



Dates to Diarise in Term 4



Reminder: VTAC 2022 Upcoming Key Dates

VTAC Personal Statement	Friday 3 December 2021
ATARs Released	Thursday 16 December 2021
Change of Preference (CoP) closes	Monday 20 December 2021
January Round Domestic Offers	Friday 14 January 2022
February Offer Rounds	Tuesday 1 February 2022 onwards

For a full list of cancelled, amended, and new courses, visit [VTAC Course Updates](#)

The VTAC website is www.vtac.edu.au



Charles Allan Seymour Hawker
C.A.S. HAWKER SCHOLARSHIP

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C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships are one of the most generous privately funded scholarships available to undergraduate students in Australia. Each residential scholarship is valued at up to \$60,000 over three years. The scholarships are available to all Australian students, and the majority are usually awarded to students entering their first year of university studies. Selection is largely based on personal qualities and demonstrated leadership as well as academic ability. Undergraduate Hawker Scholars are able to attend a range of Australian educational institutions, so this scholarship is not restricted to one university. The Charles Hawker Scholarship perpetuates the memory of scholar, soldier and pastoralist Charles Allan Seymour Hawker and commemorates the achievements of one of Australia's most respected statesmen. **The 2022 C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships opens Monday 6 December and closes Friday 7 January 2022.**

Current Year 12 students are encouraged to browse [Hawker Scholarship](#) for more information about the scholarship, and to download an application form.



New Camp Assistant Programme

Letz Live has a brand new programme that could see Year 12 graduates getting overseas for 2022. With the world opening up, now is the time to plan the adventure of a lifetime.

Applications are now open for the *new* **Camp Activities Assistant** in the **UK**. This 6-8 month placement will involve working in a leading outdoor educational centre. The role will see assistants supervising various outdoor activities, which may include *paddle boarding, high ropes, quad biking, sports* and more.

Participants will receive on-site accommodation, all meals, and a monthly salary. They will also take part in an orientation in London where they meet a network of other participants, before heading to their training and placement.

Students keen on finding out more are recommended to browse [Letz Live Working Holiday in the UK – Activity Camps](#)

Useful links to Victorian Universities Support Services

Australian Catholic University	Support Services
Deakin University	Student Life & Services
Federation University	Student Support
La Trobe University	Student Support
Monash University	Get Started
RMIT University	Student Support
Swinburne University	Student Support Services
University of Melbourne	Student Services Directory
Victoria University	Student Advice and Support



An important tip for school leavers for getting a job is to create yourself a **LinkedIn** profile. LinkedIn is like a professional Facebook account where you can blog, comment on professional discussions, and build a professional portfolio that aligns with your resume. This needs to be developed over a period of years before graduating from university, so start soon, and continue to work on it during university.

www.linkedin.com

Top Tips shared by the head of LinkedIn, Cliff Rosenberg

PICK A PROFESSIONAL SHOT

Including a profile picture in your profile is a must. Putting a face to your name makes it 21 times more likely to be viewed, but first impressions last, so make sure your profile picture is professional.

INCLUDE A SUMMARY

Clearly outline your professional story; what your aspirations are and what qualifications you have to offer that others do not. This is your opportunity to demonstrate how your unique qualities make you perfect for your dream role. This is your elevator pitch.

BUZZWORDS ARE BUZZKILL

Are you motivated, creative, passionate? Great. So is everyone else on LinkedIn. Do yourself a favour — delete every single one of these buzzwords from your profile and replace them with keywords.

HIGHLIGHT YOUR EXPERIENCE

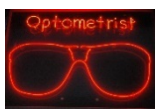
Illustrate your unique professional story and achievements by adding pictures, compelling videos and innovative presentations to your experience section. If you are just graduating, include your school history.

SHOWCASE YOUR SKILLS

Maintaining a relevant list of at least five skills on your profile will help others understand your strengths and match you with the right opportunities. Also add other certifications that highlight important skills.

STAY ACTIVE

Share content that excites you, such as a gripping video, a well-written news story or a particularly impressive presentation through status updates.



Optometry Courses on Offer in 2021

The [Good Universities Guide - Optometrist](#) states that *Optometrists perform eye examinations to determine the presence of vision problems and other eye conditions and disease. They treat or manage these problems by prescribing glasses, contact lenses, optical aids, vision therapy, medication (in the form of eye drops) or referral to an eye surgeon when required. Optometrists need to have a patient and caring manner; be able to carry out accurate and precise work, have good communication skills, and enjoy helping people.*

To become an optometrist a student usually has to study optometry at university. Alternatively, they can complete a degree in vision science or a relevant area at university, followed by a postgraduate qualification in optometry. Prerequisite subjects, or assumed knowledge, in one or more of English, mathematics, chemistry, biology and physics are normally required. Entry to postgraduate courses usually requires completion of an appropriate bachelor degree. A number of universities in Australia offer these degrees. Universities have different prerequisites, and some have flexible entry requirements.

Optometry courses on offer in Australia include -

INSTITUTION	COURSE	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
DEAKIN UNIVERSITY	Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Optometry	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL An ATAR of 95+
	Master of Optometry	Completion of a Bachelor of Vision Science, or equivalent, with an emphasis on an adequate coverage of vision sciences
FLINDERS UNIVERSITY	Bachelor of Medical Science (Vision Science), Master of Optometry	Assumed knowledge of Maths Methods, Chemistry and Physics An ATAR of 96+
QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY	Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Optometry	English/EAL, Maths Methods or Specialist Maths, Chemistry, Physics An ATAR of 99+
UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA	Master of Optometry	Only open to students who have completed the Bachelor of Vision Science at the University of Canberra
UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE	Doctor of Optometry	An undergraduate degree (or equivalent), and three subjects at second or third year level (or equivalent) in one or more relevant biological science disciplines plus the GAMSAT or MCAT
UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES	Bachelor of Vision Science with a Master of Clinical Optometry	English/EAL, Maths Methods, Chemistry, Physics An ATAR of 99+



Snapshot of Chisholm Institute in 2021

- Chisholm Institute is a government-owned TAFE with eight [locations](#) across Melbourne and the south-eastern suburbs, and each one has facilities dedicated to the particular learning area offered at that campus
- Chisholm Institute offers over 250 certificate, diploma, advanced diploma, bachelor and graduate certificate [courses](#)
- Chisholm boasts some excellent training [facilities](#) including –
 - ✓ [Trade Training Centres](#) which has general purpose classrooms as well as a multi-trade workshop equipped to deliver building and construction trades, including carpentry, bricklaying, plumbing, electro technology and engineering. There is also an engineering workshop which includes equipment such as 3d printers, laser cutters and CNC routers and milling machines
 - ✓ [Business Enterprise Centre](#) which offers small businesses access to practical advice, education and training, to assistance and support
 - ✓ [National Precision Growing Centre](#) is situated in Cranbourne and is the only facility of its kind in Australia. It is designed to deliver industry training in horticulture locally, nationally and globally
- As with other leading tertiary institutions, Chisholm Institute also offers a range of [Student Support Services](#) which include a counselling service, library, career and employment service, as well as international student support
- Chisholm Institute offers a suite of [Free TAFE](#) courses including areas such as *Accounting, Legal and Information Technology, Automotive, Building Trades and Construction, Community Services, Engineering and Electronics, and Hospitality and Tourism*
- Chisholm is offering over 50 courses through the recently launched [JobTrainer scheme](#)

