting their career search process. The website also includes a list of Government subsidised Queensland training options, [apprenticeship and traineeship](#) information and industry information. It has valuable information if you are wanting a VET pathway after school.

Want an apprenticeship in 2024 - Begin your search now!

Year 12s, don't wait until you finish school in November to start looking for an apprenticeship. Start now as many employers are beginning to recruit for 2024 now. The first thing you need to do is decide on the type of apprenticeship you want. The Queensland Department of Youth Justice, Employment, Small Business and Training [website](#) has a list of apprenticeships currently available in Queensland. Click on the apprenticeships you are interested in for more information about the job. You can also talk to people already in the job and/or do work experience to help you with your decision.

Australian Defence Force



Australian Defence Force (ADF) Gap Year

Wanting a gap year with purpose? Applications for the 2024 ADF Gap Year are still open for several roles. Visit the ADF Gap Year [website](#) to find information about:

- Learn more
- Earn more
- Experience more
- Make more mates
- Travel more
- Benefit more
- Helpful information
- Frequently asked questions
- Opportunities/jobs
- Getting started

Australian Defence Force (ADF) Work Experience

Thinking of applying for the ADF when you finish school? You need to explore this career and lifestyle option thoroughly. Visit the [Defence Work Experience Program website](#), click *Placements* then work experience opportunities. Placements fill quickly and you will have to talk with your school Guidance Counsellor/Officer before applying.

Australian Defence Force Updates

The Australian Defence Force holds in person and virtual information sessions across Queensland. They can be general in nature or more specific to an ADF career path. Visit their [event page](#) for more details. If you are interested in joining the ADF follow their [Facebook page](#) to receive updates about the upcoming events.

08/08/2023 [Cairns: Navy Careers Information Session](#)

- 14/08/2023 [Townsville: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 15/08/2023 [Cairns: Army Reserve Information Session](#)
[Gold Coast: Navy Careers Information Session](#)
[Maroochydore: Navy Careers Information Session](#)
[Toowoomba: Navy Careers Information Session](#)
- 16/08/2023 [Bundaberg: Women in Defence Dinner and Information Session](#)
- 17/08/2023 [Gladstone: Navy Careers Information Session](#)
- 19/08/2023 [Brisbane: Army Reserve Immersion Day](#)
[Maroochydore: ADFA Virtual Open Day with ADF Careers](#)
[Cairns: ADFA Virtual Open Day with ADF Careers](#)
- 22/08/2023 [Gold Coast: Aviation Careers Information Session](#)
[Loganlea: A Night in the Army Reserve](#)

Career Exploration



Alternative pathways to higher education

If you're considering university studies but think that you won't qualify for entry, there are a range of support programs and different pathways available. University entry is usually achieved by successful completion of Year 12 and gaining a competitive ATAR. While this pathway continues to be an effective one for many, it's not the only way to get into university especially if you have:

- not studied the prerequisite subjects for your chosen course
- not achieved an adequate ATAR score for entry
- left education early and want to return to studies
- not studied for a long time (eg due to family duties) and want to return to studies.

Read about the alternative entry points [here](#) that may assist you to access university. Most Australia universities are developing and offering a range of 'alternative entry pathways' some of which include:

- Enabling courses
- Enabling outreach courses
- Bridging courses
- Special Tertiary Admissions Test
- Vocational education and training (VET) and TAFE pathways
- Credit for recognised learning (CRL)
- Portfolio entry
- VET in schools

Casual and short-term work can build your employability skills

Think your casual job isn't a 'real' job? Think it doesn't really count towards your career? Think again! Having a casual job or other short-term work while you study can actually give you a massive edge when you apply for jobs in the future. Why? Because having previous work experience shows employers you have the [employability skills](#) to succeed in their workplace. Employability skills are the essential skills, personal qualities and values you need at work. They include things like

teamwork, problem solving skills and communication skills. Click [here](#) and read about how to make the most of a part-time job including:

- Combine study and any kind of work
- Combine study and work in your chosen field
- Make a short-term compromise

Explore Your Career

If you're looking for career ideas the [Your Career](#) website, developed by the *National Careers Institute*, can assist. It includes:

- career quizzes to explore possible future careers
- education or training options to help you upskill or reskill
- *Career Bullseye* posters to help you choose your school subjects based on what jobs they can lead to
- an A to Z of occupations including detailed job descriptions, average pay and job opportunities

Explore careers by interest

Seek has a section on their [website that focuses on career advice](#) that looks at careers by 'interest'. If you scroll down the page you will find the heading *Explore careers by interest*. Click on the area/s that interest you and you will find a list of jobs that you might want to find out more about. The lists of jobs is quite large and the areas of interest include:

- Being creative
- Working with children
- Helping people
- Working with numbers
- Working with computers
- Using my hands
- Being outdoors
- Interacting with customers
- Working less with tools
- Working with animals

How to choose the right university for you

While it can be difficult to [choose between universities](#), you will find that there are some key differences between them that can help you make the big decision. The most important thing is to determine what sort of character and focus the university has to ensure that it aligns with your own personality, interests and goals. Every university has its own persona, and here we give you some tips to ensure that you choose one that is the best fit for you. Click [here](#) to read the Good Universities Guide's article that discusses:

- University networks
- Areas of strength

- Vocational options
- Campus community

Is a Vocational Education and Training (VET) pathway an option?

The Good Universities Guide has information about Vocational Education and Training (VET) pathways. A VET pathway comes with many advantages which may be an option for you after school. Click [here](#) to find out about:

- What does VET offer?
- What does VET involve?
- Types of VET study options and courses
- VET entry requirements
- Where are VET courses offered?

Making your dream career a reality

JobJumpstart has put together [an article](#) with hints and tips for finding that dream job. If you are interested in a specific career or want to find out whether a job is right for you, then following these five steps could increase your chances of making your dream job a reality:

Step 1. Do your research

Step 2. Watch day-in-the-life videos for an idea of what it's really like to work in a particular job

Step 3. Match your skills and aptitudes to those required for the job

Step 4. Link with employers

Step 5. Connect with training

The High Five of career development revisited

The High Five principles of career development are five concepts that are very important for managing your career in today's rapidly changing world of work. You can access videos that explain the High Five concepts by using the following links. It's a good place to start your exploration.

- [Change is constant](#)
- [Learning is ongoing](#)
- [Focus on the journey](#)
- [Know yourself and follow your heart](#)
- [Access your allies](#)

myfuture - a great career exploration tool

The myfuture [website](#) provides resources to assist you to explore career pathways and develop self-knowledge that help with career decision-making. You can use their tools to discover your interests,

values, skills and see how they relate to career and study options. To make navigating their site easier, they have put together some user guides with videos including:

- [Signing up to myfuture](#) - It's free - Learn how to sign up via myfuture
- [My career profile](#) - Discover more about yourself and learn how your interests, values and skills relate to career paths.
- [Occupations](#) - You can search and explore hundreds of occupations. Watch an Occupations video [here](#).
- [Career bullseyes](#) - Learn how occupations relate to school learning areas.
- [Logging in to myfuture](#) - After you have created your account, [log in](#) to myfuture and discover all the tools and resources available.
- [Courses](#) - You to research and explore current higher education and vocational education and training courses.
- [Career articles](#) - Practical information to support your career exploration.

Competitions



myQCE student competition

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority are giving senior students the chance to win a MacBook Air or one of three Sony wireless noise cancelling headphone sets. The Give Away competition is open to students in Years 10 to 12 with access to the Student Portal. The competition closes on Friday 15 September. Click [here](#) for more information and entry details.



Disabilities

Employment support

Support is available to help you with finding and keeping the right job. The Australian Government helps people with disability, mental illness, chronic illness and injury to find and keep meaningful work by delivering services through Centrelink that meet a person's individual needs.

- [Disability Employment Services](#) help job seekers with disability and mental illness find work. You can search for a Disability Employment Services provider online.
- [BuyAbility](#) are commercial businesses that employ people with disability. You can find a Disability Enterprise in your local area.
- Other employment assistance is available, including Jobs in Jeopardy, which helps people at risk of losing their job because of disability, support with workplace modifications and other services and programs. Information about these services is provided on the [Centrelink website](#).

Vision Australia Further Education Bursaries

Each year, Vision Australia awards Further Education Bursaries to a select number of students who are blind or have low vision. The bursaries provide adaptive technology to help students fully participate and succeed in their chosen studies. Assistive technology can eliminate barriers to education and enhance access to information. It enables students to read course material, conduct research and improve their student life. Applications close on 30 September 2023. Click [here](#) for more information and details on how to apply.

Employment, Job & Labour Market Info



ABS Labour Force Data - June 2023

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has released its [Labour Force Data for June 2023](#):

- Unemployment rate remained at 3.5%
- Employment increased to 14,045,800
- Underemployment rate increased to 6.4%
- Participation rate remained at 66.8%
- Employment to population ratio remained at 64.5%
- Monthly hours worked increased to 1,956 million

Job related videos from UQ alumni

UQ Young ChangeMakers has released a new video to help you find out more about jobs after school. UQ alumni and students share their own career journey, to shed light on some of the big questions facing high school students. Hear from:

- Charles Cawte, **Global Corporate Communications at Vans**, Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Communication '12
- Catherine Ure, **Legal Counsel at Red Bull Racing & Red Bull Technology**, Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Laws '14
- Dr Alice Twomey, **Ecological Engineer, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, UQ**, Doctor of Philosophy '21
- Unngoorra Harbour, **UQ Medicine student**
- Four current undergraduate students across the arts, law, biomedical sciences and microbiology

You can't be what you can't see! Click [here](#) to watch the video about breaking down barriers and building your understanding of what you can be.

Jobs you might like if you enjoy Maths

They say that 75 per cent of the fastest growing jobs require STEM skills! We hear this a lot but what does it really mean? STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) helps us understand and make sense of the world. It provides the tools to cure deadly diseases, design future proof cities and make sense of increasing volumes of data and new technologies. Studying and working in STEM equips you to solve problems, shape lives and build futures. It's about having the agility to embrace the new and creativity to innovate tomorrow. Australian Mathematical Science Institute (AMSI) has put together a list of industry areas and jobs that use Maths and you can check them out below:

- [Science and Environment](#)
- [Business and Marketing](#)
- [Technology](#)
- [Sport and Recreation](#)
- [Health and Society](#)
- [Transport and Logistics](#)
- [Biostatistics and Bioinformatics](#)
- [Engineering and Resources](#)
- [Education](#)
- [Finance and Money](#)
- [Security and Defence](#)

The 5 skills employers want now (and how to show them)

Skills have taken on a new focus in the world we're in now, due to changes in the way we work, where we work and which skills are valued. If you're looking to secure a new position, change career or grow in your current role, it's important to know exactly what skills employers are looking for, and how you can demonstrate these skills in an application or interview. Click [here](#) to read SEEK's article that talks about:

1. Resilience
2. Confidence using technology
3. Agility
4. Proactivity
5. Emotional intelligence

The most in demand jobs on LinkedIn right now

Wondering about what jobs are currently in demand? There are many lists available but LinkedIn has put together an article and list of 10 of the most in demand jobs advertised on LinkedIn. They include:

1. Service Officer
2. Research and Development Engineer
3. Artificial Intelligence Engineer
4. Baker
5. Commis Chef
6. [Sales Manager](#)
7. Mental Health Specialist

8. Meat Cutter
9. Facilities Engineer
10. Personal Shopper

Click [here](#) to read the article in full.

What are the benefits of work experience?

If you're not sure whether to do work experience (especially if you've got to give up a week of your holiday to do it) then [read](#) about the benefits of doing work experience. Work experience is your opportunity to find out about the world of work from the inside. Find out about some of the benefits and tips to make the experience work for you, employer expectations and how you can learn from work experience.

What should you know when you start a job?

The Fair Work Ombudsman [website](#) has many resources that can help. You can find information on the following which is essential knowledge for successfully managing your work:

- Pay and wages
- Leave
- Starting employment
- Employment conditions
- Workplace problems
- Ending employment
- Latest articles

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



Australian Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS) 2024 scholarships

AFTRS have a variety of financial support options, which you may be able to access including AFTRS Scholarships, AFTRS Special Finance Assistance and Government support, FEE-HELP, Youth Allowance, Austudy and Abstudy. Applications for the 2024 Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production scholarship is now open and closes on Monday 23 October. [Click here](#) to find out more including available scholarships and application process.

Bond University scholarships

Bond Uni offers scholarships to both Australian and international students. Scholarships are a chance to receive reduced tuition fees for the duration of your degree. They have a range of full-fee scholarships available to domestic students only and part-fee scholarships for both domestic and international students. Bond scholarships are designed to reward and recognise students who have excelled in the areas of academia, leadership, community engagement and sport. Click [here](#) to find a list of available scholarships.

Creative Media Institute (SAE) scholarships

The SAE Scholarship program invests in future industry professionals, rewarding creative skills, academic excellence and strong leadership. They offer a range of domestic scholarships including full-tuition scholarships, grants and bursaries. Applicants are considered for their creative skill, academic excellence and leadership. Applications are now open and close on 18 September. Click [here](#) to find out more including:

- SAE Scholarships
- How to apply
- International applications
- Application tips

Griffith Uni's Scott Reid Memorial Scholarship

Griffith University's Scott Reid Memorial Scholarship rewards an eligible Papua New Guinean student applying to study law at Griffith in 2024. The scholarship includes a one-month paid law clerkship annually (up to a maximum of four years), providing practical experience, progressive skills growth and mentorship. Selection criteria include:

- Demonstrated capacity for leadership, initiative and service to your community
- E epitomise Scott's approach to life – 'Laugh a lot, stand strong and keep it all in perspective'
- Seeks to use your law degree to make a difference.

Find out more information [here](#) including the eligibility, award's value, duration, level of study and application details. Scholarship applications close on 15 October 2023.

QUT Excellence Scholarships (Academic)

QUT Excellence scholarships are the university's scholarships for students with outstanding academic achievement. The scholarships available include:

- scholarships valued at up to \$30,000 each for study in any discipline
- scholarships valued at up to \$30,000 each for study in the faculty of Science and Engineering only.
- scholarships valued at \$10,000 each for study in any discipline.

Other benefits may include:

- early access to research opportunities
- membership of the QUT [College of Excellence](#)

[Check out the link](#) to find out more about eligibility and other excellence scholarships. You do not need to complete a scholarship application for the QUT Excellence Scholarship (Academic). All eligible students who complete a QTAC application within QTAC key dates and with a QUT course as their first preference, will be considered. Other scholarships at QUT may require you to complete a separate application form. For further information, refer to the scholarships listed above or [view our scholarships](#). Application preparation is an important key to a successful outcome.

QUT's Women in Engineering Scholarship

Applications for QUT's Women in Engineering scholarship opened on 14 July and will close on 11 December 2023. The scholarship is valued at \$6,000, paid over two years. Students who identify as female, plan to start university in 2024 and who have QUT Engineering as their first preference are eligible to apply. Find out more [here](#).

Tertiary Access Payment - opportunities for regional students

The Tertiary Access Payment (TAP) is a non-indexed, means-tested payment to school-leavers from regional or remote areas who need to relocate for full-time, higher-level tertiary education

(Certificate IV and above) at an education provider located at least 90 minutes by public transport from their family home. [Click here](#) to find out more about:

- [Background](#)
- [Eligibility criteria](#)
- [How to apply](#)
- [The payment](#)
- [Program Guidelines](#)

The Andrew. N. Liveris Academy for Innovation and Leadership

The [Andrew. N. Liveris Academy for Innovation and Leadership](#) has a number of scholarship opportunities for students commencing study at UQ in 2024. Current opportunities include:

- Liveris Academy Undergraduate Scholarships
- Stavros Niarchos Foundation Scholarship
- Dalio Philanthropies Scholarship

Applications close 20 August 2023.

Tips for applying for university scholarships

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

- Apply for all the scholarships you are eligible for
- Read the information on the university or institution's scholarship web page
- Follow the directions exactly and answer all parts of each question
- Include all documents requested
- If written make sure applications are readable and provide examples to back up attributes and achievements
- Start preparing your application early
- Collect ideas for your application over time – start with dot points
- Keep a list of personal achievements, extra-curricular activities you are involved in, both at school and in the wider community and any awards you have received
- Do drafts of your application – get feedback (see your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor)
- Ask referees for supporting statements early, not at the last minute.
- Have someone else carefully proofread your application before submitting it
- When required, include examples of personal attributes and achievements such as:
 - Awards gained
 - Leadership (including coaching)
 - Volunteering and other community participation
 - Teamwork (sport, work, etc).
 - Initiative
 - How you may give back to the university.
 - Include your career aspirations and how the university course can help you achieve them
 - Submit your application by the due date.

UQ Sporting Scholarships

2024 UQ Sporting Scholarship applications are now open and close on 31 October 2023. All sporting scholarship holders receive the following benefits:

- Access to the UQ Sport Elite Athlete Program
- Free academic tutoring and study group support (where available)
- Free access to the full range of UQ Sport health and fitness facilities
- Free personal and professional development support including workshops on academic skills, career planning, sports nutrition and much more
- Academic liaison and advocacy to balance elite commitments with study
- Induction program for first year students
- Free or discounted support through UQ referral networks including Sport Psychology and Sports Dietician consultations

Click [here](#) for more information and late applications will not be considered. Some of the scholarships on offer are:

- UQ Sports Achievement Scholarship
- Clem Jones Sporting Scholarship
- UQ Sport Scholarship Ambassador Program
- UQ Sport Competition Subsidy

University of Southern Queensland scholarships

Thinking of going to UniSQ? Explore what scholarships are available and those coming soon. You can apply for more than one, so be sure to apply for all that you're eligible for. Find out more about:

- [Indigenous Student Success Program \(ISSP\)](#) - To assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students experiencing financial hardship who are commencing or continuing an undergraduate or postgraduate program at UniSQ
- [UniSQ Residential College Scholarship](#) - To support students residing at UniSQ Residential Colleges in Toowoomba either commencing or continuing their studies in an undergraduate program
- [More scholarships available for future students](#)

first Nations Peoples



Aurora Education Foundation: Indigenous Scholarships

In addition to helpful guides for Going to Uni and How to Get a Scholarship, The Aurora Education Foundation provides a dedicated [Indigenous Scholarships Portal](#) that lists scholarship opportunities for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students across universities, TAFEs or private institutions. How it works:

1. Browse and filter to find scholarships right for you
2. Save and compare potential opportunities
3. Understand next steps and how to apply
4. Apply for scholarships online

Indigenous employment with ANZ

ANZ offers several employment opportunities to Indigenous students. These include part-time school-based traineeships, full-time traineeships and graduate programs for students who complete a university degree. Visit the [ANZ website](#) for details.

Gap year Program News



Gap year options for 2023/2024

Are you interested in investigating Gap year options? If you are interested in taking a Gap year do your homework as the different Gap year organisations offer different experience options. Following, are just some of the organisations offering a Gap year experience in 2024.

Lattitude Global Volunteering

Lattitude Global Volunteering applications for 2023/2024, 3 - 12 month supported international overseas gap year placements, are now open. Learn about their gap year programs on the [Lattitude website](#).

Southern Cross-Cultural Exchange

Southern Cross-Cultural Exchange provides high school student exchange programs for Australian students. Click [here](#) to find out more about exchange destinations, program options, support and safety and how to submit an application for a 2024 program. You can also register to attend their upcoming information webinar sessions [here](#).

World Education Program Student Exchange

If you want to be a WEP exchange student, check [here](#) for more information.

Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



CQUniversity Virtual Open Day

CQUniversity is hosting their Open Day virtual open day on 31 August where you can chat with their staff about your course of interest including TAFE and university courses, student support services and/or anything else you'd like to know about studying with CQUniversity. Click [here](#) for more information and to register to attend.

Preparing for an open day

Choosing a university can be difficult and you'll want all the information you can get before making your decision. You've probably already asked the key questions:

- Does the university specialise in the subject I want to study?
- Does it rate well academically?
- Does its location work for me?

While you can learn a lot from a website, there's no substitute for seeing a university in real life. Open days are your chance to get to know the university's staff, students and alumni. But to really experience the campus and atmosphere, you'll need a plan of attack. There's often more to see than you can squeeze into a day. Click [here](#) to find out about:

- Express your interest
- The inside track
- Get connected
- Embrace the unexpected
- Hit the clubs

SAE Open Day

SAE Brisbane invites you to their state-of-the-art West End campus on Saturday, 12 August from 11 am-3 pm (AEST). During SAE's Open Day, you'll have the opportunity to check out the campus facilities, explore study pathways for a career in creative media and have all your questions answered by students and industry experts. Be inspired by what your creative future could be with SAE. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Private Provider Updates

The word "Updates" is written in a black, cursive script on a white surface. A yellow highlighter is visible at the end of the word, suggesting it has just been written or is being emphasized.

Griffith College

Griffith College may be a great pathway to a Griffith Uni course if you don't meet the required ATAR for the course you are wanting to enter, you are ATAR ineligible, your VET tertiary rank is insufficient and/or you need a prerequisite subject. By studying at Griffith College, you will be learning right along side first year uni students but with ongoing support, smaller class sizes and assistance come assignment and exam time. A completed diploma will usually see you enter second year of your relevant degree course or you can move into employment. You can study a:

- [Foundation course](#)
- [Diploma courses](#)
 - Engineering
 - Health Care
 - Health Sciences
 - Information Technology
 - International Tourism and Hotel Management
 - Science
 - Social and Psychological Science
 - Business
 - Criminology and Criminal Justice
 - Design
 - Educational Studies
- [Associate Degree in Business](#)



QTAC & Tertiary Entry

2023/2024 key dates for Year 12 students

Things are starting to ramp up for Year 12 students and it is easy to miss key dates. Below is a list of some key dates that you should check and put in your diary so that you don't miss out on key opportunities. You will also need to check out closing dates for early entry programs and scholarship applications and you can find these on the individual TAFE and university websites.

August

02/08/2023 QTAC applications open for 2024 courses

ATAR account registration opens (Qld Yr 12s)

Early closing dates for some courses. [Check](#) QTAC website for more information.

September Early closing dates for some courses. [Check](#) QTAC website for more information.

October Reminder to get EAS and supporting documents submitted

23/10/2023 External assessment period commences

November QTAC offer rounds commence

10/11/2023 Due date to apply & submit documents for 17 November offer round

14/11/2023 External assessment period finishes

17/11/2023 Graduation day for Year 12

December

- 07/12/2023 Due date to apply & submit documents for December 21 offer round
- 08/12/2023 Due date to apply & submit documents for 11 January 2024 offer round
- 15/12/2023 Qld ATAR and QCE released
- 18/12/2023 Due date to change preferences for 21 December offer round
- 21/12/2023 December offer round

January

- 03/01/2024 Due date for change of preferences prior to 11 January offer round
- 11/01/2024 January offer round

Check on the QTAC [website](#) for more information and any changes to these dates.

2024 QTAC admissions is now open

Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) manage all Queensland university (including University of New England), TAFE Queensland (Diploma courses) and some private providers' admissions process. If you are wanting to compete for a place in a university, TAFE Queensland or some private provider course/s, you will need to apply through QTAC. The first step in the process is to register on the QTAC site. To do this you will need your personal email address (DO NOT USE YOUR SCHOOL EMAIL) and your LUI number. Your school will give this to you.

To register :

1. Go to the QTAC [website](#)
2. Click on *QTAC Application*.
3. Click on *Apply*
4. *Click on* Create Account

You will now be able to log in and start your QTAC course application process.

A reminder of 2023 fixed closing dates

Some courses have fixed closing dates. These are usually courses that require separate application forms (as well as a QTAC application), interviews, folios and/or auditions. In addition, some course requirements may be needed earlier than the closing date for applications. It is essential that you do not miss these closing dates. Each for the following universities have some fixed course closing dates which can be found [here](#) or on pages 18 and 19 of the current QTAC Guide:

- Bond University
- Central Queensland University

- Griffith University
- James Cook University
- Queensland University of Technology
- Southern Cross University
- TAFE Queensland
- University of New England
- The University of Queensland
- University of Southern Queensland
- University of the Sunshine Coast

ATAR FAQs

QTAC are the organisation that calculates Year 12 ATARs at the end of the year. Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority send your final results to QTAC who then calculate your ATAR. Click [here](#) (scroll down) to find answers to the following questions:

1. Who needs to register in the AtAR Portal?
2. How can I receive/view my ATAR?
3. I'm applying interstate, do I need to sign up?
4. How can I get my ATAR if I am unable to register on the QTAC ATAR Portal?
5. Am I still eligible for an ATAR if I don't register on the QTAC ATAR Portal?
6. What do I need to know about being 'ATAR ineligible'?
7. Will my school be able to see my ATAR?
8. Does a school need to register their students to have an ATAR issued?
9. Where can I find my QCE results? They are not in the ATAR Portal
10. I am completing Year 12 in 2023 and I have an ATAR account from 2022. Do I need to register for a new account in 2023?

Applying for Educational Access Scheme (EAS)

[The Educational Access Scheme](#) (EAS) can help you if you have experienced circumstances that have negatively affected your most recent studies. If you are assessed as eligible for an adjustment to your ATAR or QTAC selection rank under EAS, it will be combined with other adjustments you may be eligible for. Check with the institution/s you are interested in for the maximum adjustments allowable. If you are eligible for the [Financial Hardship category](#), you may also get financial assistance from institutions, such as scholarships or bursaries. This category applies to your current and recent personal and/or family financial circumstances.

You apply for EAS when you are applying for tertiary study through QTAC. You must complete a cover sheet for each category that you feel you are eligible for and provide written evidence to support your application. EAS will not be able to compensate you for things such as not completing secondary school, changing school subjects by choice or missed time from school for activities that are a personal choice (for example, sport, musical or cultural activities) etc. The EAS eligibility categories are:

- Financial Hardship
- Home Environment and Responsibilities
- English Language Difficulty
- Personal Illness or Disability

- School Environment

If you nominate to apply to EAS and **DO NOT** go ahead with your application, you **MUST** enter your application and untick the EAS option otherwise QTAC will think your application is incomplete. It is suggested that you only tick to apply for EAS, once you have gathered all the necessary documentation.

Make use of your 2024 Guide Year 12!

Year 12 students should have received their 2024 QTAC Guide or you can get the Guide [online](#). This book is full of important information to assist you in choosing your tertiary pathway for 2024. You will find key information on Applying to QTAC including:

- Page 3 ATAR information
- Page 6 Entry requirements
- Page 8 Documenting your studies
- Page 9 How to apply
- Page 10 Preferences
- Page 11 Adjustment factors
- Page 12 Education Access Scheme
- Page 13 Offers
- Page 14 Deferral
- Page 16 QTAC fees and costs
- Page 18 Key Dates
- Page 21 Expos and Open Days 2023

Ordering your preferences

You can apply for up to six courses through your QTAC application. The order in which you place the courses is very important. QTAC advises the following plan (like a 'recipe') to help you make sound decisions.

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

When processing your application, the QTAC computer starts with your preference 1 course. If you are eligible for this course (i.e. you meet all the entry requirements and are at or above that year's entry threshold/tertiary rank/ATAR), you will be offered this course and your other preferences will not be considered.

If you are not eligible for your preference 1 course, QTAC will, in turn, then look at your competitiveness for your second preference and so on until it finds a course you are eligible for or it exhausts your list of preferences. If that happens, you won't receive an offer. **If you follow the plan**

(the recipe), you will receive an offer. It may not be for your preference 1 but it will be a foot-in-the-door to upgrading, hopefully in one year, to the course you want. You will find more information [here](#) (with video) or in your QTAC Guide on Page 10 and on their website.

You can change preferences after you submit your application. Only press 'Save' after you make all the changes you want. This is then considered one change session. The first three (3) change of preference sessions are free. Subsequent change sessions cost \$55. Don't change your preferences impulsively. Think carefully about them. See your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor if you need assistance.

QTAC's 2024 online application is now open

QTAC's online application for tertiary courses commencing in Semester One 2024 is now open. This doesn't mean you must apply immediately! You need to do some preparation before you are ready to apply.

- Know your LUI number. You will need this as part of your application so QTAC can access your results when they are released by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) in December
- Check your QCAA student learning account to see if all your qualifications/study program are there, especially if you have completed courses outside of school that are recognised by the QCAA
- The application will ask if you want to authorise someone to represent you if you are unavailable to respond to a course offer or you want more information from QTAC about your application. Most students nominate one of their parents or guardians. You will need their full name, date of birth (including year of birth) and contact details.
- Are you going to apply for QTAC's Educational Access Scheme (EAS)? If so, which category or categories are you going to apply under? Speak to your Guidance Officer or School Counsellor for assistance.
- How are you going to pay the \$55 application fee? By credit card (yours or your parent's/guardians), BPay or Direct debit/credit card/money order at the QTAC office? Your application will only be activated once QTAC receives the funds in their bank account. If you have trouble paying the \$55, see your Guidance Officer or School Counsellor.
- Select and order your course preferences. This means you need to research courses and make some decisions about what you want to apply for (see previous article).

To be considered for the:

- 21 December round offer, your application and supporting documentation must be submitted to QTAC by 7 December 2023
- 11 January 2024 offer round, you must apply for and submit supporting documentation by 8 December 2023

It is recommended that you check the closing dates for specific course applications to be sure that you don't miss out on the course you want. For more information on offer rounds visit the [QTAC website](#) and check your QTAC book on Page 18.

Understanding Minimum selection thresholds when ordering course preferences

Entry to many courses is competitive – the number of places available in the course may be fewer than the number of people applying for entry to the course.

Places for eligible applicants to a course are allocated by eligibility (prerequisites) and then in order of merit (the applicant's entry score ATAR or Rank) until the places are filled. When the last place in the course is filled, the ATAR score and entry rank of the last applicant offered a place becomes the 'lowest selection threshold'. When researching your course options, it's best to base your preferencing decisions on the adjusted lowest 2023 Minimum Threshold or tertiary rank. These take into account adjustment factors that have been allocated to applicants' scores. The QTAC guide shows both the Adjusted and Unadjusted lowest ATAR/Selection rank so be sure you focus on the Adjusted threshold.

Double check Adjusted minimum ATAR/tertiary ranks on university websites as there are some inaccuracies in the QTAC book.

What is an ATAR and how to apply for your ATAR

QTAC will calculate your ATAR based on your Year 12 results provided by Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority. ATAR results are used nationally for tertiary admissions. It is the standard measure of your overall academic achievement in relation to other students where these students have studied different subject combinations. ATARs are expressed as a number on a 2000-point scale from 99.95 down to 0.00 in steps of 0.05. So, the highest ATAR is 99.95, then 99.90, then 99.85, and so on, down to 0.00. ATARs below 30 are reported as '30.00 or less'.

To get your ATAR you need to register with QTAC and they will then notify you of your ATAR on 15 December 2023. This registration is **COMPLETELY SEPARATE** to your QTAC course application for study in 2024. If you are ATAR eligible you need to apply/register for **BOTH**.

To register to receive your ATAR, go to the [QTAC website](#), and click on [ATAR REGISTRATION](#). Registering for your ATAR is FREE. You will need to have the following information ready:

- Full name (as recorded on your school record - no nick names or shortened names)
- Date of birth
- LUI number (Learning Unique Identifier number that your school will give you)
- Personal email address (DO NOT use your school address as it will not be active once you leave school)
- You will be sent a confirmation code so look in your Inbox and Junk mail for the QTAC email

During the short registration process, you will be asked to respond to three statements by checking a tick box as to whether you:

- Acknowledge that you have read, understood and agree to be bound by the policies, terms and conditions
- I do not consent to my ATAR or ATAR eligibility as determined by QTAC being shared with the school I attended in Year 12

If you check this box, QTAC WILL NOT notify your school of your ATAR results which can make it difficult for your school to provide you with follow up career pathway support if needed - but it is totally your decision.

and

- I do not wish to be sent an email notifying me that my ATAR result has been release. If you check this box you will need to log into your ATAR account with QTAC to find your ATAR result.

QTAC have developed a [helpful video](#) showing you the process and there is an ATAR FAQs section towards the bottom of the page. REMEMBER, you STILL need to do a separate QTAC application if you are wanting to apply for course entry in 2024 and this will cost you \$55.

You will need a Unique Student Identifier (USI)

All students wanting to continue on with their studies and/or learning after school, (Apprenticeship, Traineeship, VET Certificate, Diploma or Undergraduate degree) and wanting to access Commonwealth financial assistance ([Help Loans or VET Students](#)) will need to get a Unique Student Identifier (USI). This is easily done on line however, you will need to have a form of ID when you apply. Click [here](#) to find out what a USI is, how to apply and what ID is acceptable (your school ID is not accepted). Get your USI soon and don't leave it till the last minute when you are applying for your course.

Queensland Curriculum & Assessment Authority



What qualifications will I get at the end of Year 12?

On 15 December 2023, you will be able to log into your [QCAA Student Portal](#) to see your final subject results located in your learning account. If eligible, you will be issued with a senior education profile. Included in this profile could be:

- Senior Statement - this is a transcript of your learning account. The Senior Statement shows all QCE contributing studies and the results achieved that may contribute to the award of a QCE. If you receive a Senior Statement, then you have satisfied the completion requirements for Year 12 in Queensland.
- [Queensland Certificate of Education \(QCE\)](#) - The QCE is Queensland's senior school qualification and is awarded to eligible students, usually at the end of Year 12.
- [Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement \(QCIA\)](#) - The Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA) recognises the achievements of students who are on individualised learning programs.



Study Skills & Wellbeing

Don't Quit - some words of encouragement

Don't quit when the tide is lowest, for it's just about to turn;

Don't quit over doubts and questions, for there's something you may learn;

Don't quit when the night is darkest, for it's just a while till dawn;

Don't quit when you've run the farthest, for the race is almost won;

Don't quit when the hill is steepest, for your goal is almost nigh (within grasp);

Don't quit, for you're not a failure until you fail to try.

Author unknown

How to use social media more mindfully and productively

It's easy to spend hours scrolling and liking posts to no advantage to you. It's possible however, to use social media productively and to educate yourself. [Read](#) more about:

- Develop your critical thinking skills and worldview
- Follow the news
- Use your platform
- Follow people that inspire and educate

Leaders with Influence

Something to think about - what can a leader really look like? Leaders with influence: (source unknown)

- GIVE when they don't have to
- CARE for others
- GROW continuously
- LIVE authentically
- EMPOWER others
- MANAGE hardship
- SERVE with humility

YES YES YES - La Boite -A show about healthy and respectful relationships, consent and sex from a teenage perspective

This is a theatre show created for – and with input from – teenagers that explores the important topics of healthy and respectful relationships, consent and sex.

24 Aug [The Good Life and How to Live it | BRISBANE POWERHOUSE](#)

25 Aug [All the Living and the Dead | BRISBANE POWERHOUSE](#)

4 – 6 Sep [YES YES YES - La Boite](#)

Click [here](#) for more information.

TAFE Queensland Updates



Support services for TAFE students

Everyone's journey is different and we all need some extra support from time to time. TAFE Queensland provides [student support](#) services that are available for all students, helping to make their experience more successful, manageable and enjoyable. Some support services that are available include:

- Learning support
- Studiosity
- LEAP to a successful student journey
- Learning Skills Centre
- Study planner
- Internal and External Counselling support
- Mental health and wellbeing
- AccessAbility support
- Indigenous student support
- International student support
- Library services
- Career and employment services

TAFE Queensland information for Indigenous people

TAFE Queensland has courses and services specifically designed to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. With dedicated Indigenous student support, specialised 'away from base' residential block training and a partnership in the RATEP, TAFE Queensland is well suited to help you reach your education goals. Click [here](#) to find out more including:

- Student support
- Study areas
- RATEP community-based education
- SEE program explained
- Away from Base courses
- Payment options
- Scholarships

Universities



Adjustment factors applied automatically

Some students receive an offer to a course even though they have an ATAR below the published lowest selection rank. Often this is because other factors have been taken into consideration in combination with their ATAR and their selection rank for that course has been adjusted (and is higher than their ATAR).

These adjustments, which we used to refer to as 'bonus points', are due to factors such as performance in Year 12 subjects (only applies to current Year 12 students), living or attending school in a certain area and applying for consideration through the Educational Access Scheme. Selection rank adjustments are applied differently from institution to institution and from course to course within the same institution. In Queensland we call it/them Adjustment Schemes. Visit each institution's website and/or visit QTAC [here](#) to find out more.

Check your QTAC Guide course information online

Course information can change during the year so information from the current QTAC Guide, university faculty guides, brochures and other printed information may no longer be correct when it comes time for you to submit your QTAC application. You should check on QTAC and institution websites for the most up-to-date information such as eligibility, lowest ATAR/Rank threshold, prerequisites required, length of the course, subjects you will study and any professional accreditation/recognition of the courses you are interested in.

Pathways to University - A smart way to a degree

TAFE Queensland Pathways to University Course Guide outlines all the diploma to degree pathway arrangements that they currently have in place with universities across Queensland. The Guide includes all the degree programs that they offer right here in Brisbane and on the Gold Coast too.

Of special interest are the pathways to Nursing and Midwifery. You would study your Diploma of Nursing at TAFE Queensland and then get entry into Nursing or Midwifery at pathway universities including some course credit. TAFE Queensland is an excellent pathway if you are unsure if 'diving into uni' may not be your thing. Check out these pathways [here](#).

Reasons why doing an internship at Uni is a good idea

An internship can provide the strong link you need between your academic degree and your employability. It provides you with a valuable opportunity to explore and develop skills in the professional workplace. Sometimes, you can even turn an internship into a full-time job. In Australia, work experience is extremely important for graduates and students who are seeking employment as most employers look for prior experience more than what university degree you have. Click [here](#) to find out the benefits of internships including:

- Networking
- Experience
- Personal growth
- Put theory into practice
- Kick start your career

Why do a double degree?

ACU have explained what a double degree is by describing it this way:

- Equivalent of two qualification with only one extra year of study - 4 years full time study (as single degrees it would take 6 years to complete both)
- A competitive edge to :
 - Acquire a depth of understanding that cannot be obtained in a single degree
 - Better equipped to work in multidisciplinary teams
 - Job applications stand out in the crowd
- Double degrees are also suited for students who are not clear on the pathway they wish to pursue.

All universities offer double degrees so check them out to see if they suit your current study thinking.

Australian Catholic University

ACU Revision Webinars

ACU are hosting a series of [revision webinars](#) for:

21 August 2023: [Chemistry](#)

22 August 2023: [English](#)

23 August 2023 [General Maths](#)

25 August 2022 [Maths Methods](#)

24 August 2023 [Study of Religion](#)

Options Career Information does not necessarily endorse these webinars but they may provide you with insights you hadn't thought about. Check any information with your subject's Head of Department or your teacher.

Adjustment factors

ACU has a number of adjustment factor schemes that can improve your chances of gaining a place into an ACU course.

Adjustment factors applied automatically for you include:

- Year 12 subjects Maximum 5 points
- Access ACU
 - School relationship 5 points
 - Campus 5 points
 - Regional school 5 points

A maximum of five adjustment factors applies across the school relationship, campus and regional school programs.

Adjustment factors you need to apply for include:

- Educational access scheme (EAS) - Number of points applied varies for individual circumstances
- ACU Elite Athlete and Performer Program 5 points

You can receive up to a maximum of 12 adjustment factors from ACU.

Want to teach English and History?

ACU offers a Bachelor of Education Secondary where you will learn the craft of teaching from mentors across a wide range of educational contexts. You will graduate with a qualification to teach English and History. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- Overview
- Professional experience
- Careers
- Course details
- Entry requirements
- Pathways
- Fees

Why study human rights?

An increasing variety of careers require sound understanding of human rights. Knowledge as these ideas and practices are become embedded into our corporate, government and not-for-profit sectors. ACU offers a Bachelor of Human Rights. You will study:

- History - Human Rights in History - Human Rights of Australian Indigenous people
- Law - Legal Institutions and Human Rights - Human Rights and Criminal Justice
- Philosophy - Justice, Authority and Human Rights - Human Rights: Contemporary Moral Issues
- Politics - Security Terrorism and Human Rights - World Politics and Justice
- Sociology - Power, Wealth and Welfare: Social Issues and Policy - Human Rights and Criminal Justice Contemporary Society and Chang

Click [here](#) for more information about this degree at ACU.

Bond University

Pathway programs into Bond

Bond has several pathways for students who do not meet the entry requirements for Bond degree programs. These are:

- [Bond Diploma Preparation Program](#) – This program is designed to give students the academic and digital literacy skills required to enter a Bond University Higher Education Diploma Program.
- [Bond College Foundation Program](#) – This is a two semester program that enables students to learn the core academic skills required for entry into undergraduate study at Bond University.
- [Bond University Diplomas](#) - Program finder – Deciding on a degree or program is a personal choice and it's about choosing the right program for you, your interests and your future.

Griffith University

Diploma of Engineering has replaced Aptitude for Engineering Assessment

Griffith University no longer offers an admission pathway into Engineering through the Aptitude for Engineering Assessment. The new pathway The Diploma of Engineering is a pathway program designed to help you transition into the Bachelor of Engineering (honours). You'll develop foundational knowledge and skills in a supportive learning environment, setting you up for success in your future studies. You'll study academic foundations courses to develop a strong foundation in basic science and engineering principles, with additional support and access to a dedicated First Year Coordinator and (PASS) run by high-achieving students. You apply through QTAC and will find more information [here](#).

GriffithENG program

Griffith Eng is designed as a two-stage program. Stage one, *A Taste of Engineering*, consists of Experience Days offered to Year 11 students, with hands-on activities covering the practical components of various engineering disciplines. Students who successfully complete the Taste of Engineering will be invited to enrol in Griffith Eng in Year 12 to continue with stage two of the program in Trimester 1, 2024. Stage two will involve attending weekly classes and completing the assessments. The program is offered on both the Gold Coast and Nathan campuses. There are no fees to participate in the program. Click [here](#) for more information and application details. Applications close on 30 September.

Guarantee Admission Scheme

Griffith Uni's Guarantee Admission Scheme has 4 different categories:

- Guarantee Admission Scheme –
 - Use your internal Senior Schooling results or VET qualification to receive your early offer by applying to one of more than 80 eligible undergraduate degrees.
- Guarantee Admissions Scheme - ATAR 90+/IB 33+
 - This category recognises your performance and guarantees entry to a set of competitive and high demand undergraduate degrees
- Guarantee Admissions Scheme - ATAR 80+/IB 28+
 - This category recognises your achievements and guarantees entry to a wide range of creative, generalist and professional undergraduate degrees
- Guarantee Admissions Scheme - VET
 - This category recognises your capabilities and guarantees entry to a set of undergraduate degrees that build on your vocational skills if you have completed Certificate III, IV or Diploma level study

Click [here](#) for more information about the guaranteed admissions program and eligible degrees.

Languages return to GUESTS!

Italian and Japanese language courses are now available through Griffith University's Early Start to Tertiary Studies (GUESTS) program. All levels catered for, from novice to advanced! Study at Griffith while still in high school and get credit transfer towards a future degree. Click [here](#) for more information including applying to GUESTS.

The Big Day In, Gold Coast 2023

Interested in a career in IT? Talk to your Guidance Officer or School Counsellor if you would like to attend the Big Day In, IT Careers Conference at Griffith's Gold Coast campus. It will be held on Thursday 17 August 2023. At the event you will see presentations from Australian Signals Directorate, Gameloft, Wisetech Global, Australian Space Agency, Westpac, IBM, Technology One and more. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

VET Guaranteed Admission Scheme

A completed Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) Certificate III, IV or Diploma will meet the minimum selection rank for a range of Griffith degrees. When researching degrees online, look for the Guaranteed Admissions badge for the degree/program you are interested in. Applicants must still meet the English Subject Prerequisites for admission as well as any other admission requirements. Please note, a Diploma qualification will meet the English subject prerequisite whereas a Cert III or Cert IV **does not** meet the English subject prerequisite. A comprehensive list of program inclusions can be found on the website. Click [here](#) to find out more about this scheme and check for updates.

Year 12 Early Offer Guarantee

Griffith Uni will again be making early offers to study at Griffith in 2023, based on your internal assessment results or completed Cert III and Cert IV VET qualifications. These offers are open to current Year 12 students who are undertaking the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE), the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBD) or the Higher School Certificate (HSC). You can choose from over 60 degrees (including some double degrees) across a wide range of study areas and start in March 2024. To be considered, you need to list one of the eligible degrees on your QTAC application and submit it by 17 October and if eligible, you'll be invited to apply for an early offer. [Click here](#) to find out:

- What degrees can I apply for
- Steps to apply
- I'm approved - What comes next?
- Frequently asked questions

Students with a completed AQF Diploma will be considered through the VET Guarantee rather than the Year 12 Early Offer Guarantee scheme.

James Cook University

Important information for Dental Surgery, Medicine and Vet Science applicants for 2024 entry

Before applying for a JCU course, it is important that you are familiar with the application dates, course requirements and prerequisites. Applications for 2024 entry for all courses open on 2 August 2023. Courses may have specific admission requirements such as immunisation, the requirement to obtain a Suitability to work with Children Card, National Criminal History check and/or other requirements students must comply with. You can find your course requirements in the [2024 Undergraduate Study Guide](#).

The following courses have a two-step application process:

- Bachelor of Dental Surgery
- Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery
- Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours)

You must:

1. Apply online via the QTAC [website](#); AND
2. Apply online directly to JCU. Click [here](#) to commence and submit your online application to JCU. You must submit a written application and apply to study by 30 September 2023. Applications are now open.

Click [here](#) for more information on applications, course prerequisites and specific information.

Queensland University of Technology

Creative Industries entry requirements for Bachelor of Fine Arts (Acting)

QUT's Creative Industries - Bachelor of Fine Arts (Acting) course is the only course that still has an additional entry requirement that you must meet in order to compete for a place in the course in 2024. Applicants need to register for an audition to QUT (cost \$75). You need to apply to QTAC plus, register for an audition with QUT by 5pm Monday, 25 September 2023. Click [here](#) for more information and audition link.

QUT Advice Night

Year 12 students and parents/guardians are invited to join our online QUT Advice Night to discover the 5 essentials of getting in to QUT in 2024. You'll hear about:

- Entry requirements
- Year 12 Early Offer Scheme (for Queensland QCE students only)
- Adjustment schemes, upgrading pathways
- Scholarships.

You can also ask questions to current QUT students about their course and uni experience. [Register now](#).

QUT College

QUT College pathway programs will give you the skills and confidence you need to pursue your chosen degree at QUT. Courses are suitable for both Australian and international students who are looking for a pathway to university. They offer diplomas and undergraduate certificates in a range of study areas, as well as bridging programs in maths, physics and chemistry. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- [Explore foundation and diploma programs, and university certificates](#)
- [Explore pathway programs for Australian students](#)
- [Bridging programs](#)
- [Apply now](#)

Self-guided campus tours

Are you interested in exploring QUT campuses? You can take self-guided tours of [Gardens Point](#) and [Kelvin Grove](#) using ready-made maps.

Thinking of going to uni in 2024

Choosing what to study at university is a big decision. Students applying through QTAC can book a 30-minute phone appointment to explore entry pathways, discuss course options and get information on QUT scholarships, services and support before deciding. Click here for more information on:

- booking an appointment
- [How do I apply?](#)
- [What is assumed knowledge?](#)
- [I don't meet the entry requirements](#)
- [I want a scholarship](#)
- [Year 12 Early Offer scheme](#)
- [Adjustment schemes to help you get into your course](#)
- [What support can I get?](#)
- [Life outside the classroom](#)

Southern Cross University

Areas of study

Southern Cross University has 27 study areas to choose from. Click [here](#) to find their study areas including:

- 2024 Undergraduate Study Guide
- 2024 Guide for international students
- How to apply

The University of Queensland

Discontinuation of Bachelor of Equine Science Program

UQ will no longer be offering the Bachelor of Equine Science program from 2024 onwards. While students currently enrolled in the program will be able to complete their studies, no new students will be accepted into this program from 2024.

Doctor of Medicine Provisional Entry Sub-Quota Introduction

This year, UQ is introducing a 50% Queensland sub-quota for selection to participate in the Multiple Mini Interviews (MMIs) for the Doctor of Medicine (domestic provisional entry pathway). This change was implemented to offer Queensland school leavers a better chance of being selected. It's important to note that there is no change to the merit-based selection for an offer of a place.

Pathways to medicine

No two journeys are the same and every path to medicine is different. There are several pathways to the Doctor of Medicine (MD) program at UQ. Click [here](#) to find out their Provisional Entry (for school leavers) and Graduate entry (for university graduates) pathways.

Spring into Engineering Holiday Camp

For women in Year 11 and 12, the Spring into Engineering holiday program showcases the diverse engineering study and career opportunities through hands on workshops, interactive Lunch and Learn discussions and tours of the UQ engineering precinct. The cost is \$50 for all three days which includes lunch, workshops and travel to and from Industry Day. It will be held Monday 25 to Wednesday 27 September at The University of Queensland, Andrew N. Liveris Building 46, St Lucia. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Thinking of UQ

Want to know more about UQ? Click [here](#) to find out:

- Open Day options
- Undergraduate degree options
- Scholarships
- Short courses
- How to apply
- Why choose UQ
- Life at UQ
- Accessibility support

UQ Ready - Transition to University Event

UQ invite you to join forces with UQ Ready - a transition to university information evening. The event is designed for Year 11 & 12 students as they embark on their higher education journey. Event sessions are:

- 22 August Cairns - 5.30 - 7pm
- 24 August Gold Coast - 5.30 - 7pm
- 30 August Toowoomba - 5.30 - 7pm
- 30 August Rockhampton - 5.30 - 7pm

- 6 September Online session 5.30 - 7pm
- 12 September Northern Rivers - 5.30 - 7pm
- 5 October Sunshine Coast 5 - 6.30pm

At the event you will:

- Get advice on your ATAR score.
- Understand QTAC preferencing.
- Hear about accommodation options.
- Know how to respond to a university offer.
- Know how to enrol and plan your timetable.
- Get tips for successfully transitioning to university.

The information will be valuable to any high school student looking to go to any university. Where possible, a panel of UQ students will share their experiences and give advice on how to make the most of your time at university. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Women in Engineering tour of the engineering precinct

On 21 September from 10am - 12pm (school holidays), join the Women in Engineering team for a tour of UQ's engineering precinct, including the Hawken Building, MakerSpace, Advanced Engineering Building and Andrew N. Liveris Building. Get insider hints and tips and speak to students currently studying engineering at UQ. Enclosed shoes are required. This is a free tour. Parents are welcome to join. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

University of Southern Queensland

Study at your own pace

Did you know that you can study full time or part-time by choosing how many subjects you study each semester? If you are thinking you want to work for a while and save some money or there are things going on in your life that you need to sort, you don't need to put off study all together. You can choose to study fewer subjects/courses each semester and can also fast-track your degree by studying during the summer semester (October to February). Read about USQ courses [here](#).

University of the Sunshine Coast

Parent lounge

In the parent lounge on the UniSC website, you will find some updates on their online program offerings, as well as information around their Headstart transition program for Year 11 and 12 students. Click [here](#) to find out more information for parents that will assist you when having those career and pathway conversations with your child. It is never too early to start the conversation and research.

Upcoming Events



UPCOMING
EVENTS

Date	Event
07/08/2023 to 13/08/2023	2023 National Student Volunteer Week
08/08/2023	ADF: Cairns: Navy Careers Information Session
09/08/2023 to 12/08/2023	TAFE Queensland Gold Coast Campus - Various campuses
10/08/2023	CQ University Cairns Open Day
11/08/2023	UCAT ANZ testing finishes
11/08/2023	World Science Festival Queensland Schools Program Ipswich
12/08/2023	SAE Open Day
12/08/2023	Torrens University Open Day
12/08/2023	UCAT ANZ testing period ends
13/08/2023	Open Days Griffith University – Gold Coast and Nathan Campuses
13/08/2023	University of Southern Queensland - Ipswich and Springfield campuses Open Day
14/08/2023	Townsville: Defence Careers Information Session
15/08/2023	ADF: Cairns: Army Reserve Information Session
15/08/2023	ADF: Gold Coast: Navy Careers Information Session
15/08/2023	ADF: Maroochydore: Navy Careers Information Session
15/08/2023	ADF: Toowoomba: Navy Careers Information Session
16/08/2023	ADF: Bundaberg: Women in Defence Dinner and Information Session
17/08/2023	ADF: Gladstone: Navy Careers Information Session

17/08/2023	CQ University Townsville Open Day
17/08/2023	Griffith Big Day In Gold Coast
19/08/2023	ADF: Brisbane: Army Reserve Immersion Day
19/08/2023	ADF: Cairns: ADFA Virtual Open Day with ADF Careers
19/08/2023	ADF: Maroochydore: ADFA Virtual Open Day with ADF Careers
19/08/2023	ADFA In-person Open Day
20/08/2023	CQ University Rockhampton
20/08/2023	The Liveris Academy for Innovation and Leadership – Scholarship Opportunities
20/08/2023	University of Southern Queensland Toowoomba Open Day
20/08/2023	UQ Andrew. N. Liveris Academy for Innovation and Leadership
20/08/2023	UQ Open Day - Gatton campus
21/08/2023	UQ auditions for the 2024 B Music (Honours) Program close
21/08/2023	UQ Music Audition applications close
22/08/2023	Cairns UQ Ready event
23/08/2023	Australian Informatics Olympiad (AIO) entries close
24/08/2023	Cairns Youth and Careers Expo
24/08/2023	CQ University Gladstone
24/08/2023	Gold COast UQ Ready event
25/08/2023	UNSW Bragg Student Prize for Science Writing 2023 entries close
26/08/2023	ACU Brisbane Open Day
26/08/2023	The Hotel School Australia & W Hotels Industry insights experience
29/08/2023	QUT Semester 1 2024 SSTART QUT webinar
30/08/2023	Rockhampton UQ Ready event
30/08/2023	Toowoomba UQ Ready event
31/08/2023	Australian Intermediate Mathematics Olympiad entries close
31/08/2023	CQ University - Online Open Day
31/08/2023	GU QLD Conservatorium applications close
01/09/2023	ABC Heywire Competition entries close
01/09/2023	Griffith Film School portfolio applications close
01/09/2023	Griffith Uni Legal essay competition closes
03/09/2023	UQ Young ChangeMakers applications close

05/09/2023	Bond University Indigenous scholarship applications close
05/09/2023	John Eales Rugby Excellence Scholarship applications close
06/09/2023	Online UQ Ready event
06/09/2023	Queensland College of Art portfolio applications close
08/09/2023	Griffith Uni On-Campus boot camp applications close
08/09/2023	The Premier's Coding Challenge applications close
12/09/2023	James Cook University - Virtual Open Day
12/09/2023	Northern Rivers UQ Ready event
12/09/2023	QUT Advice Night
12/09/2023 to 14/09/2023	TAFE Queensland – Sunshine Coast and Wide Bay Open Days
15/09/2023	Bond University Film & Television Awards (BUFTA) applications close
15/09/2023	MYQCE Give Away competition closes
15/09/2023	UNE Early Entry applications close
18/09/2023	ACU Guarantee closes
18/09/2023	SAE scholarship applications close
21/09/2023	Women in Engineering School Holiday Tour
25/09/2023	QUT's Creative Industries - Bachelor of Fine Arts (Acting) QTAC and Audition applications close
25/09/2023 to 27/09/2023	Spring into Engineering Holiday Camp
29/09/2023	QTAC application closing date for Medicine and Music
29/09/2023	UQ Rural Access Scheme (RAS) provisional medicine application closes
29/09/2023	Write a book in a day competition and fund raiser entries close
30/09/2023	Griffith ENG Program applications close
30/09/2023	JCU's Dental Surgery, Medicine and Vet Science written JCU applications close
30/09/2023	UNE Joint Medical Program applications close
30/09/2023	Vision Australia Further Education Bursaries applications close