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ANZ Indigenous traineeships

ANZ has recruited over 750 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander trainees in branches across Australia since 2003. Applications for the 2015 program are now open and will close on 31 August 2014. Read more about these traineeships and apply at http://www.anz.com/about-us/careers/indigenous-employment/indigenous-traineeships/.

Girls in hard hats

Did you know that:

- 97% of ‘tradies’ in the electrical, construction and automotive trades are men?
- female dominated trades such as hairdressing are lower paid than male dominated trades?

To address this situation and to target skill shortages in a number of manual trade areas (e.g. construction management, automotive, electrical), government and industry groups are encouraging girls to consider careers in the manual trades. The following are some of the strategies being used:

- Scholarships for women (including school leavers) in to non-traditional occupations https://www.supportingwomen.qld.gov.au/

Job prospects

There are a number of resources you can use to research the employment opportunities available in various occupations. These include:

go onto the website and search for the occupation in which you are interested by the name of the occupation or alphabetically.

- ‘Where Grads Go’ on the **Graduate Careers Australia website** at [http://www.graduatecareers.com.au/research/researchreports/wheregradsgo](http://www.graduatecareers.com.au/research/researchreports/wheregradsgo) provides the latest information on what Australian graduates do and how much they earn shortly after graduating, as well as providing guidance on where to find further information.
- ‘Graduate Stats and Salaries’ on the **Graduate Opportunities website** at [http://www.graduateopportunities.com/graduate-salaries/](http://www.graduateopportunities.com/graduate-salaries/) provides information about the characteristics of graduates in specific occupations, their employment outcomes and their earnings.

It is important to remember that no graduate is guaranteed a job. It is recommended that students start their job search (do work experience, develop a network of contacts) during their course not after they receive their qualification. All the universities have Careers and Employment Services that can help students with this process.

**School leaver event in Brisbane**

SCIPS (School Community Industry Partnership Service) will hold a School Leaver Event evening for students who wish to meet employers looking to recruit staff in 2015. The event will be held from 5 – 6.30 pm on Wednesday 20 August 2014 at St Laurence’s College, South Brisbane. For more information, visit [http://www.scips.org.au/event/scips-school-leaver-event-2014/](http://www.scips.org.au/event/scips-school-leaver-event-2014/).
Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Open Day

On Saturday 30 August 2014, ADFA, located in Canberra, will open its doors to the general public. This is an ideal opportunity for potential students to experience the academy firsthand. Defence and university staff will be available to answer questions. Reasons you might want to study at ADFA, include:

- get paid to study (and have your HELP loan paid for you)
- get a quality education and graduate with a degree
- study with the best university teacher to student ratio
- learn to be a leader
- undertake adventure training and personal development
- graduate with a guaranteed job.


Australian Defence Force Academy Education Award

This award is presented to Year 12 students in recognition of leadership potential and academic and sporting achievements achieved during Year 11. The award includes a laptop computer and certificate for you, along with a plaque for your school. There are up to 100 awards available annually. Current Year 11 students have until 28 February 2015 to apply for this award. Find out more at [http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/adfa/howToApply/educationAward.aspx](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/adfa/howToApply/educationAward.aspx).

Defence Force Recruiting (DFR) Information Sessions

DFR Brisbane will hold the following information sessions at Level 11, 410 Ann Street, Brisbane. To register to attend, telephone 3016 2300 or email cptqld@dfr.com.au.

- Women in Defence - Monday 21 July at 6 pm
- Australian Defence Force Academy - Tuesday 22 July at 6 pm
- Royal Military College – Army Officers - Wednesday 23 July at 6 pm
- Defence Undergraduate Sponsorship - Engineering - Thursday 24 July at 6 pm
- Australian Defence Force Academy - Wednesday 30 July at 6 pm
- Army Reserves - Thursday 7 August at 6 pm
The DFR Careers Promotion Team will have a booth at TSXPO on 19 and 20 July 2014 (see http://www.tsxpo.org/) and at the Logan Youth Jobs and Careers Expo on 29 July 2014 (see http://www.logan.qld.gov.au/).

**Women in the Navy tour for students**

Female students interested in a trade in the Navy are invited to participate in this event to be held from 9.30 am – 2 pm on Monday 11 August 2014 at the Maritime Museum, Southbank, Brisbane. Participants will have an opportunity to try some of the trade skills that are used to keep a Navy ship at sea. They will also be able to meet and talk with sailors from the Royal Australian Navy about their time in the Navy. RSVP to email wid@dfr.com.au by 1 August 2014. Participants must be at least 16 years of age and have passes in Year 10 Maths, English and Science.
Flicker Up

Flicker Up is a film competition for students enrolled in primary and secondary schools in Australia. It is a category within Flickerfest, Australia’s international short film festival to be held in Sydney in January 2015. Applications for Flicker Up are now open and will close on 26 September 2014. Visit http://flickerfest.com.au/entries-2015/ for details.
A Day of Beauty at the Australian National College of Beauty (ANCB)

ANCB is a registered training college that offers a Diploma of Beauty Therapy. It has a campus in Fortitude Valley, Brisbane. The Day of Beauty program to be held on Saturday 26 July 2014 will provide participants with an experience of a day in the life of a beauty therapist. See http://www.ancb.edu.au/events/day-of-beauty-brisbane for more information and to register.

Applying for health science/veterinary courses at James Cook University (JCU)

All of the following courses offered by JCU require a QTAC application as well as a direct application to JCU.

- B Medicine/B Surgery
- B Dental Surgery
- B Veterinary Science
- B Physiotherapy

The 2015 JCU application form and application information booklets can be downloaded from http://www.jcu.edu.au/fmhms/forms/domestic/index.htm. It is highly recommended that you read this information carefully and start your application early. The JCU application must be submitted directly to JCU by 30 September 2014. The fixed closing date to submit a QTAC application for these courses is 30 September 2014. This means that you cannot apply for these courses after this date.

Australian Catholic University’s (ACU) Early Achievers’ Program (EAP)

EAP at ACU considers the contribution you have made to your community through your school, local community organisation, cultural and/or religious group (not just OPs) for entry to ACU courses. An additional benefit of this program is that successful applicants receive an offer early, usually in November. Applications for EAP open on Monday 11 August and close on Monday 20 October 2014. Visit http://www.acu.edu/eap for more information about eligibility criteria and the application process.

Bond University Year 11 Headstart Day
Headstart Day is a great opportunity for Year 11 students to try Bond university subjects. It will be held on Tuesday 5 August 2014. During the day, students will participate in interactive activities, learn more about different careers, meet current students and get orientated with the Bond campus. Interested students should see their Guidance Officer/Counsellor about this event. Also read more at http://bond.edu.au/about-bond/news-and-events/events/index.htm.

Discover TAFE – there’s more than meets the eye

TAFE Queensland Brisbane campuses will be holding Discover TAFE sessions on the following dates to introduce potential students to the courses offered.

- 28 July 2014 – Alexandra Hills and Loganlea campuses
- 29 July 2014 – Mt Gravatt campus
- 30 July 2014 – Bracken Ridge campus
- 1 August 2014 – Caboolture and Grovely campuses

Go to http://tafebrisbane.edu.au/about-us/events/#.U8NKx5SSXbc for more information and to register to attend.

Important career/course dates for your diary

July

19-20 - Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO) http://www.tsxpo.org/

30 - Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) http://umat.acer.edu.au/

31 - Bond University scholarships for current Year 12 students application due date http://bond.edu.au/degrees-and-courses/scholarships/index.htm

August

5 – QTAC online applications open http://www.qtac.edu.au/

18 - University of Queensland B Music application for audition applications close http://www.uq.edu.au/music/2015-auditions-210197

18 – Griffith University, Queensland Conservatorium B Music audition applications close http://www.griffith.edu.au/music/queensland-conservatorium/programs-courses/music-audition

September

12 – Queensland University of Technology’s B Music, B Fine Arts (Dance Performance) and B Fine Arts (Dance) online registration due date
October


10 – Online registration due date for QUT’s B Design (Honours (Fashion), B Fine Arts (Acting), B Fine Arts (Technical Production) and B Fine Arts (Visual Arts) [https://www.qut.edu.au/study/applying/undergraduate-applications/additional-entry-requirements](https://www.qut.edu.au/study/applying/undergraduate-applications/additional-entry-requirements)

Information evening at the Queensland School of Film and TV (QSFT)


Natural Health Information Evening

The Gold Coast campus of Endeavour College of Natural Health will hold this event at 6 pm on Thursday 17 July 2014. The College offers accredited tertiary courses in Acupuncture, Homeopathy, Massage, Allied Health, Musculoskeletal Therapy, Naturopathy and Nutritional Medicine. FEE-HELP and VET FEE-HELP are available to eligible students. For more information, visit [http://www.endeavour.edu.au/](http://www.endeavour.edu.au/).

News from the Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

**Open Day** – This event will be held on Sunday 27 July 2014 from 9 am – 3 pm at the Gardens Point campus. Register for the open day at [https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/qut-open-day](https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/qut-open-day) to be in the running to win a MacBook Air. The website has a Planner to help you organise your time on the day.

**Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarships** – There will be an increase in the number of these scholarships available for 2015, as well as an increase in the value of the scholarships. In addition, new Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarships will be available for elite athletes. See the QUT scholarships web at [http://www.qut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-scholarships](http://www.qut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-scholarships) for details, including application due dates.

**Business Academic Excellence Scholarships** – These scholarships are awarded to OP 1 – 2 students who are applying for B Business, B Business – International or a double degree with business study. The scholarships are valued at $5,000. Find out more about this and other business scholarships at [https://www.qut.edu.au/business/courses-and-study/scholarships](https://www.qut.edu.au/business/courses-and-study/scholarships).
New honours pathways – There are a number of new honours pathways available to students at QUT in the areas of law, design, urban development and engineering. Visit https://www.qut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-study/do-you-advise-school-students/news-and-events/news?news-id=73775 for more information.

New honours programs in health courses – From 2014, students in degree programs in nutrition and dietetics, medical imaging and podiatry will have the option to transfer into an honours pathway at the end of their second year. Entry to these pathways will be competitive and based on grade point average.

Pathways to Fashion information evening – This free event will be held at 6 pm on Wednesday 6 August 2014 at the Kelvin Grove campus. It will focus on courses and careers in fashion. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions of current fashion students and lecturers. For details, go to http://www.artmuseum.qut.edu.au/schools/ and click on ‘Career + Study Pathways’.

Important dates for applying for creative industries courses – Creative industry courses at QUT that require additional entry requirements (e.g. auditions, portfolios, interviews) also require a separate online registration to QUT in addition to the QTAC application. The following courses require additional entry requirements. The due date for registration to QUT is also listed.

- B Design (Honours (Fashion) – 10 October 2014
- B Fine Arts (Acting) - 10 October 2014
- B Fine Arts (Dance Performance) – 12 September 2014
- B Fine Arts (Dance) – 12 September 2014
- B Fine Arts (Technical Production) - 10 October 2014
- B Fine Arts (Visual Arts) - 10 October 2014
- B Music – 12 September 2014

Talk to a QUT student – Want more information about studying at QUT? Then visit http://www.qut.edu.au/emailastudent to communicate with a current student via email.

NIDA applications are open

You can now apply for 2015 full-time courses at the National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA). Applications close on 30 September 2014. Study options include degree courses in acting, costume, design for performance, technical theatre and properties and objects. See http://www.nida.edu.au/ for more information.

Search for Australian tertiary courses
The Hot Courses website has a number of search functions to help you find Australian tertiary institutions, courses and scholarships. Check out the website at http://www.hotcourses.com.au/.

Thinking of studying at the University of Tasmania (UTAS)?

UTAS offers courses in the fields of Humanities, Business, Education, Health Science (including Medicine), Law, Science, Engineering and Technology. For information about the courses visit http://www.utas.edu.au/ and the UTAS stand at the TSXPO at the RNA Showgrounds, Brisbane on 19 and 20 July 2014 (http://www.tsxpo.org/). It is advisable to apply for student accommodation as early as possible to avoid missing out. Information about the accommodation available can be accessed at http://www.utas.edu.au/future-students/accommodation. Also, check out the scholarships available at UTAS at http://www.utas.edu.au/scholarships.

University of Melbourne snippets

Meet Melbourne in Brisbane – Representatives from the University of Melbourne will be at the TSXPO (Tertiary Studies Expo) in Brisbane on the 19 and 20 July 2014 (this coming weekend). Visit their booth or attend one of the seminars they will be presenting (see http://www.tsxpo.org/ for seminar times).

International student consultations – International students are invited to register for a one-to-one interview with a representative from the University of Melbourne on Tuesday 22 July 2014. Go to http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events/victoria_and_interstate/internstate/qld/international_student_consultations_in_brisbane for details and to register.

Open Day – the university will hold its Open Day on Sunday 17 August 2014. See http://www.unimelb.edu.au/ to start planning your open day program.

Access Melbourne – This is a special entry and access scholarship scheme, which can help you gain entry to undergraduate courses, even if your tertiary entrance score is below the ‘Clearly-in Rank’. See http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions for more information.


Updates from the University of Queensland (UQ)

Young Scholars Program – This program provides high achieving secondary school students with an opportunity to engage with UQ’s academic community and to enhance their leadership skills. Don’t miss out. Apply now. Complete applications must be received by UQ by 5 pm on Friday 8 August 2014. See http://www.uq.edu.au/youngscholars/.
Year 10 Subject Selection Evenings – Find out about the best entry pathways for studying degrees at UQ in engineering, ICT, Science, Medicine and Health at these evenings to be held from 6 – 8 pm on:

- 15 July 2014 at UQ St Lucia campus
- 22 July 2014 at Kedron Wavell Services Club, Kedron
- 29 July 2014 at Pacific Golf Club, Carindale.


UQ Open Days – Find out about courses, campuses, activities and support services at the following open day events:

- St Lucia campus - Sunday 3 August 2014 from 9 am – 3 pm
- Ipswich campus - Wednesday 6 August 2014 from 2.30 pm - 6.30 pm
- Gatton campus - Sunday 17 August 2014 from 9.30 am – 3 pm

Visit the Open Day web page at [http://youruq.com/openday](http://youruq.com/openday) to download the program and start planning your day.

UQ Guide – This booklet, which contains information about all undergraduate courses available at UQ, can be downloaded from the Undergraduate web page at [http://youruq.com/study-at-uq/undergraduate](http://youruq.com/study-at-uq/undergraduate). Faculty guides and other useful publications can be accessed from [http://www.uq.edu.au/study/?page=86486&pid=35029](http://www.uq.edu.au/study/?page=86486&pid=35029).

MusicFest 2014 – The UQ School of Music invites Year 11 and 12 musicians to this free event to be held on Sunday 3 August. MusicFest gives students a chance to experience what it is like to study in UQ’s B Music program and an opportunity to prepare for the audition process. See [http://www.uq.edu.au/music/musicfest](http://www.uq.edu.au/music/musicfest) for details and to apply. Applications close on Friday 25 July 2014.

Engineering and Technology Careers Evening – This event will be held at 5 pm on Wednesday 23 July 2014. The content of the evening will include engineering course and destination information, job opportunities, access to lecturers and current students. Find out more at [http://www.eait.uq.edu.au/careers-evening](http://www.eait.uq.edu.au/careers-evening).

UQ College

UQ College provides alternate pathways to university study on the Ipswich and St Lucia campuses of the University of Queensland (UQ). The programs offered include:

- **Tertiary Preparation Program** – This currently free program is delivered over 28 weeks and is offered in January, May and September. It builds confidence, helps students gain tertiary study skills and provides a QTAC rank for entry into UQ’s degree programs. Apply directly to UQ College for this program.
- **Associate Degree in Business** – This is a 16-month program. Successful completion provides an option to pursue entry to UQ’s B Business Management
with credit. Apply through QTAC for this program (see p. 106 of the QTAC Guide). The program is currently being delivered on the Ipswich campus. From January 2015 it may be delivered on the St Lucia Campus.

- **Mathematics B, Chemistry and Biology bridging programs** – These intensive, full-fee courses are offered on the St Lucia campus from 18 November – 13 December 2014. Students attend from 8.30 am – 5 pm, Monday to Friday with additional tutorials available. Successful completion will meet the subject prerequisites in these subjects for UQ degrees. Results will be available in time to be used in the QTAC January 2015 major offer round.


**Want a career in theatre?**


**Year 10 Careers Day at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ)**

USQ will hold this event on Wednesday 27 August 2014. It will provide students with an opportunity to talk to current uni students and find out what senior studies you will need for different career options. Interested students should see their Guidance Officer/Counsellor about this event. Also see [http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events](http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events) for more information.
**Financial Assistance & Scholarships**

**Bond University 2015 scholarships close on 31 July 2014**

The Bond University’s scholarship program is currently open for applications online. The scholarships available include Vice-Chancellor’s scholarships, Corporate scholarships, Collegiate scholarships and Deans’ scholarships. Interested students are encouraged to start their online application as soon as possible so they can ensure all sections are completed by the 31 July 2014 closing date. Visit [http://www.bond.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.bond.edu.au/scholarships) to access more information and the online application.

**Bond University Award for Indigenous Community Excellence**

This award is specifically developed to support an Indigenous student to study at Bond. This is a 100% scholarship. Visit [http://www.bond.edu.au/study-at-bond/scholarships/australian-applicants/BD3_016159](http://www.bond.edu.au/study-at-bond/scholarships/australian-applicants/BD3_016159) for more information. The due date for applications is 31 July 2014.

**Grants for young women**


**Scholarships at Marcus Oldham College**


**Scholarships for design and commerce courses in Sydney**

Raffles College of Design and Commerce, Sydney, is offering eight scholarships for current Australian Year 12 students wishing to study one of its courses in 2015. The College offers four-year degree programs in accountancy, commerce, design and arts
(visual communication). Eligible students can access FEE-HELP for these courses. For more information, visit http://www.raffles.edu.au/. Scholarship applications close on 7 November 2014.
Australian Engineering Week 4 – 10 August 2014

Much of the environment in which we live and work has been influenced by the work of engineers. This week provides an opportunity to celebrate engineering achievements and to learn more about engineering activities and opportunities. Visit http://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/aew for information about activities during this week.

National ICT Careers Week 28 July – 3 August

The aim of the week is to encourage young people into ICT studies and careers. Activities and events during the week can be accessed from http://www.ictcareersweek.info/.

National Science Week 16 – 24 August 2014

Visit the website at http://www.scienceweek.net.au/ to see the activities you can initiate or participate in during this week. How about holding a ‘sciencey’ morning tea at your school?
Activities for budding authors

The Queensland Writers Centre will present a Short Story Workout for young people aged 14 – 19 on Saturday 19 July 2014 at the Queensland State Library in Brisbane. Participants of this one-day workshop will learn how to develop their ideas into short stories. Visit http://www.qwc.asn.au/events/youth-program/ for further information and to see other events offered at the centre.

New career videos on myfuture

Australia’s career information and exploration service, myfuture, has recently acquired 86 new career videos from the ABC’s ‘Ace Day Jobs’ series. These five-minute videos showcase innovative careers of Australians. Some of the occupations covered in the series include aerospace engineering, forensic anatomy, and science reporting. The videos can be found alongside the other myfuture videos in the ‘Explore careers’/’Browse occupations’ sections of the myfuture website at http://www.myfuture.edu.au/.
Career expos

Career expos are a great way to find out about different careers and courses. At a career expo, you'll have the opportunity to talk to representatives from tertiary institutions, student support services and a wide range of employers about further education and training and career options. The following are a selection of the major regional career expos in July and August 2014.

July

22 - Sunshine Coast Daily Career Expo
http://www.careersevent.com/sunshinecoast09/Home.php

28 – Toowoomba Chronicle Careers Expo
http://www.careersevent.com/toowoomba09/Home.php


August

11 - Townsville Careers Expo http://www.careersevent.com/townsville09/Home.php

12 – Proserpine Careers Expo at the Proserpine State High School

13 – Mackay and District Careers Expo

JMC Academy Brisbane Open Day

JMC Academy offers accredited diploma and degree courses in music, audio, animation, game design, film and television production, audio engineering and sound production, contemporary music and performance, and entertainment business management. FEE-HELP is available for degree courses for eligible students. JMC will hold an open day from 10.30 am - 1 pm on Saturday 8 August 2014 at its South Brisbane campus. Go to http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/News/2014-01-31/REGISTER-FOR-OUR-NEXT-OPEN-DAY-2-14.cfm to register your attendance and to find out more about this institution.

Police Expo
The Queensland Police Service will hold an expo at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on 22 and 23 August 2014. This event will provide students interested in becoming a police officer with information about policing activities and an opportunity to talk to officers currently in the job. Further information including the schedule of presentations and demonstrations can be found at http://www.police.qld.gov.au/aboutUs/facilities/museum/celebrate/events/.

Queensland tertiary institution open days in July and August 2014

Term three is big on open days. It is a time to explore and confirm your options for 2015.

Open days are important occasions for students considering future tertiary study. You can check out the campus and find out about courses, course outcomes (employment prospects), scholarships and entry and upgrade pathways. Open days also provide an opportunity to speak to lecturers and current students.

Spend time before the event to develop a checklist of what you want to find out. See more tips for attending university open days on the My Health Career website at https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/university-open-days-your-survival-guide/. Plan your open day strategies using the following web links.

July

26 - Australian Catholic University  
http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/courses/applying_to_acu/useful_links/events/open_day

27 - Queensland University of Technology Gardens Point Campus  
http://www.qut.edu.au/study/events

27 - James Cook University Cairns Campus http://www.jcu.edu.au/openday/

August

3 - University of Queensland St Lucia Campus http://youruq.com/openday

3 - University of Southern Queensland Fraser Coast Campus  
http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events

3 - CQUniversity Gladstone Campus http://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar

6 - University of Queensland Ipswich Campus http://youruq.com/openday

7 - CQUniversity Brisbane Campus http://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar

9 - CQUniversity Noosa Campus http://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar
10 - University of the Sunshine Coast Sippy Downs Campus ‘Imaginarium’
http://www.usc.edu.au/study/study-at-usc/open-day-and-information-events

10 - Griffith University http://www.griffith.edu.au/

10 - CQUniversity Bundaberg Campus http://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar

16 - CQUniversity Mackay Campus http://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar

17 - University of the Sunshine Coast Gympie Campus
http://www.usc.edu.au/study/study-at-usc/open-day-and-information-events

17 - University of Queensland Gatton Campus http://youruq.com/openday

17 - Queensland University of Technology Caboolture Campus
http://www.qut.edu.au/study/events

17 - University of Southern Queensland Toowoomba Campus
http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events


24 - James Cook University Townsville Campus http://www.jcu.edu.au/openday/

24 - University of Southern Queensland Springfield Campus
http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events

24 - CQUniversity Rockhampton Campus http://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar

**Rockhampton FOGS Indigenous Employment and Career Expo**

The FOGS (Former Origin Greats) expos provide Indigenous job seekers and school leavers with an opportunity to explore the options available in employment and further study and training. The Rockhampton expo will be held on 5 August 2014 at the Rockhampton Show Grounds. Visit http://www.fogs.com.au/about/expos for more information.

**TAFE Queensland North Open Days**

TAFE Queensland North will hold the following open days.

- Cairns Open Day at the Cairns campus on Sunday 3 August 2014
- Townsville Open Day at the Townsville (Pimlico) campus on Sunday 17 August 2014


**Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO) – THIS WEEKEND**
This is a major event for students exploring their future study options. In 2014 it will be held from 10 am – 4 pm on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 July at the Exhibition Building, RNA Showgrounds, Brisbane. See the website at http://www.tsxpo.org/ for information about participating institutions (from Queensland, interstate and overseas), seminar presentation details and details about the iPad competition and Bursary Award.
Additional entry requirements for performing and visual arts courses

Some of the performing and visual arts courses you can apply for through QTAC for entry in semester one 2015 have entry requirements in addition to Year 12 subject prerequisites. It is essential to carefully read the prerequisites section in Section three of the QTAC Guide for each course in which you are interested. Also check the Fixed Closing Dates table on pages five and six of the QTAC Guide.

How are applicants selected for courses through QTAC?

Entry to many of the courses you can apply for through QTAC is competitive. Consequently institutions use specific selection criteria to select students for their courses. Selection is based on:

- meeting minimum entry requirements (these may include subject prerequisites, a folio; interview or audition; tests or questionnaires; the successful completion of a course; and age), and
- merit (based on OPs and FPs or a QTAC Selection Rank).

Through the QTAC process, eligible applicants (i.e. those who meet the minimum entry requirements) are considered in order of merit (i.e. OP or QTAC Selection Rank). In simplistic terms, the OP or Rank of the last person to get into the course before all places are filled becomes the cut-off for that course in that offer round.

The QTAC application

QTAC (Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre) administers the application and offer processes for participating tertiary institutions in Queensland and a few interstate institutions. Information about the participating institutions can be found in Section 2 of the QTAC Guide.

The QTAC application is an online application on the QTAC website at [http://www.qtac.edu.au](http://www.qtac.edu.au) (click on ‘Online Services’). Year 12 students apply via the Twelve to Tertiary (TTT) application. The QTAC application opens on 5 August 2014. The ‘on time’ due date for applications is 30 September 2014. On time applications for Year 12 students cost $35. Late applications (i.e. from 1 October 2014) cost $130.
You can apply for up to six courses at different institutions on the one QTAC application (you receive one offer). It is essential that you submit one application only. QTAC provides a number of resources to help with the application, including:

- Movies (How to apply; Ordering your preferences; Tracking your application; Responding to your offer) on the website at [http://www.qtac.edu.au/OnlineServices/OnlineServices.html](http://www.qtac.edu.au/OnlineServices/OnlineServices.html)
- ‘How to order preferences’ on page 56 of the QTAC Guide.

Once you have applied, you automatically have access to the QTAC Current Applicant online service, which includes three free course preference change sessions. The full list of online services is in the QTAC Guide (page 57) and on the QTAC website at [http://www.qtac.edu.au/OnlineServices/OnlineServices.html](http://www.qtac.edu.au/OnlineServices/OnlineServices.html).

To begin your QTAC application you need your LUI and a PIN (day and month of your birth). At the completion of your online application you will be given a QTAC application number. You can use this number or your LUI to go back into your application to change preferences and to see if you have an offer.

**What Degree? Which University? Website**

This website at [http://www.whatdegreewhichuniversity.com/Home.aspx](http://www.whatdegreewhichuniversity.com/Home.aspx) provides information and advice on courses, universities, lifestyle, student housing, survival skills and what to do when you finish your studies. It is a site made for students by students. From the site you can subscribe to a free fortnightly newsletter.

**What is a QTAC Selection Rank?**

A QTAC Selection Rank is:

- a number given to a qualification or employment/experience history
- on a scale from 1 to 99 (highest/best)
- derived from a QTAC or institution specific schedule.

The most commonly used QTAC schedules are included in Section 1 of the QTAC Guide.
Do you put the 'Pro' in 'Procrastinating'?

If so, check out the article at the link below to find out how NOT to avoid studying. The article provides information on goal setting. Information you probably already know but still can’t get to work for you! However, this article puts a slightly different slant on the topic. It’s worth a read.

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