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# Apprenticeships & Traineeships

## Benefits of an apprenticeship pathway

In today's changing world of work, Australia needs a capable, skilled and adaptive workforce. According to The Good Universities Guide there are five advantages of apprenticeships and traineeships such as:

1. You earn while you learn
2. You can choose from a wide variety of interests
3. Training is flexible
4. You will receive a nationally recognised qualification
5. You can start them at school

[Click here](#) to read more.

## Employer Incentives initiative for Australian Apprenticeships

Make sure you are up to date regarding the Australian Government's new Employment Initiatives for apprentices. Being up to date with Government incentives can be of assistance when you are negotiating with an employer regarding an apprenticeship position. Click here to read about:

[Employer incentives](#)

[Supporting Apprentices and Trainees](#)

[Additional identified skills shortage payment](#)

[Assistance for Australian Apprentices with disability](#)

[Australian Apprentice Wage Subsidy](#)

## 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.

## **Opportunities in construction and property services**

Matching who you are with what you do seems like a good idea, yet most people are in jobs that don't match their personal style and natural talent. [MyCareerMatch](#) will help you to ...

Discover your strengths and talents and the careers that match in the construction and property services industry

Boost self-awareness of your employability skills

Use personal content from the report to strengthen your resume

Consider career options with links to job information, video and training

## **Queensland Government apprenticeship assistance**

The Queensland Government offers support to encourage employers to take on more apprentices. Read more about [apprenticeship training](#) and [financial help](#) that may be available if you are thinking about starting an apprenticeship.

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# AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

## Upcoming Australian Defence Force (ADF) events

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

20/10/2020 [North Queensland: Army Reserve Virtual Information Session online](#)

27/10/2020 [Gold Coast: Army Reserve Information Session](#)

17/11/2020 [Cairns: A Night in the Army Reserve](#)

24/11/2020 [North Queensland: Army Reserve Virtual Information Session](#)



## 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.

## Careers with STEM

Careers with STEM.com produces annual magazines that are packed with information about STEM qualifications, study options and career options. You can read the 2020 magazines that have information on the following areas:

[Engineering](#)

[Resources](#)

[Maths and Data](#)

[Economics](#)

[Science](#)

[Digital Retail](#)

## School Leavers Information Kit and Service

The [School Leavers Information Kit](#), available at [yourcareer.gov.au](http://yourcareer.gov.au), provides Year 12 leavers with information about their education, training and employment options in 2021. The following information is included in the kit:

How this information kit can help

Help to build your future

Help with short-term options

Help to pursue your goal

[link to School Leavers Information Service](#)

The School Leavers Information Service will provide school leavers with phone, text or email support to navigate the School Leavers Information Kit and to access and use the Your Career website. The service also offers a personalised career guidance session with a qualified career practitioner for up to 45 minutes, where needed.

## **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.

## **Videos about jobs**

If you don't know anyone working in a job that you are interested in, then watch a video about the job. Visit the [myfuture YouTube channel](#) for videos on a broad range of occupations.

## **Why research the less traditional career pathway options**

*Rebecca Biestman* is the chief marketing officer at Reputation and offers five strategies to take the road less traveled and succeed. [Click here](#) (scroll down) to read about her five strategies which are:

- Don't obsess over big brands or logos
- Tackle difficult conversations head on
- Find and learn from all types of leaders
- Get your hands dirty
- Don't let anxieties own you

# Competitions

## **SAE FlickerUp youth short film competition**

The SAE FlickerUp youth short film competition is now open and closes on 6 November 2020. This is an incredible opportunity for you to have your creativity and passion recognised Australia-wide for a short film you have either made in class as an assignment or outside class as a hobby. The selected films for each category will be screened at Bondi Pavilion on Bondi Beach January 2021 which will be followed by an awards ceremony. Act quickly to avoid missing the deadline, as entry closes on 6 November 2020. [Click here](#) for more information.

# 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.

## **Have you applied for Educational Access Scheme?**

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 that may improve your chance of receiving a course offer. It is not too late to apply for EAS if you have already put in your QTAC application. 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 email your documents to QTAC. The final date to submit your EAS application for the offer-round on 14 January 2021 is 11 December 2020. 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.

## **Studying at QUT with a disability, injury or health condition**

Prospective students with a disability, injury or health condition are encouraged to make a pre-enrolment appointment with a QUT Disability Adviser to discuss their situation and potential adjustments which could assist their university learning. Visit [disability support website](#) for more information.

# Employment

## 11 Reasons to Job Search During the Holidays

Many job seekers take a break from job searching during the holidays. It's a hectic time of year and it can be a challenge to juggle getting ready for the holidays with keeping a job hunt moving forward. But that may be a mistake. Contrary to what you might think, hiring doesn't stop during the holiday season. Employers hire when they need new employees. A slower holiday season for some businesses means more time for hiring. It can also mean less competition for available jobs because of the number of job seekers who do take a break from their job hunt. [Click here](#) to read the 11 reasons why Alison Doyle thinks you should be looking at that time of the year.

## Have you heard about Financial dealers, Sales Demonstrators or Aged and Disabled Carers?

[Financial Dealers](#) conduct financial market transactions on behalf of clients. You usually need a university qualification in commerce, finance, accounting, economics or actuarial science to work as a Financial Dealer. Some workers have a Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualification.

[Sales Demonstrators](#) display and demonstrate goods at commercial premises, exhibitions and private homes. You can work as a Sales Demonstrator without formal qualifications. Some on the job training may be provided.

[Aged and Disabled Carers](#) provide general household assistance, emotional support, care and companionship for aged and disabled persons in their own homes. They are also known as Personal Care Worker, or Personal Carer. You can work as an Aged or Disabled Carer without formal qualifications, however, a certificate III or IV in aged care, disability, mental health, community services or another related field may be useful.

## I've Never Had a Job Before - How Do I Get A Christmas Casual Job?

*Summer Jobs* suggest that one of the BEST ways to get your first job is to apply for a Christmas casual job. Some employers will still want to see retail experience on your resume - employers such as high-end retailer Tiffany & Co. But plenty of other employers won't expect you to have any experience at all. They hire lots of Christmas casuals just like you. [Click here](#) to read more about getting a Christmas job plus links to other interesting articles.

## **Need assistance in putting together your Resumes and Cover Letter**

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.

## **Preparation - the key to a successful 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. [Click here](#) to check out some tips from Hays Recruiting.

## **Why the Fuss About Micro-Credentials?**

Everyone, even governments, seem to be excited about micro-credentials. But what are they and why is there so much interest? In the latest Career Panorama blog post, Beverley Oliver explores whether they really can help careers flourish post-COVID, and if so, what learners should look for. For school leavers not wanting to take on traditional tertiary education straight away or need a qualification for entry into a desired tertiary course, then micro-credentials may assist. [Click here](#) to read more about micro-credentials.

# Financial Assistance & Scholarships



## 2021 Scholarships Guide

There's a scholarship for everyone and everything. Don't be put off thinking you won't be successful because there are 4300-plus scholarships in Australia. Country Education Foundation of Australia has thousands of scholarships from major unis, vocational education and training and other learning opportunities. They have tips and tricks for a successful application, as well as a fun quiz to see what you're best suited to study, plus blogs written by successful scholarship applicants to give you the extra motivation you need to back yourself and fill in those forms. [Click here](#) to find out more.

## CAS Hawker Scholarships

The Charles Allan Seymour Hawker Residential 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 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 2021 [C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships](#) open on 7 December 2020 and will close on 8 January 2021.

## Central Queensland University Scholarships for 2021

Future students of CQU are encouraged to apply for the wide variety of scholarships on offer from CQU. [Click here](#) to find out what domestic and international student scholarships are on offer for 2021, closing dates and application details. Remember, many scholarships go unawarded due to lack of applicants so it is best to apply if you are considering CQUni as you may just be successful!

## General scholarship information from Griffith University

Griffith have more than 600 scholarships that help make university a reality for new and continuing students. You could be eligible for different scholarships based on your background, chosen study area, hardships you've experienced or your achievements so far. Applying for Griffith scholarships is free and simple and you can apply for multiple scholarships with just the one application form. [Explore our scholarships](#) to see what you may be eligible for. Please note: applying for scholarships is separate to applying for a place at university. Find out more about Griffith [scholarships application process](#).

### Griffith Uni's Chancellor's Scholarship

The Chancellor's Scholarships are for students who have experienced financial hardship, and/or education disadvantage that has impacted on their ability to achieve their full potential. There are multiple scholarships available within the Chancellor's Scholarships. Your need to apply by Friday 11 December 2020 and [click here](#) for more information.

### QUT Scholarships

[QUT Excellence Scholarships \(Academic\)](#) are valued at \$10,000 and up to \$30,000 for high achieving school leavers with outstanding academic performance (ATAR 98.00 and above).

[QUT Budding Entrepreneur Scholarships](#) are valued at up to \$24,000 and are aimed at innovative individuals who are engaged in their passion for entrepreneurial action.

[QUT Sport Scholarships](#) are valued at \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$20,000 and are awarded to athletes competing at varying levels of sport from elite athletes to sportspeople who are developing and progressing in their sport.

[QUT Esport Scholarships](#) are valued at \$5,000 and are awarded to players who demonstrate abilities to perform and progress within an online esports game environment, specifically within the League of Legends.

[Westpac Young Technologists Scholarships](#) are valued at \$15,000 and are based on academic performance (ATAR 92.00-99.00) and potential for leadership.

[Women in Engineering Scholarships](#) are valued at \$6,000 and support QUT's commitment to growing the number of graduating female engineers and to foster engineering as a career choice for women.

[QUT STEM Scholars Academic Scholarships](#) are valued at \$3,000 (plus possible \$1,500 relocation bursary) and are awarded to eligible students who have participated in either the STEM Camp or High School STEM Internship program with QUT and achieved an ATAR 92.00-99.00.

### 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 20 November 2020. For details, visit the [QUT website](#).

## **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](#).

## **SAE Scholarships**

SAE Australia offers a range of domestic scholarships. Each year SAE supports exceptional applicants by offering a range of scholarship opportunities and applicants are considered on their creative skill, academic excellence and leadership. Their annual Scholarship Program closes 30 October. Scholarships are only available for domestic students completing Year 12 in 2020 and commencing study in February 2021. [Click here](#) for more information and a list of available scholarships.

## **UQ Scholarships**

Below is a list of some of the key scholarships and more scholarships to be announced over the next few months. You are encouraged to keep an eye on the UQ scholarships page as faculty scholarships continue to go live. For questions on UQ scholarships, contact the Scholarships team on [ugscholarships@uq.edu.au](mailto:ugscholarships@uq.edu.au) or phone them on 07 3365 7113.

### **Academic Scholarships**

[UQ Vice-Chancellors Scholarships](#)

[UQ Excellence Scholarships](#)

[UQ Merit Scholarships](#)

### **Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology**

[Liveris Academy Undergraduate Scholarship](#)

[Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Scholarship](#)

[Leeanne Bond Scholarship for Women in Engineering](#)

[Codebots Scholarship](#)

[Agility Applications Regional QLD ICT Scholarship](#)

[Hay Family Scholarship Endowment](#)

[Peter J Jones Scholarship for Chemical Engineering](#)

[Warwick Solar Farm Bright Futures Scholarship](#)

## **Science**

[Lowth Geology Scholarship](#)

[Destination Australia Scholarship](#)

## **Business, Economics and Law**

[UQ Law LEAD Scholarship](#)

[J.M. Donnelly Scholarship](#)

## **Sporting Scholarships**

[UQ Firebirds Scholarship](#)

[The Wensley Sporting Scholarship](#)

[The Clem Jones Sporting Scholarship](#)

[The UQ Sports Achievement Scholarship](#)

[UQ Sport Scholarship Ambassador Program](#)

## **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarships**

[Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Scholarship](#)

[Fiona Kennedy Memorial Scholarship](#)

[Schools of Business and Economics Indigenous Student Scholarship](#)

## **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 27 November 2020. Find out more on the [UQ Scholarship website](#).

## **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 close in line with QTAC application closing dates. Click [here](#) for a full list of scholarships on offer at USQ.

## University of the Sunshine Coast 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 2021 scholarships close on 30 November 2020.

## Ways to manage 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.



## 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

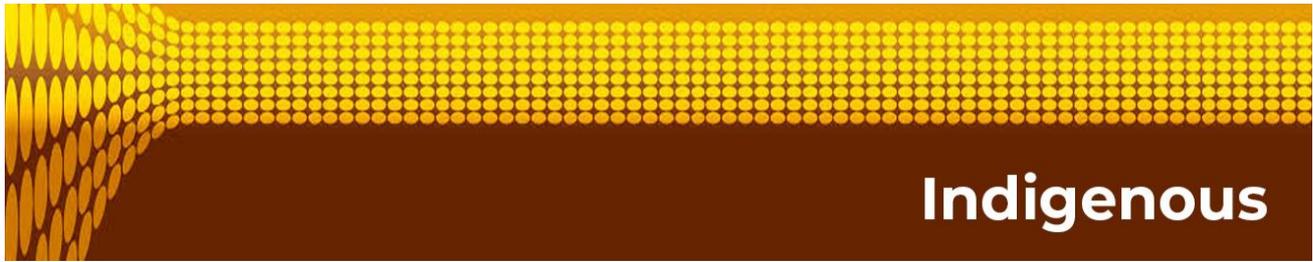
Read the myfuture article '[Volunteering](#)' to understand the full range of benefits you receive through volunteering. For volunteering ideas, you can explore the following websites:

[Volunteering Queensland](#)

[Go Volunteer](#)

[Seek Volunteer](#)

[Volunteer with the Red Cross in Queensland.](#)



## **ACU Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Accommodation Scholarship**

This scholarship was established to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who are living away from home and their community. [The scholarship](#) covers the cost of accommodation so you can concentrate on your studies and make the most of the university experience.

## **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student entry to QUT**

Students who are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent and would like to study at QUT may be eligible for entry through the Oodgeroo Unit's [Centralised Assessment Selection Program](#) (CASP). CASP is an admissions pathway that can assist Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people enter most undergraduate courses at QUT. See the [CASP website](#) for information on eligibility, requirements and how to apply.

## **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 13 November 2020.

## **Indigenous Commonwealth Education and Accommodation Scholarships through Griffith University**

The Indigenous Commonwealth Education and Accommodation Scholarships are for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students who have experienced financial hardship, and/or education disadvantage that has impacted their ability to achieve their full potential.

The Indigenous Commonwealth Education Scholarship is valued at \$12,000, paid over a maximum of eight payments. The Indigenous Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarship is valued at \$22,000 and is paid over a maximum of eight payments. Applications are due by 12 pm Friday 29 January 2021. [Click here](#) to find out more information about how to apply.

## Indigenous Scholarships Portal

Looking for a scholarship opportunity but not sure where to find any information? Visit the [Indigenous Scholarship Portal](#) and by answering 9 short questions the portal will collate scholarships that you may be eligible to apply for. The questions include basic personal information – gender, date of birth and postcode; when you graduated Year 12, places you wish to study at, what level of study you are applying for (ie. Vocational Education and Training, Bachelor Degree or Foundation/Preparatory Classes), specific study areas and study load (ie. Full-time or part-time) and study mode (ie. On campus or online/distance).



### **Ivy League Face-Off: Harvard vs Princeton vs UPenn**

Looking to study at a prestigious Ivy League university in the US? Join Maddie (Harvard student), Seyoon (Princeton student) and Nathan (UPenn student) as they provide insight into what life is like on campus and why their universities are at the forefront of the world. [Click here](#) for more information and to register for Crimson Education's upcoming webinar on 25 October 2020.

### **Oxbridge Face-Off: Cambridge vs Oxford webinar hosted by Crimson Education**

Looking to study at top UK universities Oxford or Cambridge? On 1 November, join Moana (Oxford student) and Pao (Cambridge student) as they provide insight into what life is like on campus and why their universities are at the forefront of the world. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

### **The UK Application Explained Hosted By Crimson UK Strategist**

On 24 October, Crimson UK Strategy Consultant and Oxford and LSE graduate, Abbigail Colwyn, will be hosting a webinar. They will take you through each stage of the UK application process from the fundamentals through to in-depth insights. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



## **2019 Employment Projections - for the five years to May 2024**

Each year, the Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business produces employment projections by industry, occupation, skill level and region for the following five-year period. These employment projections are designed to provide a guide to the future direction of the labour market, however, like all such exercises, they are subject to an inherent degree of uncertainty. [Click here](#) to find out:

Industry projections

Occupational projections

Skill level projections

Regional projections

Regional projections - interactive tool

# Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



## Basair Aviation College - Career Open Days

Basair Aviation College is hosting an open day in Brisbane on 15 November with Covid-19 precautions in place. On the day, students can have their first flight lesson, try out their drones and simulators, attend a career seminar, and/or listen to one of the Alumni & Current Student speakers. For more information and to register [click here](#).

## Christian Heritage College Virtual Open Night

If you are interested in studying with CHC in 2021 or beyond, join them on 22 October at 6.15pm for their [virtual open night](#). On the night you can find information about:

What your study area is all about and why it impacts our world.

About career and calling.

Meeting the CHC staff and talk directly to your future lecturers.

Meeting current CHC Students.

Finding out how you can study with and without an ATAR.

# Private Provider Updates

## Australian Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS)

AFTRS is a screen arts and broadcast school – the only Australian education institution to consistently make *The Hollywood Reporter's* prestigious annual list of the top film schools in the world. They encourage Australian talent to shape and share their stories with the world by delivering the most future-focused education, research and training. They offer full-time, or part-time, on campus, or online, short, or long-form courses. There's an AFTRS course that's made for you, all you have to do is find it. They offer courses in:

[Bachelor of Arts Screen Production](#)

[Masters of Arts Screen](#)

[Graduate Diploma in Radio](#)

[Click here](#) to find out about all courses that are offered.

## Offer certainty for year 12 students at Griffith College

Offers to the college for Year 12 graduates are not based on ATAR results - students don't even need to be studying an ATAR pathway to be eligible to study with Griffith College. Year 12 graduates are eligible to study at Griffith College before progressing to their chosen bachelor's degree at Griffith University. The following are suggestions for meeting eligibility for entry into a course:

Queensland Certificate of Education (or equivalent from another state)

A statement of results with a grade of C or better in Units 3 and 4 in three General or Applied subjects

Completed Certificate III

An ATAR

Students must list Griffith College as one of their preferences on their QTAC application for either the stand alone diploma or an offer with direct entry into their bachelor at Griffith University. [Click here](#) for more information or email Louise Gaynor with any questions at [louise.gaynor@griffithcollege.edu.au](mailto:louise.gaynor@griffithcollege.edu.au)

## Queensland School of Film and Television (QSFT)

QSFT will be holding an information session on Saturday 7 November 2020. [Register here](#) to find out how to kick start your film and media career, find out about professional development or if you are passionate about filmmaking and media production. You can book a one on one appointment or register to come along to the next QSFT open day. [Click here](#) to find out more about the QSFT courses and news updates.

## SAE 2021 scholarships closing soon

Applications are closing soon for SAE's Kickstarter grants. The partial-tuition grants are valued at \$15,000 each and are on offer to students graduating Year 12 in 2020 who excel in Audio, Animation, Film, Graphic Design or Games Development. Students can fast-track their degree in two-years and work on real projects using the latest equipment and industry-standard software.

SAE is also offering two [full tuition scholarships](#) – The Excellence in Creative Media and the Creative Indigenous Scholarships. These scholarships are available to enrolling students who display excellence in creative media and plan to commence a Bachelor program in 2021. Applications for all scholarships close on 30 October.

## SAE QANTM

SAE Brisbane campus is located in Brisbane's West End. You will have access to state-of-the-art studios and equipment, a teaching and learning team committed to excellence in education and specialist training.

SAE Brisbane offers you:

An outstanding campus in Brisbane's creative hub

A culture of collaborative and interdisciplinary practice

A team of staff with professional experience in some of the largest and most significant creative media companies

An active and welcoming student body offering a number of social clubs and extracurricular activities

Professional development opportunities through work placements, internships and volunteering

[Click here](#) to find out more about their facilities, upcoming events, latest news and courses on offer.



# QTAC & Tertiary Entry

## Assistance schemes

The following are the various assistance schemes that can be applied for through QTAC. It is wise to read about each scheme to see if you are eligible to apply. They all have different advantages and you may need to apply for some schemes prior to you receiving an offer.

There are several government, institution and private schemes that can provide [financial assistance to students](#).

### Special admissions schemes include:

Year 12 subject scheme

Access and equity schemes

Regional preference schemes

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander schemes

Elite athlete and performer scheme

QUT elite athlete special entry scheme

Griffith University elite athlete program

Access USC elite athlete adjustment scheme

[Click here](#) to find out more information about the various schemes.

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

If you are applying for entry into tertiary education courses for 2021 you must submit written statements and complete an online questionnaire to address your suitability criteria for the course. These form part of your QTAC application. These statements must be submitted before the QTAC documentation due dates (see Key dates on the [QTAC website](#)). You must have submitted your statements by 9 December 2020 for the 23 December 2020 and the 11 December 2020 for the 14 January 2020 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 ATAR 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 it 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 – [Admission Pathways](#)

Bond University – [University Preparation Program](#)

CQUniversity – [English, Work and Study Preparation](#)

Griffith University - [Admission Pathways](#)

James Cook University - [Pathways to University](#)

Queensland University of Technology – [Helping you get into your course](#)

TAFE Queensland – [University pathways](#)

University of Queensland – [Consider your pathway options](#)

University of Southern Queensland – [Pathway Programs](#)

University of the Sunshine Coast – [Uni Pathways](#)

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 Educational Access Scheme (EAS) when I applied to QTAC. What do I need to do now?**

**A.** If you didn't download an Educational Access Scheme cover sheet/s for the category/categories you are applying for, [click here](#), scroll down to cover sheets, then click on the relevant EAS category. The cover sheet/sheets provide a list of all documentation that you will need to submit to QTAC by the [due date](#).

**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 any required supporting documents. You then upload or email 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 2021 Year 12 Guide, the offer-round for my courses is 24 January 2021. Now I hear that I could get an earlier offer.**

**A.** Institutions can give offers to eligible applicants (i.e. applicants who have met all the entry requirements) at different times. 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 keep checking 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 (often within 4 days) 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.** I am not sure what my ATAR will be. 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 6th preference) which indicate that all applicants received an offer in 2021. Remember, you can always go back into your QTAC application AFTER you receive your ATAR and make any changes to your preferences that will see you competitive in gaining a place in a course in 2021.

**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](#). You can ring QTAC on 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.



# Study Skills

## 10 visible signs of stress

[Growing Leaders](#) suggests some things to look out for so you can nip stress in the bud. As you live a pressurised life, especially during 2020, here are some common signs to look for that signal you may be dealing with disproportionate stress:

### 1. Withdrawal from family or friends

Out of the need to survive the pressure, are you withdrawing from normal activities, even social time with family and peers?

### 2. Emotional changes: short temper, low patience, or irritability

Do you react to stress by becoming emotionally volatile—either displaying a short fuse, running out of patience quickly, or being irritable?

### 3. The inability to make decisions

Do you sometimes become internally paralyzed, just shut down, become overwhelmed, and freeze?

### 4. Increased drama, emotion, and exaggeration

Do you react by an extra dose of drama or hyperbole, disproportionate to the situation? Emotion outweighs the situation.

### 5. Quitting commitments and irresponsibility

Are you pulling out of situations or activities that are proving to be stressful?

### 6. Physical signs: they get sick often, complaining about aches or bowel issues

Do you have these physical signs of stress - headaches or stomach aches; constipated or become sick more often your immune system not working well?

### 7. Eating or sleeping habits change

Have you lost your appetite, or are eating too much due to stress? finding it hard to fall asleep due to stress, unable to turn your brain off at night?

### 8. Coping mechanisms

Are you relying on artificial coping mechanisms such as alcohol or drugs to get through the stress - they don't work!

### 9. Cognitive changes—decreased focus, forgetfulness, or carelessness

Are you finding it hard to concentrate or study, forgetful or careless about things that used to matter to you?

## 10. Negative self-talk

Do you tell yourself that your 'glass is constantly half empty'?

If you feel any of these symptoms for more than two or three weeks, you should talk to your guidance officer/school counsellor or speak with your doctor. Stress can be managed with some positive conversations and strategies. **YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE THAT STRESSED!**

## OH NO! 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 smooth 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](#). If you are not coping it is best to talk with your parents, Guidance Officer/School Counsellor or family doctor.

## Successful study skills

Class tests, yearly exams and essays are all frequent aspects of life as a high school student and they rely on preparation, more commonly known as “studying”. Although students know (and are told frequently) they should go to their room and study, the act of studying and building the right study skills can be quite elusive. [Read this article](#) that will provide some practical tips and strategies for high school students to study and be greater prepared for the class tests, yearly exams and essays they face on a regular basis.

## 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](#).



## **General: 2020 directory of performing arts courses now available**

Interested in performing arts courses? Access the [Stage Whispers Directory of Performing Arts Courses 2021](#) for a comprehensive list of performing arts courses in Australia and New Zealand.

## **Previously published information update**

Please note that in Bulletin 16 it was noted that The University of Queensland have an early offer program for 2021 entry. We would like to notify you that this is not correct and we apologise for any confusion.

## **Student One - Accommodation Scholarships**

Student One's \$1 million scholarship fund recognises the many challenges everyone has faced over the past year. Student One aims to support students who need just a bit more to get through their studies. Students will have access to rental assistance to the value of \$30 or \$50 per week for the entire length of their stay. Social events, scholarships, facilities and inclusions and 24/7 support all add up to make Student One the smarter choice for student living.

[Discover more](#)

## **Torrens University Australia Speaker Series**

Torrens University is holding their annual Speaker Series for 2020. It will be a mix of industry experts and star guests who will cover topics as diverse as mental health awareness, the role of sport in communities, the rise of sustainable fashion and the path to recovery for the tourism industry. There are various session dates between 5 November–10 December and you can [click here](#) to read more. What will be on?

Industry experts - hear from their academic staff and thought leaders

Star guests - some of Australia's best-known celebrities share their stories and pass on the benefits of their experiences

Get involved - join in the live Q&A and be a part of the conversation

## Australian Catholic University

### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Admission Program

If you are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander you may be eligible to apply for entry to an ACU course through their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Admission Program. This program considers factors other than your Year 12 results. Through the program you will meet with an Indigenous Higher Education Unit (IHEU) member and a faculty representative. Your potential to undertake study will be based upon any of your previous studies, life experiences and achievements. Applications for most courses are made directly through QTAC.

### Growing demand for secondary mathematics teachers

ACU now offers a [Bachelor of Education \(Secondary\)/Bachelor of Arts \(Mathematics\)](#), a double degree for students who want to be a specialist mathematics teacher in secondary schools. Maths is also offered as a major within the Bachelor of Arts degree for students who want to follow their passion in the field. The arts degree is also a pathway for students into the Master of Teaching courses offered at ACU. [Read more](#) from Dr Michael Easey, lecturer at ACU Brisbane, on what inspired him to teach mathematics and why there is a growing need for more mathematics teachers.

### Know Your Options event

On Saturday 19 December you can attend the ACU Know Your Options event from 11am - 1pm. You will be able to talk to ACU about your course and career path, learn about alternative entry and admission pathways and explore the Brisbane campus. The Know Your Options event is held the day your ATAR scores are released, so you can talk about your options at ACU. [Register now](#)

### One degree, many courses of action

In a rapidly changing world, a Bachelor of Arts from ACU prepares you for the challenges of the future. ACU Arts program offers a number of intensive overseas study units (when it's safe to travel) across a range of disciplines including visual arts, drama, history and geography. The three-year Bachelor of Arts program offers specialisations in the humanities, social sciences and visual arts to encourage students to design their own academic program to reflect their intellectual interests and career aspirations. You may also be able to accelerate your learning and complete your study in 2.5 years. The degree can also be taken as a pathway for students who wish to consider future study in teaching in secondary education. [Read more about our Bachelor of Arts program.](#)

### Study at ACU webinar series

ACU online series will answer your questions about studying at ACU. Get helpful advice on how to apply, find out more about non-traditional pathways to uni, explore your postgraduate study options and hear from students about what life is really like at ACU. [Register now](#) to join the upcoming webinar series including:  
A Focus on Arts  
A Focus on Education

## **Bond University**

### **Entry into Medicine**

The Bond Medical Program application process is a three-step process; Step 1: Academic Assessment; Step 2: Psychometric Test; Step 3: Interview where applicants will be assessed on the following:

Outstanding academic achievement

Demonstrated ability to achieve graduate outcomes of:

Knowledge and critical thinking

Leadership, Initiative and teamwork

Communication skills

Responsibility

When interviews are complete, successful applicants are made an offer into the program and the offer must be accepted within a specified timeframe. Applicants for the Bond Medical Program apply through QTAC between the opening date of 14 January 2021 and closing on 28 January 2021 with all supporting documentation submitted to QTAC by 29 January 2021. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Student experience in top 20% of results in the country**

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 seven 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.

## **Central Queensland University**

### **Accommodation options for 2021**

CQU offers its students the opportunity to discover their independence and have a college experience. [Capricornia College](#) in Rockhampton and [Canefield College](#) in Mackay are now accepting applications for Semester 1, 2021. Click [here](#) to read more about the on-campus accommodation options at CQU.

## Change of preference online chat

Mightn't get the ATAR you need or changed your mind about what course you want to study in 2021? Join CQU's Online Chat Session to speak with a member of their expert team and discover your options. Get guidance on how to change your preferences and learn more about CQUni's alternative pathways. All you need to do is head over to CQUniversity's [Facebook](#) page and send a message during the session and you'll receive real-time answers to all your questions. The chat session will be held on 19 December 2020 from 8am - 1pm. [Check back here](#) for further details closer to the event.

## Have questions?

Get answers to your questions about CQUni's courses, application process or anything else by calling them on 13 27 86, [submit your question online](#), join them at one of their [Online Chats](#), or book a one-on-one conversation at [BOOK A ONE-ON-ONE CONVERSATION](#).

## Griffith University

### GUESTS applications for trimester 3 are closing soon

Applications are closing soon for motivated Year 11 students who wish to take up the opportunity to study a single course (subject) in the GUESTS program while completing their high school studies. Trimester 3 (November 2020) applications close 16 October and trimester 1 next year (March 2021), are encouraged to apply by 13 November to ensure they can select classes that most suit their school timetable. [Click here](#) for more information and available courses.

### Living in a rural area? Rural priority places for medicine, medical science and dentistry

Griffith understand the unique challenges that students from rural backgrounds face when considering university. To help develop the next generation of doctors, dentists and other healthcare professionals who understand the issues facing rural communities, several places are set aside in their Rural Priority Access Scheme for students from a rural background. Eligibility is based on [residential location](#) in accordance with the Federal Government definition of rurality so enter your address to see if you are eligible. Commonwealth Supported Places are set aside for rural students in the following degrees:

[Doctor of Medicine](#)

[Bachelor of Medical Science](#)

[Bachelor of Dental Health Science](#)

### Prerequisites and assumed knowledge

Griffith operates in an Assumed Knowledge framework. To enable you to successfully complete the first year of some degrees, it is assumed that through your senior secondary school studies, or equivalent, you will have achieved a minimum level of knowledge in certain subjects. [Click here](#) to find out more about:

Subject prerequisites

What is assumed knowledge?

Find equivalent subjects and bridging courses

Which bridging course should I take?

### **The Griffith Film School intensive courses for Year 11 students**

The Griffith Film School is offering Year 11 students the opportunity to study a course in Animation or Film in intensive mode over a three-week period in December. Students can choose between:

1108GFS Principles of Animation or

1715GFS Image and Sound

Applications for these two courses close 22 November 2020 and [click here](#) for more detail.

### **Year 12 Early Offer Guarantee – invitation email**

Griffith University has now commenced sending invitations for the Year 12 Early Offer Guarantee (via QTAC) for eligible applicants. If you have submitted your application or changed your preferences to include one (or more) of the eligible programs, you should receive an invitation within 2 working days of submitting your application or new preferences.

If you have not received an invitation try the following:

1. Ensure you have listed one (or more) of the eligible programs in your QTAC application.
2. Check your email junk folder.
3. Check your email address listed on your QTAC application and update where necessary.

If you have followed these steps and still not received an invitation, then [contact us](#) providing some key information such as name, email, QTAC Application number and include 'Year 12 Early Offer Guarantee' in the comments and they will get back to you to assist.

## **Queensland University of Technology**

### **Accommodation Service**

QUT services provide students with information and advice and can assist with problems arising from accommodation. There are different types of accommodation for students in Brisbane and identifying which is best suited for you is a very important step. Check out [A list of accommodation providers](#) is a good place to start.

## Career workshops and phone conversations

The QUT career workshops, run by QUT Career Educators from 5-6pm, are tailored to young people and their parents or carers. They will explore topics including:

support with decision-making and preparation for transitions

where university can lead you

skills required in the future world of work

support for your success at university.

Workshops include:

Jobs of the future: the new world workshop - Thursday 22 October. To register, [click here](#).

Deciding on your next move? Decision-making around study and careers workshop - Monday 9 November, 5-6pm. To register, [click here](#).

Free phone appointments with a QUT Career Educator are also available if you are unable to attend or would like to speak with someone about your careers query. To make a booking, visit the QUT [website](#)

## Diploma pathway in business and engineering

QUT has recently introduced the Diploma in Business and the Diploma in Engineering for domestic students with the first intake in 2021. The diploma programs act as a pathway into the bachelor degree for students who have not received the required ATAR. The diploma consists of first year units from the respective bachelor degree and takes eight months to complete. Find out more about the [Diploma in Business](#) or [Diploma in Engineering](#) including QTAC code, program structure and study costs.

## New undergraduate course in Data Science

QUT are offering a new undergraduate course – the Bachelor of Data Science. Additionally, this course is available for both on-campus study and fully online. Explore QUT's new [Bachelor of Data Science](#).

## START QUT applications for Semester 1, 2021 close 31 October

If you are a high-achieving Year 11 or 12 student in 2021 who would like to get a taste of university life while in high school, you can apply to take part in [START QUT](#). Applications for Semester 1, 2021 are now open and close on 31 October, 2020. Late applications will not be accepted. For more information including entry requirements and the full list of all units available for study, visit the [START QUT website](#).

## **START QUT: New unit offerings available on-campus, online and external**

START QUT has added new unit (subject) options for students to study while still in high school. Some of the new units, as well as previous units will be expanding its' on-campus offering to include online and external modes of study. To find out more, visit their [START QUT webpage](#), and apply online before 31 October.

### **Science 360 Experience**

Want to know what it's like to work in QUT's innovative labs? Build your hands-on skills in their clinical simulation spaces? Get out in the field at their ecological research facility? Experience QUT Science with 360-degree virtual tours. [Take the virtual tour](#)

### **Year 12 Early Offer Scheme**

QUT have added several more courses to the early offer scheme. The Year 12 Early Offer Scheme is for entry to QUT in 2021 only and open to current Queensland Year 12 students who are currently completing:

the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) or International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme at least five General (ATAR) subjects or an IB Diploma study plan

For more information on how to apply, closing dates and frequently asked questions, visit their [website](#).

## **The University of Queensland**

### **But seriously, what is engineering? Podcast series**

This podcast called, "But Seriously, What is Engineering?" is a 12-part series that explores all corners of engineering from inventions to solving problems. Hear from students, academics and industry professionals in the engineering sector. The aim is to show that engineering is adventurous and exciting and well suited to those who are creative, curious and ready to explore. [Click here](#) to find out more information.

### **Concurrent diplomas**

A dilemma arises if you want to get into the B Engineering, B Science or another degree 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.

### **Engineering, Architecture, Design, or Computing webinars**

Between 20 and 22 October from 6 - 7pm, UQ will be delivering free online events for Year 12 students to help them make an informed career/degree decision/s. You will hear from current UQ students and

academics about what it's like to study [engineering](#), [architecture](#), [design](#) or [computing](#). In each session find out:

How to craft degrees and specialisations to align to their passions and interests.

What a day in the life of a UQ student looks like.

Alternative pathways into their program of choice.

Tips and advice on settling into first year from UQ Student Ambassadors.

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

### **Experience Social Science Webinar**

Students are invited to join UQ to learn how to translate their passion for injustices related to the environment, health and local and global inequalities into a diverse range of careers. Hear three mini-lectures on social science approaches to tackling global, community, environmental and health injustices provided by the UQ teaching team; and be introduced to two recent graduates and find out about their careers. It is an online presentation on 14 October from 4.30 - 5.30pm. [Click here](#) to find out more and to register.

### **New engineering, architecture and computing online resources**

UQ's Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology has created a suite of digital resources to help you make an informed decision when choosing a university degree. Undertake online and on demand programs when it suits, regardless of the location including webinars, live presentations, virtual tours, testimonials from students and graduates, to answering students commonly asked questions. Resources are designed to inform and entertain and help you to prepare for your transition from high school to university and beyond. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Queensland Mathematics Summer School for Year 10 students**

The Queensland Mathematics Summer School (QMSS) at UQ is a three day program from 11 - 13 January 2021 for mathematically talented current Year 10 students planning to study Year 11 Mathematical Methods and Specialist Mathematics in 2021. Students will delve into the deep, difficult, fun, mysterious, abstract, interconnected and of course, useful aspects of this fascinating subject. The cost is \$100 and it will be held at UQ. [Click here](#) to find out more and to apply.

### **The future of Engineering and Science at UQ**

You may have recently heard that UQ have made changes to their Engineering and Science degrees to enhance the experience and ultimately, employability for students. From 2021, students will have the opportunity to choose new specialisations, majors, fields of study, or minors to broaden their career options and meet the changing needs of industry. [Click here](#) to view these changes.

## University of Southern Queensland

### Are you the first in your family to study?

The [First in Family website](#) will help you if you are the first person in your family to go to university. Students who are the first in their family to study at university often face different challenges to other students when it comes to study. USQ has created free resources for current students who are the first in their immediate family to study, to help them through their first year of university.

## University of the Sunshine Coast

### Headstart applications are now open

Headstart gives Year 11 and 12 students the chance to study university subjects while still in high school. Students study subjects they're interested in to fast-track their USC degree and save money! USC has currently reviewing their offering for Headstart in 2021, which will include some courses being available to study online. A full list of courses will be updated as soon as possible. [Click here](#) to see what courses are on offer through Headstart.

When you are ready to submit your application, you can [apply online](#) via ApplyUSC directly to USC. The [Headstart School Statement of Support form](#) must be completed before you submit your online application. Applications to study Headstart in Semester 1, 2021 close on 30 November 2020.

## Upcoming Events

Date	Event
20/10/2020	Integrity 20'20 Schools program virtual day
22/10/2020	Integrity20 Schools Program virtual event
30/10/2020	SAE Scholarship applications close
31/10/2020	UQ Sport scholarship applications close
13/11/2020	GU's GUEST program Trimester 1 2021 applications close
15/11/2020	University of Southern Queensland John Ross Clancy Indigenous Student Bursary closing date
20/11/2020	QUT Excellence Scholarships and QUT Sport Scholarships
20/11/2020	UQ Academic Scholarship applications close
30/11/2020	UQ Lowth Geology Scholarship applications close
30/11/2020	USC 2021 scholarship applications close