

## Career Information Bulletin

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## Can I start an apprenticeship or traineeship at school?

Starting an apprenticeship or traineeship while still at school is a real option. You need to be confident that you know what you want to do when you leave school and think about doing some work experience in the area before you make the commitment. It's important that you talk to your parents and people at your school, like your VET Coordinator or Guidance/Career Counsellor to gain a good understanding of your options. If you are interested in an apprenticeship or traineeship while you are still at school, you would start a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship (SATs).

The major advantage of a SAT is getting a head start on the training you will require for the job you want when you leave school, while still being eligible to complete your secondary education. Normally, when you have a SAT, you spend one or two days with your employer and the rest of the week at school. You will also be required to do a formal course through TAFE or another registered training organisation in addition to your on-the-job-training.

It's possible to complete a traineeship while still at school. Apprenticeships, however, normally take longer. School-based apprenticeships are usually converted to full-time apprenticeships when you leave school. Find out more about SATs at <a href="Queensland Government Apprenticeships Info website">Queensland Government Apprenticeships Info website</a>. Organise an interview with your school's VET Coordinator and/or Guidance Counsellor/Officer to talk about SATs.

## Having a driving licence may give you an edge when applying for an apprenticeship

In some trade areas employers are more likely to take on an apprentice who has a driver's licence. This is especially true in the construction industry where there are multiple and changing worksites. Having to depend on parents and/or public transport to get to the worksite may not be practical or even possible.

If you are interested in applying for an apprenticeship, especially in the construction industry, consider applying for your learner licence when you become eligible (16 years of age). Once you turn 17, have 100 hours or more of supervised driving experience and pass the practical driving test, you will be issued a provisional licence. This licence allows you to drive unsupervised. Visit the <a href="Department of Transport and Main Roads website">Department of Transport and Main Roads website</a> to find out more about obtaining a driver's licence.

#### What is a blue card and Do I need one?

You will need a blue card if you are paid for your work or are a student enrolled in a tertiary course (including certificate, TAFE and university courses) and need to do a practical placement. Students studying a VET (Vocational Education and Training) course such as Certificate III or Diploma, in which they are required to do a work placement involving young people (under 18 years of age) are required, by law, to have a Blue Card. The Blue Card system in Queensland is used to monitor those who work with young people. Its aim is to reduce the risks of harm to young people by creating a safe and non-threatening environment. The

Registered Training Organisation (RTO) conducting tresponsible for applying for Blue Cards on behalf of Blue Cards on the Blue Card Services website.	the VET course (a school or outside organisation) is the students doing a course. You can read more about
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## ADF gap year is now open!

You can now apply for the 2021 Australian Defence Force (ADF) Gap Year, to experience life in the Navy, Army or Air Force. It's an opportunity to experience military life, without committing to a longer period - 'signing up'. An ADF Gap Year is a way to have an adventurous year, gain valuable skills and work experience and get paid for it. In 2021 there are 27 roles to choose from across the Army, Navy and Air Force from administration to cabin crew to artillery operator to driver to engineer and more. Be aware that it is a very popular program and once all roles are filled the program will close. Click here to find out how to apply and you must be an Australian citizen, aged between 18 and 24 years on admission and have completed Year 12 (required passes vary by job).

#### **ADF** music careers information session

If you're a professional musician and looking for a unique and stable career, you could find yourself performing in concert throughout Australia and overseas as part of the Australian Defence Force. The ADF is hosting a Musician Information Night on Thursday 12 March 2020 from 6:00pm—8:00pm at Defence Force Recruiting –Level 13, 295 Ann St, Brisbane 4000. A great opportunity for budding young musicians. To RSVP, click here.

#### **Australian Defence Force information sessions**

Stay informed about important upcoming <u>Queensland and National ADF events and information sessions</u> by visiting the Defence Jobs website. View the specific events information link for more details including: location, times and to book your tickets. Further information about these events and Army Reserve Information Sessions can be accessed on the ADF Facebook site.

12/03/2020 <u>Townsville: Gap Year Information Session</u>

**Brisbane: Music Careers Information Session** 

Gold Coast: Commando Information Session

13/03/2020 Townsville: Indigenous Elders and Influencers Breakfast

16/03/2020 Gladstone: Gap Year Information Session

Bundaberg: Defence Careers Info Session

Roma: Army Reserve Careers Information Session

17/03/2020 Cairns: Night in the Army Reserve Information Session

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Charleville: Defence Careers Information Session

Harvey Bay: Defence Careers Information Session

Greenbank: A Night in the Army Reserve

18/03/2020 Mareeba: Parents and Teachers Info Session

Rockhampton: Gap Year Information Session

Toowoomba: Parent and Teachers Information Session

19/03/2020 Rockhampton: Elders and Community Morning Tea

Atherton: Parents & Teachers Info Session

Logan: Defence Careers Information Session

24/03/2020 Caboolture: Careers for Indigenous Australians

Rockhampton: A night in the Army Reserve

25/03/2020 <u>Caloundra: Defence Careers Information Session</u>

26/03/2020 <u>Brisbane: Women in Trades Information Session</u>

## **Defence Work Experience Program**

Work experience is one way to find out if a military life is for you. Visit the <u>Defence Work Experience website</u> (click on 'Placements' and 'Qld') for a list of work experience opportunities. You will need to speak to your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor or Work Experience Coordinator about applying. You can also apply for work experience with the medical and dental unit, musical and army bands and Malaria and Infectious Diseases Institute. You will need to ask your work experience coordinator to apply for this directly through the Defence Work Experience unit. These are popular programs, so start your application early.



## Are you choosing a course for the right reasons?

<u>Deciding on a course</u> can be tough. You need to think about what you want to study, how you want to do it and where, and whether it's a realistic path towards your preferred career. There are big differences between courses, so how do you know you're <u>making the right choice</u>? There are many reasons on which to base your decision, but some are far smarter than others. To make sure you stay on the right path, the article <u>Are you choosing a course for the right reasons?</u> lists some reasons to avoid:

- You're expecting a high score so you're opting for a tough course
- The field of work seems glamorous
- You're feeling pressure to commit to a specific uni or course
- You've heard the job pays well

## **Careers with STEM online magazines**

The <u>Careers with STEM website</u> has recently released its 2020 Careers with Science and Careers with Data Science magazines. The magazines are packed full of short articles, information about courses, case studies and activities. You can download them or read them online.

### **Jobactive Video on Goal Setting for Job Search**

The Australian Government's Jobactive has released a video on setting goals for effective job search. The video includes tips on how to set up a vision board and why it can help in achieving your goals including career goals. To watch the video, <u>click here</u>

## The High Five of career development

The High Five are wise concepts to follow when making career decisions.

- 1. **Change is constant** The world of work is always changing. You also change as you develop personally and experience life. Don't be afraid of change; accept it and use it as an opportunity.
- 2. **Know yourself and follow your heart** A most important skills in career management is self-awareness knowing your interests, abilities, values, aspirations and the things/people that influence you. Start your job ideas list with jobs you would most like (dream jobs) even if they are currently unrealistic. This can get you started and lead to other jobs you hadn't thought of.
- 3. **Focus on the journey** It is good to have goals, both short and long term. However, we should not be so focused on these that we miss opportunities that may emerge along the way.

- 4. **Learning is ongoing** Learning doesn't stop just because you finish your course and get a job. Just as change is constant so is the need to keep up to speed with new technologies, new methods of practice and emerging trends in your career field.
- 5. Access your allies These are the people who can help and support you during your career journey, your school guidance officer/counsellor, teachers, your family and friends, sport coaches and others within your social network. You can learn much from other people's experiences.

## Thinking about what to do after finishing school?

Job Jumstart has three tips to help you to start to sort through the options you have after finishing school:

- 1. Not sure what study or jobs you might want to do? Reflect on what activities you like doing and what you want out of a job. This can help you understand the types of jobs that might suit you. When thinking about jobs that might interest you, it's good to know what's really involved, including the skills, training and qualifications needed for the job. Start your research by visiting myfuture and Job Outlook A Z jobs.
- 2. Mightn't get the ATAR you were hoping for? Wondering what your options are if you didn't get the ATAR score you needed to get into your chosen university course? Speak with your Guidance Officer/Career counsellor and/or VET coordinator to find out your options so when the time comes you know how best to preference your course options at the end of school to ensure that you have a pathway that will get you where you want to go.
- 3. Want to earn while you learn? Apprenticeships and traineeships are available in over 500 different occupations. If you're interested in bringing in some cash while learning new skills and you want to take on an apprenticeship or traineeship look into the option of a <u>school based apprenticeship</u>. Remember that not all jobs need further study or training.



## **2020 Young ICT Explorers competition**

Young ICT Explorers is a competition in which school students submit an information and communication technologies (ICT) related project. Students can submit projects individually or in teams of up to four Students. Register for this competition is through your school by 5 June 2020. Students have until 28 June 2020 to submit their project report. Projects could include a mobile phone application, computer game, website, digital art, robot, short film or animation. The best teams will be invited to the judging event later in the year. Visit the <a href="Young ICT Explorers website">Young ICT Explorers website</a> for details. Ask one of your teachers to register your school if you want to participate in this competition.

## **ATOM Photo Comp**

The <u>ATOM Photo Comp</u> is an initiative of Australian Teachers of Media (ATOM). It provides Australian and New Zealand student and adult photographers with an opportunity to submit a set of three photographs adhering to the theme Fragility. Find out more information about the theme <a href="here">here</a>. The competition has five age-group categories: Lower Primary (years prep-3), Upper Primary (years 4-6), Lower Secondary (years 7-9), Upper Secondary (years 10-12) and Open. The prize includes a Ted's Camera gift voucher valued at \$500 for the primary categories, \$750 and for the secondary categories and \$1000 for the Open category. Entries are open now and close on 9 April, 2020. For more information or to enter visit the <u>ATOM Photo Comp website</u>.

#### **International Film Scoring Competition**

The Indie Gathering International Film Festival and Convention has two film scoring competitions for 2020. One is our standard TRAILER scoring. The second is a full SCENE. You may enter one competition or both, but you must register separately for two submissions if you compete in both. Each 1st place winner will then be in the running for BEST OVERALL SCORE (championship belt). Click here for more information and how to apply.

#### Other Competitions worth looking into

<u>Hatchlings</u> (8 to 18 year olds) - Writing for the children's and young adults' markets. Eligibility: All writers/illustrators who are 8 – 18 years old (as at 4 April 2020) worldwide, who have not been published in book format within the CYA genres; All entries must have a parent or guardian's details on the entry form; Contest entry may not be contracted or published in any form when entered. Entries close 4 April 2020

<u>Aspiring (Unpublished)</u> Writing for the children's and young adults' markets. Eligibility: All writers/illustrators worldwide, who have not been published in book format within the CYA genres. This contest is also open to current published writers/illustrator worldwide who are either; published with one book in print within the

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CYA genres ONLY; OR Published in e-book format with one book within the CYA genres ONLY; OR Self-published with one book within the CYA genres ONLY; Published with books in print and e-book format in other genres; contest entry may not be contracted or published in any form when entered. Entries close 4 April 2020

<u>Hermitage Schools Plant Science Competition</u> The department's Hermitage Research Facility (HRF) Schools Plant Science Competition offers engaging ways for students to gain understanding and skills in key areas identified within the Australian science curriculum. Entries close on 26 June 2020

## The Queensland College of Teachers and Schoolzine 2020 photo Competition

The Queensland College of Teachers and Schoolzine are giving you and your school the chance to win a share of \$9000 in cash prizes in the 2020 Photo Comp. To enter, simply capture an inspiring teaching moment, choose which category your image fits into (Teaching in the sunshine state, Collaborating with colleagues or Learning in action), get the necessary permissions and complete an online <a href="entry form">entry form</a>. Entries will close on Wednesday 8 April.

# Disabilities

## **Employment assistance through Ostara Australia**

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<u>Ostara Australia</u> is a national not-for-profit organisation that works closely with the Australian Government, member organisations, communities and employers to place people disadvantaged through age, health, disability or cultural background into sustainable employment.

Their website offers a range of services for job seekers including:

- Assistance with Job Search & Interviews
- Ongoing Support for a smooth transition into your new job
- A National Network of Employers
- Specialist Mental Health Services
- Personalised Support & Mentoring
- Work Ready Training
- Skill Development
- Goal Setting
- Resume Building
- Career Counselling
- Links with Countless Wellbeing Services

Visit the website to learn more about this organisation and the services it offers.



## Flexible Work Allowed Me to Travel The World

Working conditions including working hours is changing. No longer is it full time work, part time work or casual work. Flexible work allows you to combine your life and work goals. It does come with some re framing of what we see as 'work' and the work place and is not for everyone. Click here to find out how Melanie was working at a digital marketing agency in Melbourne and now works remotely and has been travelling Europe for the past seven months. She raises some important considerations including:

- Work flexibility comes with loads of benefits
- It requires discipline
- Can promote business growth

## Have you heard about keyboard operators, Aeronautical Engineers or Technical Writers?

<u>Keyboard operators</u>: Keyboard Operators input and process text and data, and prepare, edit and generate documents for storage, processing, publication and transmission. You can work as a Keyboard Operator without formal qualifications. Some on the job training may be provided. A course in a technology or business field might be helpful.

<u>Aeronautical Engineers</u> perform and supervise engineering work concerned with the design, development, manufacture, maintenance and modification of aircraft for flight. Specialisations: Aeronautical Engineering Officer (Navy), Aerospace Engineer, Aerospace Engineer Officer - Aeronautical (Air Force), Aerospace Engineer Officer - Electronics (Air Force), Avionics Systems Engineer, Weapons Aeronautical Engineering Officer (Navy).

<u>Technical Writers</u> research and write technical information-based material and documentation for articles, manuals, text books, handbooks, or multimedia products, usually for education or corporate purposes. You usually need a formal qualification in a related field to work as a Technical Writer. Technical Writers often have university qualifications.

#### What are employment skills

We hear a lot about the need to develop our employment skills but what exactly are they. In the myfuture article *What are employability skills?* they discuss:

- the key skills sometimes know as 'soft skills'
- developing your skills
- the core skills for work
  - navigate the world of work
  - Interacting with others
  - Get the work done

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#### Budgeting as a Student – tips on how to manage your money with new expenses!

The University of Queensland has published a <u>'Budgeting as a Student'</u> webpage to provide some penny pinching tips for university students. Some of the suggestions include:

- Going to Market Day during O-Fest to collect free pens
- Checking if your textbooks are available second hand
- Keeping your books in good condition and <u>selling them</u> at the end of the semester

The website goes further to provide tips on:

- Staying fed
- Getting around
- Social life and wellness

There are multiple links to other resources and organisations throughout the website. Be sure to check it out if you are considering university next year!

## Business, Economics and Law Scholarships for women of Samoan heritage

Current Year 12 students of Samoan heritage can apply for the <u>JM Donnelly Scholarship</u> once they have enrolled in a Business, Economics or Law course at the University of Queensland next year. The scholarship is valued at \$1500. Applications for 2020 have now closed but keep an eye on the <u>JM Donnelly Scholarship</u> <u>website</u> for more information for Scholarships in 2020.

### **TAFE Queensland Scholarships**

TAFE Queensland offer scholarships in two main categories; Merit scholarships and Access and equity scholarships. <u>Click here</u> to read more and to find out which courses are scholarship eligible.



## **Gap Year Program events**

There are a number of Gap Year Program updates including:

- <u>Southern Cross Cultural Exchange</u> will hold <u>information sessions</u> and <u>webinars</u> throughout 2020. Visit their <u>website</u> to register your interest in attending.
- Applications for the <u>Australian Defence Gap Year</u> are now open. This is a very popular program.
   Don't miss out. Apply early
- Get in contact with <u>Cultural Care Au Pair</u> to find out about information meetings that provide more
  detailed information about their program. When you attend a meeting, you will meet Cultural Care
  representatives who will answer any questions about being an au pair in the USA. Visit the <u>website</u>
  for more information.

## Holiday Programs & Short Courses

#### **Free School Holiday Activities**

There are a number of free activities around Brisbane you can use to fill up your calendar these school holidays. Check out the following links for events in your area:

- Brisbane Kids Free holiday event round up
- Brisbane City Council Library Events
- Logan City Council Library Events
- Library Events in the Moreton Bay Region
- Townsville Library Events
- Cairns Library Events

## **Future Career Exploration these Easter Holidays**

- School Holiday Fun at The Workshop Rail Museum, Ipswich There is so much to do here you can
  drive a train on the simulator, check out the miniature railway, explore the history of trains, get
  hands on with the interactive exhibits, get creative at the Creation Station and let off steam at the
  indoor playground Nippers Railway. For more information visit <u>The Workshops Rail Museum</u>
  webpage.
- **Keeper for a Day, Fig Tree Pocket** You can spend a day with an experienced wildlife education officer at Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary through their <u>Keeper for a Day</u> program. You will discover all areas, including behind the scenes of the Sanctuary. You will get to clean enclosures, feed the animals, train birds of prey and get a photo with a koala and so much more. Cost is \$680.00 per person. Bookings essential.
- Kids Dig It, Caboolture From Tuesday, 14 April to Friday 17 April The Abbey Museum is showcasing their Indian, Chinese and Japanese artefacts during a week of Oriental Family Fun. Explore these amazing cultures through hands on, fun activities for the whole family. Activities include: Hunt for artefacts in the Mini Archaeological Dig Learn the art of Archery Create a Karesansui (dry garden, also known as a Zen garden) Make a Chinese lantern Play ancient games Pachisi (Indian ludo), Goh (Chinese game of strategy), Mokshapat (Indian snakes and ladders) Learn about Holi Hindu festival of love and colour. Kids will get messy! And more! Tickets available online and at the door.

## National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) 2021

NYSF is a 12-day residential program that runs during the summer school holidays each January in Brisbane and Canberra. The program is for students entering Year 12 who are passionate about science, technology,

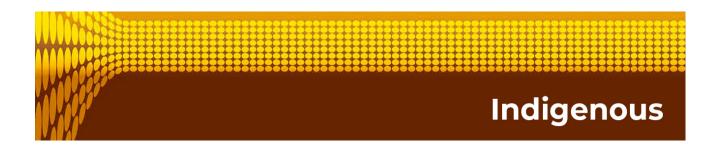
engineering and maths (STEM). It aims to show participants the wide variety of study and career options in STEM fields. Students apply to attend this program through their local Rotary Club. Expressions of interest will open soon so visit the <a href="NYSF website">NYSF website</a> for detailed information about the application process and time lines.

## **Queensland Government – Coast Club School Holiday Activities**

The Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing hosts a range of events during the School Holidays including half day (3 hours) and full day (6 hour) activity sessions at our Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast Recreation Centres for children (8 years and over). Visit the <u>Coast Club webpage</u> for more information.

## Queensland School of Film and Television Short Course and Holiday Program Updates

<u>QSFT</u> offers a number of film, television and media production courses and workshops these school holidays. Visit their <u>2020 Workshop Schedule</u> to view those happening these School Holidays.



#### **Indigenous Accountants Australia website**

<u>Indigenous Accountants Australia</u> is a combined network of the major accounting bodies in Australia - CPA Australia and the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand. They raise awareness of the benefits of accounting within Indigenous communities and connect Indigenous students to careers in the business world. Together they work with some of the major employers in the business world to promote accounting as a profession and offer support to all Indigenous students undertaking business, finance and accounting studies.

Their website contains information for students regarding:

- Why choose accounting?
- Meet an accountant
- Getting started

Visit the resource section of their website to view a range of interesting videos including:

- Supporting our future business leaders
- Accounting in the big smoke
- Accounting in the bush
- A message from Warren Mundine

### **Indigenous Scholarships Portal**

The <u>Indigenous Scholarship Portal</u> helps students find over 300 scholarships for undergraduate study at Australian universities as well as more than 100 postgraduate scholarships for study in Australia and overseas. The <u>Indigenous Scholarships Portal</u> provides a list of scholarships available for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students currently studying at universities, TAFEs or registered training organisations (RTO's). The Indigenous Scholarships Portal is delivered by the <u>Aurora Education Foundation</u>.



## USA sports scholarships and university placements

Many universities and colleges in the USA offer sports scholarships to students from other countries. To be considered for these scholarships you have to be able to demonstrate your sporting and academic potential. The process involved in researching available scholarships and applying for them is quite complex. There are several organisations that offer a service to help you through the process. It is important to find out as much as you can about the organisations and, if possible, talk to previous clients. The following are examples:

- Study and Play in the USA This organisation has had over a decade of experience helping young Australians gain sports scholarships in the USA. During this time, it has established regular contact with head coaches in a wide range of sports across the US. Visit the <u>website</u> for more information.
- Aus Recruit This organisation is a scholarship placement agency that represents talented studentathletes interested in obtaining sport scholarships to US universities. It has been operating since 2002. Read about the services provided by Aus Recruit on its website.
- **Internationally Educated** This organisation assists students and their families through the selection and application process for US universities. More information on the <u>website</u>.
- **Student Placement Australia New Zealand** This organisation offers several programs including an athletic and academic scholarships program through Go Campus. Find out more on the <u>website</u>.



## Australian employers offer advice to young job seekers

Job Jumpstart reports that The Australian Government surveyed more than 3000 Australian employers to find out what advice they would give to young people looking for a job.

Employers said they look for:

- a positive attitude
- motivation and enthusiasm
- someone who is prepared to learn and take direction.

They also said that applicants need to:

- be punctual and dependable
- be respectful to colleagues and customers
- show a commitment to staying in the job for an acceptable period of time.

Employers also mentioned that some young people have unrealistic expectations of work, including:

- being unprepared for the demands of the workplace
- the level of pay they would receive
- wanting to start at the top instead of working their way up.

For more information on what employers look for in young workers, see the fact sheet <u>'Looking for a Job - Employer Advice for Young People'</u> on the Labour Market Information Portal.

## Volunteering as a gateway into the animal welfare industry

If you're interested in working with animals, volunteering with an animal welfare organisation is a great way to gain the relevant skills for a career in this field. Volunteering before, during or after your studies (if you choose to undertake them) can equip you with a range of skills that will be useful in both the animal welfare industry and getting a job. Read more about volunteering in the animal welfare industry at the <u>Good Universities Guide website</u>. The article covers:

- Why should I volunteer?
- Interested in a career in animal welfare?
- Where can I volunteer

## What does an actuary do?

The <u>Actuaries Institute website</u> notes that actuaries evaluate risk and opportunity – applying mathematical, statistical, economic and financial analyses to a wide range of business problems. Insurance, superannuation, wealth management, investments, health financing and banking, are the more readily recognised fields in which actuaries work, but they also work in new, high-growth fields, such as data analytics, energy resources and the environment. Many actuaries also hold executive positions in the operational management of financial institutions.

Myfuture Actuaries, Mathematicians and Statisticians develop and apply actuarial, mathematical, statistical and quantitative principles and techniques to solve problems in a range of fields such as business and finance, scientific and social research, and engineering. Visit myfuture to see more information about pathways and prospects.

#### Related occupations include:

- Actuary
- Mathematician
- Statistician
- Operations Research Analyst
- Biometrician
- Demographer



## **Employment projections to May 2024**

Each year, the Department of Education, Skills and Employment 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. The 2019 employment projections are based on the forecasted and projected total employment growth rates published in the 2019-20 Budget, the Labour Force Survey (LFS) data (June 2019) for total employment, and the quarterly detailed LFS data (May 2019) for industry employment data. Click here to find out about:

- 2019 Industry Employment Projections Report
- Industry projections five years to May 2024
- Occupation projections five years to May 2024
- Skill Level projections five years to May 2024
- Regional projections interactive tool
- Regional projections five years to May 2024

## The Australian Bureau of Statistics has released its January Labour Force data

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has released its January Labour Force data with:

- the unemployment rate remaining steady at 5.2%;
- the underemployment rate remaining steady at 8.5%;
- the underutilisation rate remaining steady at 13.7%;
- the participation rate remaining steady at 66.0%; and
- the employment to population ratio remaining steady at 62.6%.

To read the report, click here.

### Why is labour market information important?

To make good career decisions for the future, you need to have some idea of the employment prospects for the jobs you are interested in. The following resources can be helpful in this process:

- Labour Market Information Portal (LMIP) Content on the LMIP is divided into three sections:
- Explore the data here you can find regional labour market data, including five-year growth figures by industry
- Gain insights here are reports based on the data, including the 2016 Industry Employment Projections Report
- Downloads this section allows you to download a range of data as an Excel file.

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- **The Department of Jobs and Small Business website** The <u>Skill Shortages</u> webpage on this site identifies the areas of skill shortage nationally and by state/territory. It also provides skill shortage information by occupation.
- **Job Outlook** The <u>Job Outlook website</u> provides information (skills, knowledge, abilities, interests, and activities relevant to each occupation) on over 300 occupations. Included in the information for each occupation is a section on job prospects which includes the number of workers in the occupation and the expected employment growth for the next five years.
- Graduate Careers Australia This website provides a range of graduate-related publications and research on topics such as salary trends and graduate employment opportunities.

#### Phone Apps

- There are also several phone apps that can provide some labour market information. For example, <u>Career Quiz Australia</u> and <u>Job Seeker</u> can be downloaded for free from the iTunes app store and Google Play.



#### **Brisbane Youth Week**

Celebrate being young by getting involved in <u>Brisbane Youth Week</u> from 1 - 9 April 2020. Brisbane Youth Week is the largest annual event for people aged 12 to 25, with activities celebrating our young artists, musicians, environmentalists and social enterprisers. It provides opportunities for young people to enjoy Brisbane's lifestyle and leisure opportunities, share ideas and celebrate their contribution to the community.

### **Queensland Youth Week**

Queensland Youth Week 2020 will be held from 1 – 9 April 2020. If you are 12 to 25, Queensland Youth Week is your opportunity to make your voice heard and make a difference. Visit the Queensland Youth Week website for more information regarding where you can register for the Queensland Youth Engagement Hub (eHUB), register an event or view the calendar of events. Remember to join the conversation – on the Queensland Youth Facebook Page.

## Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



#### **Chartered Accountant Information Session**

The CPA Australia offers a number of information sessions in Brisbane during the year. These sessions allow you to learn more about the CPA Program including, course structure, application process and practical experience requirements. <u>Information sessions for 2020</u> are yet to be announced so keep an eye on their website for future dates. However, you can view a <u>recorded webinar</u> anytime to listen to their 'Become a CPA Information Session'.

## **Private Provider Updates**

#### **Charlton Brown**

Charlton Brown is a private registered training organisation and employment agency that trains and places graduates in employment locally, nationally and internationally. It is in Spring Hill Brisbane and offers courses in Early Childhood, Aged Care, School Aged Children, Disability Support, Youth Work, Business and Leadership and Welfare and Community Services. If you are interested in finding out more about these courses, visit the website.

## **Jschool - Diploma of Journalism**

Jschool is a private college that offers an accredited one-year Diploma of Journalism. The course prepares students for an entry-level position in journalism. For more information, visit the <u>Jschool website</u>.

## **SAE Information night**

If you are considering studying creative media (Animation, Audio, Design, Film, Games, or Web & Mobile) come along to SAE's Info Night to speak to their experienced team and learn how you can pursue your passion in this dynamic and expanding industry. They'll also find out about career opportunities after graduation. Visit SAE's <u>Brisbane campus</u> on Thursday, 30 April, from 6pm-8pm and check out their facilities and equipment, meet with lecturers and ask any questions you might have about studying at SAE.



#### Join a LEO Club

<u>Leo clubs</u> are sponsored by Lions Clubs International. They encourage young men and women, 12 – 30 years of age, to serve others in their community and around the world. By joining a Leo Club you will gain:

- Leadership Experience
- Teamwork and Social Skills
- Self Esteem
- Problem Solving and Decision Making Skills
- Career Possibilities
- Fun

Typical Leo projects include Environment, Citizenship, Drug Awareness, Public Service, Youth Welfare, Youth Exchange, Health, School Support, Save Sight and Spotlight on Children. Find out more on the <u>Leo Clubs</u> website.



## **Australian Tertrary Admissions Rank (ATAR)**

All states in Australia, except Queensland, call their Year 12 tertiary entry score an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR). The ATAR is a number between 0 and 99.95 (highest) with increments of 0.05. The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) provides all Tertiary Entrance data to QTAC who then calculates tindividual ATARs. If you are applying for interstate courses, the relevant tertiary admissions centre can obtain your ATAR directly from QTAC. You can learn more about ATARs and how to obtain an ATAR statement from the Student Connect website.

## **Interstate Tertiary Applications**

In addition to applying through QTAC for Queensland tertiary courses, you can apply for courses in other states. All states except Tasmania use a tertiary admission's centre. All applications are online. You should familiarise yourself with the application processes key dates for applications.

- New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory Universities Admissions Centre (UAC)
- South Australia and the Northern Territory South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC)
- Tasmania Apply directly to the University of Tasmania
- Victoria Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)
- Western Australia <u>Tertiary Institutions Service Centre</u> (TISC)

#### What are minimum selection thresholds?

The minimum selection threshold is the minimum adjusted score (ATAR/rank) that was considered for an offer of a place to all applicants in the January 2020 offer round. The minimum selection threshold was previously referred to as a 'cut-off'. Minimum selection thresholds vary from year to year, and from offer round to offer round, depending on the number and quality of applicants a course receives.



## Are you an expert procrastinator?

Do you regularly and voluntarily delay or postpone something until a later date? You are probably aware that procrastination can be counterproductive as it can cause stress and guilt and make life more difficult in the long term. So, why not do something about this unhelpful habit. Seek Learning offers the following procrastination tips.

- Set goals and schedules Your first step is to understand exactly how much study you need to do each week and make yourself accountable by setting specific, achievable goals and making a schedule. You're far less likely to procrastinate if you tell yourself that you've allocated study for a specific part of the day than if you just promise to study sometime today.
- Eat the frog The author Mark Twain knew about productivity, and famously advised people to "eat a live frog" first thing in the morning figuratively, of course. The live frog is the biggest and most important task of the day, and it's often the most unpleasant. Your 'live frog' is the task most likely to lead to procrastination if you don't tackle it straight away. By eating the frog first, you can get on with your day knowing the toughest job has already been achieved.
- **Dangle a carrot** Is there something else you'd rather be doing? Think of that more enjoyable activity as a carrot you can dangle in front of yourself. Promising yourself a reward after you've completed your study session can be a wonderful motivator to get it done.
- Eliminate temptation What temptations usually lure you into procrastination mode? Figure out what they are and then eliminate them so you can focus on your study goals. For example, if you find it hard to sit down and study when you know household chores need to be done, take your books or laptop to the local library, where laundry and dishes can be put out of sight and mind. If you find yourself checking emails or browsing Facebook, download a productivity app that blocks certain websites on your computer for a set period of time.
- Forget perfection Many of us procrastinate because we fear failure, we're intimidated by a task, or because we put ourselves under pressure to do something perfectly. Instead of aiming for perfection or feeling overwhelmed, focus on just getting started. Simply read the first page of your text book, or begin jotting down notes for your essay. Getting something done is far better than doing nothing at all and you'll often find that once you get the ball rolling, your motivation to continue will increase.

Visit <u>Seek Learning</u> for more study tips. While you're at the computer watch a video on <u>How to stop</u> <u>procrastinating</u>.



## ANU: Apply now for entry to ANU in 2021

Right now, you can take the stress out of Year 12 by applying directly to ANU for study in 2021. Direct applications open on 4 March and close on 25 May 2020 and could see you receiving a conditional offer for admission, campus accommodation and scholarships as early as 10 August. One application covers your admission, 200-plus scholarships applications and guaranteed campus accommodation. Click here for more information.

## **ANU: Flexible programs**

ANU, located in Canberra, offers a range of flexible (e.g. B Laws/B Actuarial Studies) and vertical (e.g. B Arts/Master of International Relations) double degree programs. Find out about the options available on the website. Queensland students may be interested in the scholarships offered at ANU.

#### These include:

- The Tuckwell Scholarship
- The National University scholarship

Students interested in applying for ANU courses are required to apply through <u>UAC</u> by the end of September each year.

### Bond: 2021 Undergraduate Guide now available

<u>The Bond 2021 undergraduate guide</u> is now available where you will find information on the following and more:

- How is a degree structured
- What your ATAR rank really means
- What can I study:
  - Architecture and Built environment
  - Business and Commerce
  - o Communication and Creative Media
  - Law
  - Humanities, Languages and International Studies
  - Health Sciences and Medicine
  - Social Sciences, Psychology and Counselling
- Pathways to Bond
- Accommodation
- Fees and costs

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#### **Bond: Experience Days in 2020**

Bond University opens its campus throughout the year to provide Year 11 and 12 students with the opportunity to experience what life is like at Bond - both inside and outside the classroom. From exploring the body in virtual or augmented reality in our laboratories, to learning how to trade on the stock exchange, to watching a live courtroom demonstration, to building models in our new architecture building, students will experience an interactive and intimate view into the programs offered at the University. Experience days in 2020 are:

7 April <u>Architecture Experience Day</u>

9 April Construction, Property and Project Management Experience Day

15 April Communications and Digital Media Experience Day

20 May <u>Careers in Business, Sport, Hotel and Tourism Management, Actuarial Science and commerce</u>

**Experience Day** 

23 May Actuarial Science and Commerce Experience Day

13 June Health Simulation Experience

30 June Film and Television Experience Day

7 July <u>International Relations Experience Day</u>

Psychology Experience Day

9 July <u>Criminology Experience Day</u>

21 October Careers in Business, Sport, Hotel and Tourism Management, Actuarial Science and commerce Experience Day

Bond University Exercise and Sport Science program has developed a suite of packages targeted at high school level physical education students. These packages are aligned with the new Physical Education syllabus and allow students with an interest in high performance sport, technology and testing to learn from a highly experienced staff in the award winning High Performance Training Centre. Click here to access the brochure.

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

Bond University's Student for a Semester program gives high achieving Year 11 and 12 students the opportunity to gain an authentic university experience before they finish high school. Student for a Semester students enrol in a Bond University subject, attend lectures and tutorials on campus, complete assignments and sit their subject exams. They mix with other uni students, meet academics and get involved in university life.

Applications for the 2020 May semester open on 13 March and close Friday, 24 April, the September semester opens 10 July and closes on 14 August and January 2021 semester opens 6 November and closes 3 December 2020. Download a copy of the 2020 Student for a Semester brochure to review a list of the subjects that are available in the May and September semesters.

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#### **CQU: Campus Update**

CQUniversity has 13 Queensland campuses in Cairns, Townsville, Charters Towers, Mackay, Emerald, Rockhampton, Yeppoon, Gladstone, Biloela, Bundaberg, Noosa and Brisbane. You can find out more about each of the campuses and view all current Queensland and interstate CQU locations here.

## **CQU: Up coming events**

- <u>Big Fish Cairns</u> Big Fish on 3 5 April 2020, will bring together 60 budding entreprenuers from our region, aged 14 25, for three days of intensive and fun learning through doing. You'll be guided through a creative entrepreneurship process to solve social problems. You WILL start a new social enterprise in three days!
- <u>STEPS Information Session</u> Need a little help to meet the entry requirements of your chosen university course? Or perhaps you just want some additional support to gain the knowledge, skills and confidence to successfully enter and undertake further study. Find out how CQUniversity can be the support to your study and take the first step toward a brighter future with our Skills for Tertiary Education Preparatory Studies (STEPS) course.
- <u>Bundaberg University Experience</u> This is a free one-day on-campus event providing Year 12 students an opportunity to explore their post-school options. It will be held on 30 April, and again on 10 June 2020.

You can view more CQU events here.

#### GU: 2020 Griffith STEM Roadshow

Discover more about the exciting career opportunities available to students who study STEM disciplines and how Griffith University can help make those careers a reality. Join them for an interactive evening, hearing from Griffith University STEM researchers and gain an understanding of the exciting programs offered through Griffith Uni. Find out how best to place yourself in tomorrow's job market and find out more about the diversity and uniqueness of Griffith's STEM programs. Find out about and register for upcoming Griffith STEM Road Shows and in Darwin, Toowoomba, Mackay, Cairns, Townsville, Northern Rivers by clicking here.

### GU: International students studying Year 12 in Australia

International students have three options when applying to study at Griffith:

- Apply directly using the online application form found on the website
- Apply through a registered Griffith international agent
- Apply through QTAC or UAC

International students applying directly or through an agent can submit their application to Griffith International at any time during Year 12. For those applying through QTAC or UAC, Griffith International will make a conditional offer for the student's highest course preference in November. Click here information.

Entry requirements for international students:

- Academic entry requirements: offers will be conditional on 2019's minimum selection thresholds
- English entry requirements: for students who have studied in an Australian school for at least 6 years (tow years must have been high school study) English or English and Literature Extension or English as an additional Language or Literature (Units 3 & 4, C) or an approved English language test. Click here for more information.

### **GU: STEM Futures day**

In the next decade 75 per cent of all jobs will need skills in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM. This doesn't mean everyone will become a scientist, technologist, engineers or mathematician. STEM is important to everyone and all professions — whether you study to be a neuroscientist, or an electrician. Having STEM skills makes it easier to meet the daily challenges we often face in our jobs: in trades, on the land and in businesses small and big.

- Year 12 students can register to attend the Griffith STEM Futures Day being held on <u>6 April Nathan</u>
   Campus or 7 April Gold Coast campus
- Year 10 can register for Year 10 STEM Futures Day on <u>10 June, Nathan Campus or 11 June, Gold Coast campus</u>
- Year 9 can register for the Year 9 STEM Futures Day on <u>23 June Nathan Campus or 24 June at the Gold Coast Campus</u>.

#### **Medical Schools in Australia**

Queensland students interested in gaining entry to a medical course can apply to medical schools throughout Australia. The <u>Australian Medical Council website</u> has a list of Australian medical schools with links to each school. There are three major entry points for medical courses in Queensland.

#### These are:

- Direct entry from Year 12 (Bond University and James Cook have this type of entry)
- Graduate entry after completing an undergraduate degree (Griffith University and the University of Queensland have this type of entry)
- Provisional entry for high achieving Year 12 students (Griffith University, University of the Sunshine Coast and The University of Queensland have this type of entry)

Some of the other states/territories also offer these three pathways. Visit the following websites for more information about medical studies pathways in Australia.

- Australian Medical Association Becoming a doctor
- Medical Board of Australia Medical Specialisations

#### **Monash University: Global Immersion Guarantee**

Arts – Global Immersion Guarantee - The Monash Arts Global Immersion Guarantee (GIG) is a ground-breaking initiative – a guaranteed two-week overseas study experience for all first year Bachelor of Arts and

Bachelor of Global Studies students, with the cost of airfares, accommodation and local travel covered as part of the program. Students will study the impact of the global movement of people and goods on environmental sustainability. The program is open to all students who have successfully completed one semester of their Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Global Studies single or double degree and are in good academic standing. For more information visit the <u>Global Immersion Guarantee</u> webpage.

## **QUT: BlueShift Case Competition**

BlueShift is a business case competition for secondary school students. Students work in small teams to develop real business solutions for a real business. Participants compete in teams of three or four to analyse the business challenge and prepare a written solution to a real business case. Teams with the best submissions present their ideas to a panel of judges at the BlueShift finals held at our Gardens Point campus in Brisbane.

To compete in the BlueShift Business Case Competition, you must be:

- in Year 11 or 12 (or the international equivalent) and enrolled in high-school as a full-time student at the time of the BlueShift finals
- given permission by your teacher
- enthusiastic about business and networking opportunities
- available to participate on finals day.

#### Your team must:

- consist of three to four students in total, from the same school
- be accompanied by a teacher if they're participating in the finals.

Teams can consist of any combination of students enrolled in Year 11 and/or 12 (or the international equivalent), and a school can register up to three teams each year. <u>Click here</u> for more information and to register.

## **QUT: Queensland University of Technology special entry programs**

The following are special entry programs offered by QUT. Extra Adjustment Factors can be allocated through these programs. The maximum number of Adjustment Factors a student can receive for QUT courses is 10 ranks. Details about the following programs can be accessed here.

- Educational Access Scheme (EAS) This program helps students who may have experienced educational disadvantage during their preparation for tertiary study. Students can receive a bonus of up to three OPs or six ranks and other benefits. Applications are via the QTAC application by completing the Educational Access Scheme section. If you're from a low-income background, you may be eligible for the Q-Step Scheme under the EAS financial hardship category. The Q-Step Scheme offers a guaranteed Equity scholarship to successful applicants in addition to the OP or rank bonus. You must apply for EAS so visit the EAS webpage on the QTAC website here.
- **Elite Athlete Entry Program** this <u>program</u> helps elite athletes (coaches, referees, competitors) gain entry to QUT courses through an entry bonus of up to three OPs or six ranks. The program assists its students to manage the demands of their studies and their sport.
- Year 12 subject scheme this program is for students who have successfully completed certain subjects at school or university level units. The school subjects eligible for adjustments include:

Specialist Mathematics, Physics, Languages other than English (LOTE) and Aerospace Studies or Engineering Technology (for some courses). QTAC apply these adjustment factors.

## **Torrens University: Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School**

<u>Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School</u> (BMIHMS) at Torrens University has campuses in Sydney, Melbourne and Leura (in the Blue Mountains). It offers internationally recognised hospitality and business degree courses in <u>International Hotel and Resort Management</u> and <u>International Event Management</u>.

BMIHMS conducts a <u>Career Focus Days Program</u> three times a year. The three-day program provides interested students with a glimpse of what hotel, event or restaurant management is like. The total cost of the focus program is \$325. This includes transportation throughout the program (including pick up and drop off at Sydney Domestic Airport), accommodation, meals and activities during the program. For anyone who enrolls in the degree program after attending a Career Focus Days Program has the fee taken off their tuition or residential fees. For further information call 02 9307 4600 or email enquiry@bluemountains.edu.au.

## UM: University of Melbourne Interstate Student and Family Day at the University of Melbourne

The University of Melbourne Parkville campus is holding two information day for interstate students and their families on <a href="Friday 17 April 2020">Friday 17 April 2020</a> and Friday <a href="2 October 2020">2 October 2020</a> from 8.30am - 6:00 pm. This event is for interstate students who are thinking of attending the University of Melbourne to study an undergraduate degree. There will be presentations about the university, undergraduate degrees and graduate pathways, scholarships, student services, accommodation options and financial assistance.

#### **UNE: The Joint Medical Programs**

The <u>Joint Medical Program</u> (JMP) is offered jointly by the University of Newcastle and the University of New England. You can study on either a metropolitan (Newcastle) or rural (New England) campus. Clinical venues will give students metropolitan, regional and rural experience so students will be prepared to practice anywhere in Australia. This is a direct entry program that Year 12 students can apply for. There are no subject prerequisites for admission to this course. However, students may benefit from completing Chemistry and English. Applicants need to sit for UCAT and apply through <u>JMP</u> and <u>UAC</u>. For more information, read the Joint Medical program brochure <u>here</u>. Applications close on 30 September 2020.

### **UQ College at St Lucia campus**

UQ College is a company owned by the University of Queensland (UQ) and located at the St Lucia campus. It provides alternate pathways to university study. The programs offered include:

• <u>Tertiary Preparation Program</u> – This free 28-week program is offered in January, May and September. It is an approved UQ Bridging Program and provides recognised prerequisite subjects.

- Students who successfully complete this program can apply through QTAC with an entry rank based on their results in the program. Apply directly to UQ College for this program.
- Associate Degree in Business This is a 16-month program. Successful completion (minimum GPA of 4) may provide an option to gain entry to UQ's B Business Management with advanced standing. You apply through QTAC for this program, with intakes in January and September. You can access more information about these programs from the <u>UQ College website</u>.

## **UQ Employability Advantage Award**

This program encourages undergraduate students to further develop their skills beyond the classroom and to produce well-rounded, highly sought-after graduates. You can enrol in the program at any time during your undergraduate (including honours) degree. Find out more on the website.

## **UQ: Apps**

UQ students have access to several useful apps, including:

- <u>UQ Checklist</u> for new students
- <u>UQ Carvings</u> take a stroll around the Great Court Carvings at UQ's St Lucia Campus
- <u>UQ Contact</u> Contact Magazine is UQ's key alumni and community publication
- <u>UQ Safe Zone</u> is an easy to use, location based application for mobile devices that connects staff and students directly with UQ Security Officers or Emergency Services during any type of emergency
- <u>UQ Walking Tours</u> allows you to guide yourself on a self-paced tour around UQ's campus facilities, buildings and services suing GPS to give you walking directions
- <u>UQnav</u> helps students find where things are on UQ campuses
- <u>UQ Blackboard</u> access mobile optimised Blackboard learn content
- <u>Adobe Connect</u> an online virtual classroom and meeting room system that allows participants to communicate, view presentations, interact with learning resources and work in groups.
- Zoom video conferencing is a multi-format video conferencing and online meeting solution available to UQ staff and students for use on a number of different platforms.
- Office 365 -Access Office 365 from any internet accessible location, work with content offline and across up to 5 work and personal devices. <u>Find out more and install</u>. Find out more on the <u>UQ</u> Mobile Apps website.

## **UQ: Integrated Pathology Learning Centre (IPLC)**

Are you interested in finding out more about diseases and how to combat them? When visiting the Integrated Pathology Learning Centre (IPLC), you will participate in workshops that cover a wide range of issues, exploring the pathology underlying health problems and disease prevention. This free program is available for students in Years 9 - 12. You may be interested in you study Biology, , Psychology, Health, Sport & Recreation and Visual Art and Year 9 & 10 Science. If you are interested speak to your Science teacher or your Guidance Officer/School Counsellor as they need to book a session, by contacting the UQ Student Recruitment team.

## **UQ: Public Health Hackathon - Register Now**

Senior High School students are invited to register for the upcoming Public Health Hackathon to be held on Wednesday 3 June at the St Lucia campus. Teams of Year 11 and 12 students will work together to solve a contemporary health issue facing Australia. Students will be briefed on the issue on the day of the competition, and race the clock to prepare a recommendation which will be presented to a panel of public health experts from both UQ and government. The winning team will be crowned the hackathon champions and will receive more than \$1,000 in cash prizes and merchandise. During the competition day, students will rub shoulders with some of the world's leading public health minds. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Register Now

## **UQ: School of Pharmacy - Book a visit**

The School of Pharmacy is now taking school bookings for their laboratory based experience at the Pharmacy Australia Centre of Excellence (PACE). This opportunity allows you to gain valuable insights into the dynamic health industry through hands-on and interactive activities involving pharmaceutical science. You will attend a short orientation followed by a tour of the PACE facilities and will have the opportunity to engage in a drug compounding workshop. Talk to your Science teacher or guidance Officer/School Counsellor to book a PACE visit by emailing the UQ Student Recruitment team.

## **UQ: Science and Engineering Challenge - Register Now**

Registrations are now open for the UQ Science and Engineering Challenge to be held from Wednesday 22 July to Friday 24 July at the St Lucia campus. The challenge, run in conjunction with The University of Newcastle, helps Year 9 and 10 students foster their interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, with the hope that more students will consider future careers in these areas. Register Now

#### UQ: The UQ Faculty of Business, Economics and Law (BEL) Student Employability Team

Students doing a degree in Business, Economics or Law at UQ have access to a student employability service (BEL SET). The team assists in the placing of students with employers and the provision of employability events. Learn more about BEL SET on the <u>website</u>.

### **UQ: Updates on Careers that Shape the world event**

This event will be held on Tuesday 2 June 2020. It provides Year 11 and 12 students with seminars on a range of study topics that will help them discover the careers that are right for them. This is a popular event. It is important to register early for the sessions you are interested in. Visit the <a href="website">website</a> to explore the options available.

#### **UQx**

UQx offers free online courses (MOOCs) from UQ. Browse the courses available on the <u>UQx</u> <u>website</u>. Students can choose to receive a verified certificate for a course for a small fee.

## **USC and GU: Joint Medical Program**

Is your dream to become a doctor? The University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) has a joint medical pathway with Griffith University (GU). USC's Bachelor of Medical Science is your first step. This highly competitive program provides provisional direct entry (subject to entry requirements) to Griffith University's Doctor of Medicine program - and to your future medical career. For more information regarding this pathway, visit the <u>Bachelor of Medical Science</u> web page on the USC website.

## **Upcoming Events**

Date	Event
28/01/2020 to 27/03/2020	IM <sup>2</sup> C 2020 International mathematical modelling challenge
04/03/2020 to 25/03/2020	Tuckwell Scholarship Applications Open Online Entry
09/03/2020 to 11/03/2020	Navy Aviation Overview - HMAS Albatross Job Ref - WEP/05646/19 (Nowra NSW)
12/03/2020	ADF musicians career information session
13/03/2020	UQ/QAMT Problem Solving competition held at school
14/03/2020	UQ/QAMT Problem Solving Competition
17/03/2020	A Night in the Army Reserve Greenbank
20/03/2020	Letz Live UK Gap Year Program in 2021 will close on 20 March 2020.
20/03/2020	Letzlive United Kingdom Gap Year Progam closing date for applications
21/03/2020	World Science Festival Brisbane
25/03/2020 to 27/03/2020	World Science Festival Brisbane
25/03/2020 to 29/03/2020	World Science Festival Brisbane
27/03/2020	Bond Year 12 Business and Mathematics Extension Program applications close
27/03/2020	GU: STEM Ambassador Program - Science on the Go!
30/03/2020 to 02/04/2020	Exercise First Look-Indigenous Youth Program: Gallipoli Barracks Job Ref - WEP/05450/19 (Enoggera Brisbane)
30/03/2020	UQ: Future Experiences in Agriculture, Science and Technology (FEAST) registrations close
31/03/2020	START QUT Semester 2, 2020 applications open
01/04/2020	Peter Doherty Awards for Excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education application closes
02/04/2020	Darwin Griffith Uni STEM Road Show information and registration
03/04/2020 to 05/04/2020	Big Fish Cairns
04/04/2020	CYA Conference Hatchlings Writing Competition applications close

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The Queensland College of Teachers and Schoolzine 2020 photo competition closes
World Science Festival Toowoomba Holiday program
Architecture Experience Day
New York Film Academy (NYFA), Gold Coast Open Day
Construction, Property and Project Management Experience Day
QUT: High School Research Internships
QUT: High School Research Internships
Communications and Digital Media Experience Day
QUT: Get ready for Uni day
UM: University of Melbourne Interstate Student and Family Day at the University of Melbourne
New York Film Academy (NYFA), Gold Coast Open Day
World Science Festival Street Science day Toowoomba
Computational and Algorithmic Thinking, Years 5 – 12 entries close
QUT: BlueShift business case competition
Bundaberg University Experience day
Headstart Semester 2 applications close
Toowoomba Griffith Uni STEM Road Show event
USC: Head Start with the University of the Sunshine Coast