



Careers Newsletter

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JobJump - Parents and students please watch YouTube video and sign up

Sign up to JobJump for information about tertiary study options, ATAR's and apprenticeship and TAFE information. Create a resume, sign up for news alerts.

To register go to <https://www.jobjump.com.au/>

Search school – St Pius X Chatswood

Register with an email address (use a private address, not spx)

Password – pius (lower case)

Parent information: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZoyckJwvVg&feature=youtu.be>

CSU Careers in Health Info Nights

November 11 to November 20, 2024

If you're considering a career in health but not quite sure which direction to take, then we prescribe this not-to-be-missed event! Join us on campus in November to get a real-world look into a wide range of health careers. Current high school students, school leavers, those looking for a career change, TAFE students, parents, carers, and career advisers are all welcome to attend.

Hear from a range of healthcare professionals, from nurses to pharmacists, podiatrists to occupational therapists, pathologists to exercise scientists, and dentists to physiotherapists. Learn about health careers from the frontline workers who are living, breathing, and making a difference in health.

- Get the scoop on health careers from health clinicians.
- Discover the regional health advantage – and how you can make a difference!
- Chat with health academics at our mini expo.
- Understand more about diverse career opportunities in regional health.
- Discover the many pathways to a health career.

Albury-Wodonga – Monday 11 November

Wagga Wagga – Tuesday 12 November

Port Macquarie – Wednesday 20 November

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Meet the CEO | Scott Charlton

November 11, 2024

You are invited to Meet the CEO with Scott Charlton, CEO at Sydney Airport on Monday, 11 November 2024 at the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) Sydney.

With over 25 years of experience across infrastructure and finance, Scott's leadership spans roles as CEO of Transurban, COO at Lend Lease, and CFO at Leighton Holdings. His strategic insight, sharpened by years in investment banking, following a distinguished tenure as Managing Director at Deutsche Bank, positions him as a pivotal figure in Australia's infrastructure landscape. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from a CEO who has shaped some of the most significant projects in the industry.

In an engaging interview with UNSW alumna Ellen Derrick (AGSM MBA 2006), Scott will offer insights into his leadership journey, discussing the strategies he has employed as CEO to drive growth and sustainability, while reflecting on the key lessons learned throughout his executive career.

[Find out more](#)

Defence Careers Information Sessions

Sydney: November 12, 2024

Bourke: November 13, 2024

Albury: November 14, 2024



Cobar: November 20, 2024

Dubbo: November 22, 2024

Wollongong: November 27, 2024

Parkes: November 27, 2024

Consider a career like no other and represent Australia with pride in the Navy, Army or Air Force.

Speak with current serving personnel at our upcoming info session and ask your questions - is a career in the Australian Defence Force for you?

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Portfolio Entry Info Evening

November 12, 2024

Join us to hear from UNSW staff and academics about submitting an outstanding portfolio for a range of degrees across the Faculty of Arts, Design & Architecture and the Faculty of Engineering for 2025.

In these interactive sessions we will provide tips and examples on what you need to submit and how to apply. There will also be an opportunity to get all your questions answered. This info session is for students (and parents/guardians) who are completing their HSC in 2024 and are considering their options for university next year.

[Find out more](#)

CGA Trial Class

November 12, 2024

Join a CGA Trial Class to meet one of our expert teachers and get a taste of the CGA classroom experience. This class is open to students of all ages, and parents are of course welcome to sit in too.

After a quick lesson, we encourage you to use this opportunity to ask the teacher about:

- The technology and platforms typically used
- Homework and assessments at CGA
- CGA's feedback and reporting processes
- Online versus traditional classrooms
- The online student-teacher relationship
- Support in and out of the classroom
- And whatever else comes to mind!

[Find out more](#)

UAC | Unlocking opportunities: Pathways to uni

November 13, 2024

This webinar charts the many pathways to a university degree. Explore pathway courses such as foundation programs, diplomas and certificates, and the potential to fast-track into the second year of a degree. Learn about the credits and articulation agreements that make these options a seamless bridge to higher education. Whether you're exploring different interests or you've faced setbacks in meeting degree entry requirements, this session offers guidance and practical advice on paving your way to success.

[Find out more](#)

UON Law Insights Evening 2024

November 13, 2024

The University of Newcastle's School of Law and Justice invites Year 11 & Year 12 students of 2024, teachers and parents to attend our Law Insights evening. The evening is an invaluable experience, allowing students to hear first-hand about the Law degree on offer at the University of Newcastle.

Students will be able to hear from, and speak with, academic staff and current students from the School of Law and Justice. Students will also learn about our Legal Centre. This is an excellent opportunity for students to ask any questions they might have about the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) program.

[Find out more](#)



AMPA Music Theatre and Classical Performance & Composition Experience Day

November 13, 2024

Academy of Music and Performing Arts (AMPA) invites aspiring Music Theatre and Classical musicians and Composers aged 16 and over to join us on campus for a day of music!

Attendees will have the chance to sit in on a performance class, participate in workshops/Q&As facilitated by AMPA's music faculty and experience what studying music is like at AMPA. Experience a day in the life of an AMPA music student to gain further insight into tertiary education and how it can benefit your future.

[Find out more](#)

AMPA Dance Experience Day

November 13, 2024

Academy of Music and Performing Arts (AMPA) invites dancers to join us on campus for a day of dance. Register and bring your friends along and get ready to move!

Dancers will have a chance to participate in contemporary & improvisation classes facilitated by AMPA's inspiring faculty and experience what studying dance full-time is like at AMPA. A Q&A with the program's Head of Dance will allow aspiring dancers, choreographers, and dance teachers, to gain further insight into tertiary education and how it can benefit their future careers.

AMPA is currently accepting registrations for Intake 2025 and beyond, so don't forget to [register](#) for the dance auditions happening Monday, November 18th.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Arts, Design & Architecture Portfolio Entry Workshop

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[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney | Discover the journey to university

November 13, 2024

Follow a high schooler's steps to uni – explore the crucial decisions, gain an inside look at what drives your aspirations, discover the support available, and gather the practical insights you need to navigate the road to university.

This webinar offers:

- A personal insight into the transition from high school to university.
- Realistic guidance to navigate through various university options.
- Valuable resources and networks to support your journey.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney | Building your future: Architecture and the built environment

November 13, 2024

Are you interested in studying architecture and the built environment? In this webinar, we will explore how studying at the Sydney School of Architecture, Design and Planning can help you develop transferable skills to pursue a variety of careers across architecture, urban planning and design, sustainability consulting, construction and property.

Join us to see how our degrees can provide you with the skills and experience to build your future career.

[Find out more](#)

Defence Air Force Careers Information Sessions

Newcastle: November 13, 2024



Albury: November 26, 2024

In addition to defending our nation, the Air Force supports a broad range of operations in Australia and overseas, including:

- supporting international security and counter-terrorism initiatives
- protecting our borders from illegal activity and incursions
- carrying out search and rescue missions
- supporting peacekeeping operations
- helping communities affected by natural disasters

Would you like to learn about the wide variety of Air Force careers available? Join us for an info session and speak with current serving members about entry pathways and career opportunities.

[Find out more](#)

UTS Know your options: HSC Parents info session

November 13, 2024

Wondering what to do if your child misses out on a UTS offer? Don't worry. Know that they've got more options, like UTS College. We're another way to UTS!

Our first-year uni diplomas offer your child more support and more ways to boost their CV! Plus, they don't need an ATAR or UTS offer, and they can complete their UTS studies, not lose any time and graduate with a diploma AND a degree.

Don't wait until ATAR Day. Secure your child's education future by joining us for the 'Know Your Options' HSC Parents info session.

[Find out more](#)

AIT Creative Workshops

November 13 to November 16, 2024

Join us at the Sydney campus for exciting Creative Workshops!

These interactive workshops are designed specifically for Year 12 students using tech like ToonBoom, Unreal Engine, Green screen room and more!

Plus, you can experience what it's like studying at AIT first-hand.

Workshops

2D Animation: 13 November, 5pm-8pm

Film: 13 November, 5pm-8pm

Game Design: 16 November, 9am-12pm

[Find out more](#)

AMPA Contemporary Music Performance & Music Production Experience Day

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[Find out more](#)

UNSW HPA Roadshow: Urban Heat Mitigation & Net Zero in the Built Environment

November 14, 2024

The School of Built Environment and the High Performance Architecture (HPA) Research Cluster from UNSW Arts, Design & Architecture warmly invite you to attend our 2024 roadshow on urban heat mitigation and net zero in the built environment.

Join us for a masterclass with experts from UNSW for hands-on activities, with opportunities to have your questions answered. Additionally, you will receive the latest updates on attending UNSW Built Environment



from the Head of School and a current student. Ideal for students interested in architecture, the built environment or sustainability.

[Find out more](#)

Veg Out: The Ultimate Food Hack

November 15, 2024

Join us for "Veg Out: The Ultimate Food Hack," an engaging online webinar designed specifically for schools, presented by VEG Education, who are passionate advocates for fresh produce. This interactive session aims to inspire students to embrace vegetables in exciting and delicious ways.

What to expect:

- **Innovative Cooking Hacks:** We will share our top tips and tricks for preparing vegetables that not only taste amazing but are also easy to make. Students will learn how to transform everyday veggies into mouth-watering dishes.
- **Interactive Cooking Demonstration:** Participants will have the opportunity to follow along with a live cooking demonstration, making it a hands-on experience that encourages creativity in the kitchen.
- **Nutritional Insights:** Understand the health benefits of incorporating more vegetables into daily meals, emphasizing how they can enhance energy levels and overall well-being.
- **Q&A Session:** Students can engage directly with the VEG Education team, asking questions about cooking techniques, vegetable varieties, and sustainable farming practices.

[Find out more](#)

InspirationED November Kickstart Seminar – University of Newcastle

November 16, 2024

Join us for a FREE day of HSC sessions to help you get ahead in 2024.

Our teachers are acknowledged by their peers as the most passionate, qualified and experienced in the HSC. The key to the success of this program is tapping into their knowledge and insight into the marking process – thus removing uncertainty around the trials.

[Find out more](#)

AIE Open Day, Sydney

November 16, 2024

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film and visual effects at the AIE Open Day.

AIE's Open Day is a great opportunity to meet our teachers, staff and students. The day will cover everything you need to know about the:

- careers in games and VFX that we train students for;
- studios and industries that we work with;
- courses we offer - from beginners to professional mastery, and;
- the software, skills and knowledge we teach.

AIE's Open Day will also include presentations on entry requirements and how to apply. Find out how AIE can get you into a creative career.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Parents Info Evening 2024: Navigating UAC and offers

November 17, 2024

Empower yourself to support your child on their journey to university.

Through Parents Info Evening, you'll understand your teen's options and learn how to provide the support they need to navigate their decision. The livestream will cover:

- Guiding your child through UAC preferences, the offer and admission process, and the support available to them
- How your child can make the most of their uni experience
- Live Q&A: get your questions answered and understand what other parents and caregivers are curious about



[Find out more](#)

ACAP Online Information Session – Coaching

November 18, 2024

Can you imagine yourself as a private coach, consultant or professional facilitator? These are just a few career options you have with a qualification in Coaching.

In this real-time online information session Dr Mark Setch will share insights into studying Coaching at ACAP and how the qualification will give you the practical skills and know-how to inspire change, empower teams, and improve performance.

[Find out more](#)

ACAP Online Information Session – Counselling

November 19, 2024

Can you imagine yourself in child protection or helping people through grief or addictive behaviour? These are just a few career options you have with a qualification in Counselling.

In this real-time online information session Dr Timothy Hsi will share insights into studying Counselling at ACAP and highlight what courses you could take to help others develop better self-awareness for a more positive path in life.

[Find out more](#)

ACAP Online Information Session – Psychology

November 19, 2024

Can you imagine yourself in a fascinating research role, contributing to mental health services or as a specialist in private practice? These are just a few career options you have with a qualification in Psychology.

In this real-time online information session Professor John Reece will share insights into studying Psychology at ACAP and ultimately provide you with information on courses you could study, and delve into the scientific research of individuals, society and culture.

[Find out more](#)

Notre Dame Pathways to Medicine Information Session

November 19, 2024

Considering a career in Medicine? Register to watch this information session exploring Notre Dame's undergraduate programs in and exciting opportunities for students interested in pursuing careers in Medicine.

[Find out more](#)

Basair Sydney Pilot Career Seminar

November 19, 2024

Do you dream of taking to the skies and achieving your wildest aviation dreams?

Attend Basair's Pilot Career Seminar and learn everything you need to know about becoming a Commercial Pilot with Australia's leading flight training organisation.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Nursing @ UTS

November 20, 2024

Discover how you can become a Registered Nurse at Australia's #1 uni for academic reputation in nursing and midwifery.

Hear about diverse nursing careers from industry speakers, meet our academic teachers & ask current students about the UTS Bachelor of Nursing.

Tour our world-class clinical facilities and explore your future campus!

[Find out more](#)



University of Sydney | Why study civil engineering at Sydney?

November 20, 2024

See how our civil engineering degrees can equip you for the challenges and opportunities in the evolving world of infrastructure and development. You will explore a variety of specialised fields such as water, structures, geotechnical, humanitarian and transport engineering.

Gain insights into our Professional Engagement Program, modern engineering precinct and career paths available to our civil engineering students.

[Find out more](#)

ACAP Online Information Session – Social Work

November 20, 2024

Can you imagine yourself making a difference in a not-for-profit organisation, or working in the criminal justice system, or the government? These are just a few career options you have with a qualification in Social Work.

In this real-time online information session Professor Annie Venville will share insights into studying Social Work at ACAP and provide details of courses you could take to help others develop better self-awareness for a more positive path in life.

[Find out more](#)

Defence School to Service Information Session – Sydney

November 20, 2024

Considering your career goals now that school is coming to an end?

Explore job opportunities in the Navy, Army and Air Force by heading to an upcoming info session.

Speak with current serving members about job roles, opportunities for further study, or flexible part-time commitments. The Australian Defence Force (ADF) offers countless career paths for school leavers.

Whether you are a student, teacher or parent looking to learn more about the ADF - we can help!

[Find out more](#)

ACAP Online Information Session – Criminology

November 21, 2024

Can you imagine yourself working in investigations, intelligence, or even corporate crime? These are just a few career options you have with a qualification in Criminology.

In this real-time online information session Matthew Thurgood will share insights into studying Criminology at ACAP and ultimately provide insights into what courses you could take to gain skills, influence positive change and develop practical responses that can have a positive impact on criminal justice issues.

[Find out more](#)

Australian Volunteers Program – Online Information Session

November 21, 2024

Join us online to learn how you can support overseas organisations to achieve locally led, development goals.

Everyone is welcome. Registration is essential.

In our Information Session, you'll:

- Meet Australian Volunteers Program staff who will share insights about the program and the application process
- Gain an understanding of the support that the program provides to volunteers such as allowances, flights and visa support.
- Hear from former volunteers who will share their experience on assignment and give you a glimpse of what life is like as a volunteer.

Australian volunteers come from a broad range of sectors, contributing the specific skills and experience required to support our partners. We offer a range of volunteering modalities; in-country, hybrid and remotely from home.

We encourage people with disabilities, couples, people with children, people from the LGBTIQ+ community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to attend.

[Find out more](#)



CGA Flexible Online Education for Student Athletes Webinar

November 21, 2024

Does your student find it hard to balance education with their passions? Discover how Crimson Global Academy's flexible online learning environment, designed to fit busy schedules, allows student athletes and performers to thrive in school while following their dreams.

At the webinar you'll discover:

- Exclusive insight into how CGA provides a consistent, world-class education for athletes and performers: flexible timetables, personalised learning pathways, and our innovative learning platform
- Expert guidance about how to balance school with your child's passions
- Hear from CGA student athletes and performers, as they explain how the school supports their dreams

[Find out more](#)

Teen mental health matters: For parents and carers

November 25, 2024

Join us for an insightful and empowering webinar focused on providing strategies and resources to help you in supporting your teen.

Co-hosted by a Clinical Psychologist facilitator, and Black Dog Institute lived experience presenter, we will explore:

1. How to make sense of adolescence.
2. Identify signs of mental health struggles.
3. Understand how to support your teen.
4. Know where you and your teen can get support.

This webinar is free and open to all parents, caregivers, and anyone interested in supporting the mental health of teens in their care. Reserve your spot today and embark on a journey towards greater well-being for you and your family!

[Find out more](#)

Newcastle 2024 Campus Experience Days

November 25 to December 6, 2024

Our Campus Experience Days aim to support student's understanding of career options, increase aspirations to attend university and provide an opportunity to experience university life and study areas. Throughout the day your students will have the chance to hear from current university students and academics, participate in hands-on activities from a variety of study areas, and take a tour around campus.

Please note that given the popularity of these campus experience days priority will be given to students in Years 9-10 dependent on demand.

Places for each day are limited, therefore we will work off a first in, first served basis for bookings. We will do our best to accommodate all bookings, however in the event the days are oversubscribed we will develop a waitlist based on the order of response.

- Week 1, Monday 25 November to Friday 29 November – Central Coast campuses, 9am – 2pm
- Week 2, Monday 2 December to Friday 6 December – Newcastle campuses, 9am – 2pm

Reach out to your region representative to register your interest.

[Find out more](#)

Defence Submariner Careers Information Sessions

Newcastle: November 26, 2024

Sydney & Online: November 27, 2024

Are you looking for a career with rewarding challenges, competitive pay and opportunities for travel?

World-class training will equip you with all the skills and resources you need to work as a Submariner in the Navy.

Join us for an info session to speak with current serving members about the benefits of serving your Country as a Navy Submariner.



[Find out more](#)

AIT Sydney Info Night

November 26, 2024

Exclusive invite to AIT's Sydney Info Night on 26 November.

You'll hear from our inspiring Academic Director and meet our very talented current students talk about what it's like to study at AIT. You will have the opportunity to speak to our friendly course advisor crew one-on-one and learn about the flexible learning options and pathways available, career outcomes, and more. You'll get to meet the Admissions Team to discuss the admissions process or even better - apply on the spot to save your seat in the next Intake!

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney Mega Maths Day 2024

November 26 to December 2, 2024

Mathematics is the hidden hero in every STEM discipline whether it be geosciences, biology or psychology. Wherever your students see themselves heading in their future studies and careers, we want to show them how important and useful it is to have a foundation in mathematics.

Your Year 9 & 10 classes will join us for a day of STEM fun, including meeting a real mathematician, and your school's choice of three hands-on workshops themed in different disciplines, but all focused on the importance of mathematics. Year 10 in particular is a key time when your students are choosing their future direction, so give them the opportunity to find out just how important a solid background in maths is for a huge array of disciplines and careers.

[Find out more](#)

Discover AI Magic with IT at ACU North Sydney

November 26, 2024

Join us for the 2024 Discover ACU. A free event tailored to your study area of interest, these sessions will give you an insight into life as a uni student.

Participate in interactive AI activities, chat with current students and learn what it's like studying a degree in IT at ACU.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Exercise and Sports Science at ACU Blacktown

November 27, 2024

Join us for the 2024 Discover ACU. A free event tailored to your study area of interest, these sessions will give you an insight into life as a uni student.

Experience the range of cutting-edge equipment for training and rehabilitation that you will have access to as part of a sport and exercise science degree with ACU.

[Find out more](#)

Why study business at Sydney?

November 27, 2024

Discover how our degrees in commerce can prepare you for the future of work and a wide range of career opportunities. You will learn about the range of study areas available, including marketing, finance and entrepreneurship, as well as the many ways in which you can combine your interests from over 100 study areas in our shared pools of majors and minors.

We will also cover internships, industry-focused experiences, and global mobility opportunities open to our Bachelor of Commerce students.

[Find out more](#)

SAE Info Night Sydney – Technology Course Showcase

November 27, 2024

Want to embrace the latest technologies and engineer the impossible?

Join us in Sydney for this exclusive event to discover SAE's new technology courses in VFX & Virtual Production and Computer Science!



Specially designed in consultation with industry experts from Technicolor and Ubisoft, our VFX courses will nurture your creativity and empower you to experiment, while our Computer Science programs have been developed to prepare you for the collaborative and geographically diverse world of technology and creative media.

[Find out more](#)

UTS Fashion & Textiles Honours 2024 Graduate Showcase

November 27, 2024

You're invited to witness the debut of Australia's future fashion trailblazers as they unveil their cutting-edge designs at the UTS Bachelor of Design (Honours) Fashion and Textiles Graduate Showcase.

High school students, parents, and career advisers can access a discounted ticket by using the code **Schools10** at checkout.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Law and Criminology at ACU North Sydney

November 28, 2024

Join us for the 2024 Discover ACU. A free event tailored to your study area of interest, these sessions will give you an insight into life as a uni student.

Aspiring lawyers will have the chance to develop their analytical and courtroom skills in our law and criminology workshops. These hands-on activities will provide you with an insight into the Australian legal system and its functions.

[Find out more](#)

The power of the ACAP placement program

November 28, 2024

Join us for an online session where you'll learn about the ACAP Placement Program. During this interactive session, we will delve into the program's core components, explore the courses in Counselling, Social Work, Psychology and Criminology that feature placement opportunities, discuss the program structure, and showcase the array of placement options available.

You will also gain firsthand insights from professional organisations who will discuss the benefits they have gained by partnering with ACAP. Additionally, we will introduce you to ACAP alumni who will share their transformative placement experiences and the outcomes they've achieved following their placement.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School Webinar

November 28, 2024

Are you passionate about hospitality and the hotel industry? Join this session to discover why BMIHMS is the ideal choice for you.

Hear from our successful alumni as they share their study journeys and how it has prepared them for success. Explore the vibrant campus life at our Leura campus and the unique student community. Learn about how our practical training distinguishes us from other universities and how it can get you 'job-ready' upon graduation.

[Find out more](#)

AIE Online Campus Day

Academy of Interactive Entertainment

November 30, 2024

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film and visual effects at the AIE Online Campus Day. AIE will be running this event for students interested in studying online. You will be able to meet our teachers, explore how classes will run, course options, career pathways and see our amazing student work.

We will be covering everything you need to know about the:

- careers in games and VFX that we train students for;



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More than a Score – The SAE Difference

December 13, 2024

No matter where SAE University College lands on your higher education preference list, our More than a Score Online Session will help you figure out exactly where you want to be. Come vibe with us to uncover the real deal about who we are, what sets us apart, and where a degree from SAE could take you!

What to expect:

- Chat to our expert Course Advisors about our creative and tech-focused disciplines to find your dream course.
- Explore the electives, specialisations and hands-on work placement opportunities available throughout your studies.
- Discover the endless career paths available after graduation.
- Learn more about our Early Entry Program, scholarship opportunities, student services, and more.
- Ask all your questions about our application and enrolment process (no ATAR required!).

[Find out more](#)

Music Theatre Audition Workshop with Chloé Zuel

December 15, 2024

Join us for an exclusive Music Theatre Workshop led by the incredible Chloé Zuel!

This workshop is designed to elevate your performance skills, build your confidence, and help you create captivating characters for your upcoming auditions. You will have the unique opportunity to work directly with Chloé, known for her iconic role as 'Eliza Hamilton' in [Hamilton](#), and engage in practical exercises that focus on vocal and movement techniques.

This is a free event for Year 12 students and those who have finished high school, looking to study Music Theatre next year!

[Find out more](#)

AIM Sydney Info Day

December 18, 2024

Deciding which path to take after school can feel daunting, but if you're passionate about music, we're here to guide you.

Our Sydney Info Day offers the perfect opportunity to get first-hand insights into what it's like to study at AIM. Hear directly from current students about the skills they've gained and the networks they've built.

If you're thinking about studying with us in 2025, our expert staff can provide insights and answer your



questions before UAC preferences close.

[Find out more](#)

Notre Dame Info Day 2024 – Sydney Campus

December 18, 2024

Explore your future options at this event, it could be your key to starting your university journey in 2025 with confidence. Whether you're a high school student, a university graduate, or an international student, this is your chance to experience life at Notre Dame.

You will have the opportunity to speak one-to-one with faculty staff, receive personalised assistance and advice on your pathway to university, and discuss your study options. For those who have already applied to Notre Dame, our student advisors and admission officers will be available to guide you to the next stage of your Notre Dame journey ahead of Semester 1 commencement.

You can also:

- Attend discipline specific information sessions and workshops
- Find out more about scholarships available
- Meet your faculty staff
- Join a tour and explore our expanding Fremantle campus
- Enjoy tasty treats

[Find out more](#)

UTS Info Day 2024

December 18, 2024

Info Day is your chance to explore undergraduate course and pathway options at UTS.

Why attend Info Day?

- Engage in personalised 1:1 consultations with UTS staff, including our Admissions team
- Get your last-minute questions answered before the closure of UAC preferences
- Explore the various alternate pathways and study options available to you
- Discover the wide range of support services and how they can aid you in your economic journey
- Chat directly with academics and current students from your desired course
- Take a tour of our vibrant UTS city campus led by current students

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Info Day 2024

December 18, 2024

Get personalised advice and insights before you finalise your UAC preferences at UNSW Info Day. With ATARs released at 9am and UAC's change of preferences deadline at midnight, this is your opportunity to get all your last minute questions answered. Explore your study options, tour our campus, and chat with academics and current students, so you can feel confident in your choice.

Get a taste of life as a UNSW student:

- Attend lectures on your area of interest
- Explore UNSW on a campus tour
- Chat with academics and current students in our advisory zones

[Find out more](#)

Experience Day at ACPE

December 19, 2024

Want to pursue a career in sport? Discover why ACPE is ranked #1 for Health, Sport, Physical Education, and Dance. Join us on campus. See where you will study, meet our students and lecturers, and participate in info sessions and practical workshops to take the next step with confidence.

We'll have a number of sessions running throughout the day so you can decide on how you would like to enjoy



your Experience Day!

Why attend Experience Day?

- Explore the campus
- Q&A with our academics and students
- Chat with current students about their experience
- “Tutorial bites” on what to expect, take part in sample classes
- Practical workshops and interactive sessions
- Find out where a qualification from ACPE can take your career
- Discuss course options with our Enrolment Advisors and get a personalised study plan
- Get assistance with applying or enrolment

[Find out more](#)

Accepting Your ANU Offer – What’s Next?

December 20, 2024

Have you received an offer to study a degree at ANU but unsure of your next steps?

Join us for a step-by-step guide on the deferral process, how to accept your offer and enrol in your program. We’ll also discuss the many support services available to ANU students and key dates. The webinar will finish with a live Q&A session where you can get all your questions answered.

This event is suitable for domestic students who have received an offer at ANU.

[Find out more](#)

NAS Art Club Intensive 2025

January 15 to January 17, 2025

Have a young person in your life that loves to make art? Our Art Club Intensive program is the perfect School Holiday activity to nurture their skills.

The Art Club Intensive is a 3-day course, taking place 15th – 17th January 2025, designed to impart technical and conceptual skills to students aged 15 – 17.

This is a rare opportunity for young artists to learn from industry specialists in one of the five focus areas: Drawing, Printmaking, Ceramics, Sculpture or Painting.

[Find out more](#)

AMSI Careers Day

January 16, 2025

Attend the AMSI Careers Day and explore the diverse career pathways available to mathematical sciences graduates. Mathematics, statistics and data science are critical to so many careers across all industry sectors! Talk to potential employers, get your employment questions answered and be inspired by the endless opportunities.

[Find out more](#)

SciX@UNSW 2025

January 20 to January 24, 2025

The SciX@UNSW program is designed to support passionate high school students who are eager to delve into scientific research. Join one of our research groups and conduct an independent research project, ideal for HSC Extension Science, IB independent projects, or as a taste of a career in research science. The projects are overseen by our academic research staff and are delivered primarily by our graduate research students. They will introduce you to cutting-edge research tools and methodologies and guide you as you extend your scientific skills.

The centrepiece of the SciX experience is a one-week intensive summer school, held in January. During this week on campus at UNSW Sydney, you’ll be supported in developing your individual hypothesis, collecting your data, and getting started on your analysis, all before the summer holidays are over!

On-time registrations will close at 11:59 PM on **Wednesday 18th December 2024**.

[Find out more](#)



TAFE NSW Campus Open Days 2025

Quirindi: January 22, 2025

Broken Hill: January 23, 2025

Yass: January 28, 2025

Goulburn: January 29, 2025

Cooma: January 30, 2025

Young: January 30, 2025

Moss Vale: January 30, 2025

Whether you're a school leaver, want to build new skills to land a promotion, are thinking about a career change, or just looking for some essential skills that can help to successfully launch your business – this event is the time to explore all your options.

This is your opportunity to tour our campus, find out what support looks like or if you're still choosing your course or where to study, come along and have a chat to our TAFE NSW teachers.

Our team will also be on hand to answer questions about studying with TAFE NSW while at school or the many post school pathways on offer.

[Find out more](#)

ACPE February Open Day 2025

February 1, 2025

Exploring your study options for a career in the sport industry? Join us on campus. See where you will study, meet our students and lecturers, and participate in info sessions and practical sessions to take the next step with confidence.

[Find out more](#)

Autism Inclusion Equity Scholarship Blacktown Campus

Offered by: Australian Catholic University

Value: \$4,000 AUD

Open date: August 1, 2024

Closing date: March 1, 2025

This scholarship was established to support students with autism who will be commencing undergraduate studies at ACU's Blacktown campus.

[Find out more](#)

Playford Trust Rural and Regional STEM Scholarships

Offered by: Playford Trust

Value: \$5,000 AUD

Open date: October 1, 2024

Closing date: January 17, 2025

The Playford Trust seeks to support outstanding students from rural and regional South Australia who intend to enrol as undergraduates to study science, engineering, mathematics or technology subjects at one of the State's three public universities.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Advantage and Gateway Awards

Offered by: University of New South Wales

Value: Up to \$11,000 AUD

Open date: September 6, 2024

Closing date: November 11, 2024

If you live in an eligible low-socioeconomic area, receive an offer from UNSW and enrol for Term 1, 2025, you will be eligible to receive the \$10,000 UNSW Advantage Award to support you in your first year of studies.

Additionally, for 2025, all students who attend a Gateway school, apply through the Gateway Admission



Pathway and enrol at UNSW will receive a \$1,000 one-off payment to make the transition to uni easier, meaning you could be eligible for a total of an \$11,000 award to make the most of your studies.

[Find out more](#)

Anthology Nature Writing Competition 2025

Offered by: Anthology Magazine

Value: €500

Open date: October 1, 2024

Closing date: August 31, 2025

The *Anthology* Nature Writing Competition is created to celebrate the beauty of the natural world, inspire literary excellence and encourage *Anthology's* readers to explore the great outdoors. Whether it's the wonder of life right in your own garden, an encounter with wildlife, the serenity of a forest, a reflection on environmental challenges, or the healing power of nature, we welcome your stories.

[Find out more](#)

[University rankings: What they mean and their value](#)

You may have heard that the [Times Higher Education World University Rankings](#) have been recently updated for 2025, comparing over 2,000 universities worldwide across five key areas. Perhaps unsurprisingly, some familiar names crop up at the top of the list. But what exactly do these rankings mean, and how seriously should they be taken by prospective students? Let's take a look.

How the universities are ranked

Before we take a look at the top ranked institutions, we first need to know how the ranks are decided. *THE* base their rankings on these five criteria:

- Teaching
- Research environment
- Research quality
- Industry engagement
- International outlook

Each of these criteria contributes a different amount to a university's overall ranking – we'll look at this in a little more detail later.

The best universities?

THE ranked these universities as the top five in the world:

- University of Oxford
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Harvard University
- Princeton University
- University of Cambridge

But things start to get interesting when you dive into the full scores. Oxford's place at the top is largely bolstered by the fact that it's ranked 1st for research environment. On the other hand, it was ranked 5th for teaching and 20th for international outlook.

So what does this tell us?

What actually matters to students

What these lists seem to say is that things like research quality and performance should matter more to students than how satisfied they are with their experience, or whether or not the university can support them in finding work once they graduate.

Which in reality, seems kind of backwards. A student in high school probably isn't going to be involved with a university's research department for a few years – if ever, as most students only complete degrees by coursework. In 2023, [just under 220,000 Australian students graduated with an undergraduate degree](#), compared to around 11,000 graduating with a postgraduate research degree.

When sorting the rankings by industry, the list completely changes, with these five universities rated best:

- California Institute of Technology (7th overall)



- Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin (=93rd overall)
- City University of Hong Kong (=80th overall)
- Delft University of Technology (=56th overall)
- Duke University (23rd overall)

Even when sorted by teaching quality, only 4 of the top 5 overall ranked universities make the list:

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2nd overall)
- Princeton University (4th overall)
- Stanford University (6th overall)
- Harvard University (3rd overall)
- University of Oxford (1st overall)

THE also has a separate [University Impact Rankings](#), which “identifies and celebrates universities that excel across multiple [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#)”. Here are the top 5 universities on that list:

- Western Sydney University (301–350th overall)
- University of Manchester (=53rd overall)
- University of Tasmania (251–300th overall)
- Aalborg University (251–300th overall)
- RMIT University (251–300th overall)

So why do the rankings change so much? It’s because they place more importance on research than any other factor.

Weighing up the rankings

As we mentioned earlier, each of the five criteria used by *THE* is weighted differently. This means they contribute different amounts to the university’s overall rank. Here’s how much each criteria is worth:

- Research quality (30%)
- Teaching (29.5%)
- Research environment (29%)
- International outlook (7.5%)
- Industry (3%)

This means that **nearly 60%** of a university’s overall ranking is based on their research alone.

Of course, a university’s research output is incredibly important – it “[informs public debate, improves our health and wellbeing, and helps solve our most complex problems](#)”. The problem is tying research output so closely to a university’s overall reputation.

Is research valuable, and should universities strive to produce quality research? Absolutely, yes. Is it a factor your average student should consider highly when choosing where to study? Probably not.

Using rankings wisely

When a student is looking at this list – and certainly when other news outlets report on the results – it’s common for them to take the overall rankings as pure fact. This can lead to the perpetuation of biases about certain universities ([Kaidesoja, 2022](#)), and at worst, deepen educational inequalities ([Amsler, 2014](#)).

Put simply, once a university is deemed “best” or “worst”, rankings like this tend to only push that bias even further.

How students and teachers should come down to their own individual situations. And this can encompass a huge variety of factors: where you live, your background, what you want to study (and why), your goals beyond university, etc.

One important thing to note is that these rankings don’t take into account student satisfaction and equity at all. And there is still further to go; lots of other factors that can impact student satisfaction and success are still too difficult to measure and compare, according to [Professor Stephen Parker](#):



“Arguably a sixth dimension would be the staff one: what is it like to work there? No systematic and national data yet exists to provide a counterpart to the public data on student perspectives.

Possibly a seventh would be university engagement with communities, but again there is no available way to compare and contrast our universities validly on this dimension.

A still more elusive metric would be ‘value for money’.”

Finding the right university

When it comes to study, there should be many different versions of “good”. What’s good for one student might not be good for another – and that’s OK.

You shouldn’t consider any of the universities on the list “bad”, no matter where they are ranked. Where a university excels in one area, it might falter in another. It’s about taking into account your own needs and preferences and weighing them up with what a university offers.

Rather than looking up a ranking, we suggest you ask these questions to help you find the right university for you:

- What do I want to study, and where is it offered?
- Do I need to move away to study, and how far am I willing to go?
- What do other students say about their experience?
- What can I do with my qualification once I graduate?
- Does the university have support services I can access (study, social, health, and career)?
- What are the university’s policies around flexibility, online study, etc.?
- At the end of the day, what do I feel is the right choice for me?

And if you want to find out more, [you can read lots of other blogs about university and study on our website](#).

[Apprenticeship and traineeship FAQs](#)

When thinking of your future career options, there’s usually more than one path to get you there.

Apprenticeships and traineeships are a great option to consider, allowing you to not only gain valuable skills but also earn some money too. In this blog, we’ll explain some apprenticeship and traineeship basics and answer some frequently asked questions (FAQs).

What are apprenticeships and traineeships?

Apprenticeships and traineeships are hands-on training programs that allow you to learn and earn at the same time. They’re like a bridge between the classroom and the workplace.

During an apprenticeship or traineeship, you’ll work under the guidance of experienced professionals in your chosen field while also studying towards a nationally recognised qualification.

Benefits of apprenticeships and traineeships

There are lots of benefits of apprenticeships and traineeships, including:

- **Practical experience:** Gain real-world skills that employers value.
- **Earn while you learn:** Receive a wage while you train, helping you become financially independent.
- **Industry connections:** Build a network of professionals who can support your career growth.
- **Nationally recognised qualifications:** You’ll receive a qualification that you can use anywhere.
- **Clear career pathway:** Set yourself up for a successful and fulfilling career in your chosen field.

Types of apprenticeships and traineeships

There are various types of apprenticeships and traineeships, catering to a wide range of interests and industries. Some popular categories include:

- Traditional trades (e.g., plumbing, carpentry, electrician)
- Healthcare and allied health (e.g., nursing, dental assisting, pathology)
- Business and administration (e.g., customer service, office administration)
- Information technology (e.g., software development, IT support)
- Hospitality and tourism (e.g., cookery, hotel management)



Apprenticeship and traineeship FAQs

If you're interested in starting an apprenticeship or traineeship and want to know more, here are some answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) students often have.

Can I do an apprenticeship or traineeship straight out of high school?

Yes. There are lots of apprenticeships and traineeships programs designed for high school graduates. In some cases, you can even start while you're still in school.

How long does an apprenticeship or traineeship typically last?

The duration varies depending on the industry and qualification. They can range from anywhere between six months to four years. Apprenticeships are typically longer in duration than traineeships.

What is the difference between an apprenticeship and a traineeship?

While both involve on-the-job training, apprenticeships typically focus on traditional trades and technical skills, whereas traineeships cover a broader range of industries and professions. [You can read more about the difference in our blog here.](#)

How do I find an apprenticeship or traineeship opportunity?

There are several avenues to explore. You can start by checking job boards, company websites, and government apprenticeship portals. Additionally, career fairs and networking events can be great opportunities to connect with potential employers.

Do I need any qualifications to start an apprenticeship or traineeship?

It depends. Some programs may require certain subjects or certifications from high school, while others may have additional prerequisites. It's always a good idea to check the specific entry requirements for the program you're interested in.

Can I switch industries or roles during my apprenticeship or traineeship?

While it's generally possible to transition within the same industry, switching to a completely different field might require additional training or qualifications. It's important to communicate with your employer and training provider if you're considering a change.

What is the pay like for apprenticeships and traineeships?

The pay for apprenticeships and traineeships varies depending on factors such as the industry, location, and level of qualification. It's important to research and compare wage rates within your chosen field to have a clear understanding of what to expect.

Are there opportunities for further education after completing an apprenticeship or traineeship?

Absolutely! Many apprenticeships and traineeships offer pathways for further education and career advancement. You may have the opportunity to pursue higher-level qualifications or specialised certifications to enhance your skills and move up the career ladder.

Find out more

Embarking on an apprenticeship or traineeship can be a game-changer for your future. It's an opportunity to learn, grow, and set yourself up for success in your chosen field.

To explore more about apprenticeships and traineeships, [head over to our website here.](#)

[How to become a Power Systems Engineer](#)

Power systems engineers specialise in creating efficient power generation, transmission, and distribution networks. They are responsible for developing and installing technology integration and carrying out maintenance schedules. They are also in charge of monitoring and diagnosing issues, then fixing them to prevent downtime or reduced capacity.



If you have a knack for solving problems and love to work with your hands, this job could be perfect for you.

What skills do I need as a power systems engineer?

- Detail-oriented
- Great problem-solver
- Hands-on worker
- Good communicator
- Works well in teams
- Organised & adaptable
- Safety-minded
- Excellent maths skills

What does the job involve?

- Designing power systems & networks
- Monitoring systems for issues
- Installing, testing & maintaining equipment
- Upgrading existing systems & networks
- Preparing drawings & plans
- Ensuring compliance with standards
- Optimising systems & processes
- Collaborating with other power workers

What industries do power systems engineers typically work in?

- Electricity, Gas, Water & Waste
- Professional, Scientific & Technical Services
- Manufacturing

What Career Cluster do power systems engineers belong to?

Power systems engineers work with technology and need strong problem-solving skills, so they are usually Innovators. It's also an attractive career for Makers, who enjoy using specialised equipment and love hands-on work.

What kind of lifestyle can I expect?

As a power systems engineer, your work will be split across both time in the office and site visits. While there is some physical work involved, you'll also be expected to do desk work and communicate with clients, customers, and other power workers.

You can expect to earn an above average salary throughout your career.

Most power systems engineers work full-time, usually during normal business hours. But emergency maintenance may require you to work nights, weekends, or even holidays.

How to become a power systems engineer

You will typically need a Bachelor's degree in Engineering, specialising in Electrical, Networks, or another similar field, to work as a power systems engineer. Internships and practical work experience are a common part of your education, and are a great way to gain experience and make connections.

There are usually also other licenses and qualifications you must obtain as well, depending on regulations in your state or country, and whether or not you'd like to advance into more senior roles.

What can I do right now to work towards this career?

If you're in high school and interested in becoming a power systems engineer, here are some steps you can take:

- Focus on science subjects at school, especially physics and engineering. Along with maths, they are often prerequisites to many engineering courses.
- Find work experience or internship opportunities to gain exposure to the industry.



- Participate in STEM clubs, groups, workshops, or competitions to start building your skills while you're still at school.
- Start researching graduate programs and pathways to future job opportunities.

Where can I find more information?

You can learn more about careers in power systems engineering through these organisations:

- [The Australian Power Institute](#)
- [Electricity Engineers' Association NZ](#)
- [UK Power Networks Careers](#)
- [United States Energy Association](#)
- [Careers in Energy Canada](#)

Similar careers to power systems engineer

- Maintenance Technician
- Civil Engineer
- Systems Analyst
- Grid Connection Engineer
- Operations Coordinator
- Software Developer
- Environmental Engineer
- Project Manager

Find out more about alternative careers on our [Job Spotlights](#) page.

[5 out-of-this-world space careers](#)

Ever dreamed of working in the space industry but thought you'd need to be an astronaut? The modern space sector is booming with opportunities that are way more diverse than you might imagine. And with [a value of USD \\$630 billion and growing](#), it's a growth industry that's looking for people with a 'make-it-happen' attitude. From launching rockets to designing space hotels, here are five incredible careers that could blast your future into orbit.

Propulsion engineer

Want to literally make rockets go boom? Propulsion engineers are the masterminds behind rocket engines, and they're in huge demand right now. At companies like [SpaceX](#) and [RocketLab](#), these engineers design and test the engines that power spacecraft into orbit.

What makes this cool? You could work on anything from [the massive Raptor engines that will take humans to Mars](#), to smaller engines for satellite launches. Plus, you get to witness actual rocket engine tests – imagine telling your friends that making controlled explosions is part of your job description!

What you'll need: A degree in aerospace, mechanical, or chemical engineering, and a love for both the big picture and tiny details. Maths and physics are your best friends here.

Space habitat designer

Think interior design is just for houses? Think bigger – like designing entire living spaces for astronauts. With companies like [Axiom Space](#) building the first commercial space station and plans for lunar bases in the works, space habitat designers are creating the homes of the future. And that's not even considering Mars.

You'll tackle unique challenges like: How do you make a comfortable bedroom in zero gravity? What's the best way to design a space kitchen? How do you create spaces that keep astronauts both physically and mentally healthy during long missions?

What you'll need: Architecture or industrial design background, with a solid understanding of human factors engineering. Creativity is key – you're literally designing something that's never existed before.

Satellite operations manager



Ever wondered who's in charge of controlling the thousands of satellites orbiting Earth? Satellite operations managers are like space traffic controllers, keeping track of everything from communication satellites to Earth observation systems.

At companies like [Planet Labs](#) or [Starlink](#), you might manage a constellation of satellites, planning their orbits, monitoring their health, and making sure they're doing their jobs properly. When something goes wrong, you're the person who figures out how to fix a machine that's traveling at over 25,000 km per hour.

What you'll need: A background in aerospace engineering, computer science, or physics, plus excellent problem-solving skills. Being cool under pressure is essential, as satellites wait for no one.

Space manufacturing engineer

Here's something mind-blowing: we're starting to make things in space. Space manufacturing engineers are pioneering ways to produce materials that are impossible to create on Earth due to gravity. Companies like [Redwire Space](#) are already 3D printing tools on the International Space Station, and that's just the beginning. Imagine designing processes to make perfect crystals for medical research, or super-strong fiber optic cables, all in zero gravity. You could be part of creating an entire new industrial revolution – in space.

What you'll need: A degree in materials science, manufacturing engineering, or a related field. Innovation is crucial because you're literally writing the handbook for how to make things in space.

Commercial space operations coordinator

Welcome to the business side of space. As private space travel becomes reality, companies like [Virgin Galactic](#) and [Blue Origin](#) need people to coordinate commercial space flights. You'll work with everyone from engineers to customers, making sure space tourism and commercial missions run smoothly.

Your day might involve planning launch schedules, coordinating with clients who want to send experiments to space, or helping organize training for space tourists. It's like being an event planner, but your venue is space itself.

What you'll need: A business or management degree is great, but what's most important is excellent organizational skills and the ability to juggle multiple priorities. Knowledge of the space industry is crucial, and being able to speak "both languages" – technical and business – is a huge plus.

The future is limitless

The space industry isn't just growing – it's exploding (pardon the pun) with career opportunities. The best part? These jobs are available right now, not in some distant future. Companies are actively hiring for these positions as the commercial space race heats up. Whether you're more interested in the technical side, the creative aspects, or the business angle, there's a place for you in the space industry.

Want to explore other potential future careers? [There's heaps more to see on our website.](#)

[5 signs you'll be okay with work travel](#)

Travelling for work is a reality for many careers, but not everyone finds it appealing. Before deciding if it's for you, it's important to understand what it really involves. From how often people travel to the rise of "[bleisure](#)" trips, this article will break down some of the key facts about work travel. You'll also find tips to help you decide if it's something you'd enjoy, plus a look at the types of jobs that often require regular travel.

Work travel trends

Work travel isn't the ho-hum parade of boring hotels that it used to be. In the past few years, work travel has evolved, and we're seeing some great shifts in a positive direction.

Most of us need to do some work travel

[Around 46% of workers planned to travel for work in 2024](#), making it an integral part of many jobs. This might mean attending meetings, visiting clients, or even relocating temporarily for a project.

On average, [professionals take 6-7 business trips each year](#), although some roles require travel much more frequently, with the top 10% of business travellers spending around 88 nights away from home annually.

Whether you're working in sales, consulting, or management, you're likely to need to travel at some point in your career.

Bleisure is becoming more popular

A growing number of professionals are extending work trips to explore the destination or simply to unwind.



[Around 60% of work trips now have a leisure component](#), where employees add personal days to relax or see local attractions. For many young professionals, combining work and leisure is seen as a major perk, because it gives you the opportunity to see new places while someone else picks up the tab.

Hybrid meetings and travel are the new norm

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, virtual meetings have become the go-to option for many businesses, reducing the need for frequent trips, which makes sense; why pay to fly around the world when you can get a good chunk of the work done via Zoom?

However, in-person meetings are still essential for building relationships, closing deals, or managing projects. As a result, hybrid models are now the norm, with employees often alternating between online meetings and occasional business trips. This combination is expected to continue growing, particularly as companies seek to balance travel needs with sustainability goals.

5 signs you'll be okay with work travel

Not everyone enjoys frequent travel, so here are five signs that can help you decide if you'd be ok with it:

You enjoy trying new things

If you're the kind of person who's excited to try a new café, visit a new place in your city, or explore a new hobby, you might find the adventure of work travel appealing. People who enjoy change and new experiences often see travel as an opportunity, not a challenge.

You adapt well to change

Work travel rarely goes exactly to plan – flights get delayed, meetings change, and things don't always go smoothly. If you're the type to 'roll with it' when plans change or when things go wrong, you'll probably handle the unpredictability of work travel better than most.

You don't mind being away from home

Think about how you feel when you're away from home – maybe at a camp, a friend's house, or even on holiday. If you enjoy the change of scenery and don't feel homesick easily, you're likely to cope well with regular work travel.

You're good at staying organised

Do you plan ahead for school projects or keep your backpack tidy? If you're naturally organised, you'll probably find it easier to manage the logistics of work travel. This can include packing efficiently, keeping track of tickets, or managing your time between meetings.

You're happy meeting new people in unfamiliar places

If you're confident starting conversations with new people, whether it's at a social event or in a group activity, you might enjoy the networking aspect of work travel. Building professional relationships is a big part of many jobs, and work trips often offer chances to meet new colleagues, clients, or partners in different settings.

Jobs that require frequent travel

When it comes to jobs that require frequent travel, some are pretty obvious – think pilots, diplomats, or sales reps. However, there are many other roles that involve regular travel, even if they're not as widely recognised for it.

Let's look at both the more expected roles and some that might surprise you. Understanding these can help you consider whether frequent travel could be part of your own career plans.

Frequent travellers in well-known roles

While some careers practically define work travel, it's still worth highlighting them, as they often set the standard for what frequent travel looks like:

Sales representatives



Often spending weeks on the road, sales reps regularly travel to meet clients, attend industry events, and close deals in person. This role involves managing schedules, travel arrangements, and working across different time zones to stay productive and effective.

Flight attendants and pilots

As the ultimate travelling roles, these professionals are constantly moving between cities, states, and even countries. The job involves a fast-paced lifestyle, varying shift patterns, and the need to adjust quickly to new environments.

Politicians and diplomats

National and international travel is a core part of these roles, with trips ranging from meetings with officials to attending international summits. Time away from home can be frequent, and the schedule is often determined at short notice.

Journalists and reporters

Whether covering breaking news or reporting on events from the field, journalists frequently travel to conduct interviews and gather first-hand stories. This kind of travel can be unpredictable, with trips sometimes lasting for extended periods.

Consultants

Often working across various industries, consultants travel regularly to client sites. This can mean flying between cities or countries to provide strategic advice, conduct training sessions, or support project implementations.

Roles with unexpected travel demands

Not all jobs that require travel are immediately obvious. Some roles involve a lot of travel, even though it might not be the first thing that comes to mind:

Project managers

While many assume project managers work mostly in offices, those in construction or engineering often need to visit multiple project sites. This can involve travel across cities, states, or even internationally to supervise progress, meet with teams, and ensure work aligns with project plans. These trips can last from a few days to several weeks, depending on project needs.

Researchers

Researchers – whether in science, academia, or business – often travel to share their findings at conferences, seminars, or workshops. These events allow them to present their work, network with peers, and collaborate on new projects. Depending on the field, researchers might also conduct fieldwork in diverse locations, adding more travel to their schedules.

IT specialists

While IT roles are often seen as desk-based, specialists working in on-site support regularly travel to troubleshoot issues, install systems, or train staff at client locations. Travel can range from day trips to lengthy assignments where specialists may need to set up and manage large-scale technology implementations.

Environmental consultants

Environmental consultants often need to travel to various sites to conduct assessments, collect data, or advise on sustainability projects. These trips can involve visiting remote natural areas, urban development sites, or government offices, with travel plans changing based on the project's requirements.

Recruiters

Recruiters, particularly those in large organisations or recruitment agencies, travel to meet candidates at universities, job fairs, or professional events. This kind of work travel is focused on building relationships with potential hires and scouting talent, with trips varying from local visits to interstate events.



Could you see yourself travelling for work?

Work travel can be exciting, offering new experiences, career growth, and the chance to build professional networks. However, it also comes with its challenges – time away from home, long hours on the road, and the need to adapt quickly to new environments.

As you think about your future career, consider whether the idea of frequent travel energises you or whether it feels like it might be a challenge. Whether you love the adventure or prefer the stability of staying put, there are plenty of roles that can suit your personal style.

If you want to find out more, [we have lots of other blogs on the world of work for you to read](#).

[Tips for writing a thank you letter after receiving a scholarship](#)

Receiving a scholarship is exciting, but sometimes there's one important task to do: writing a thank you letter to your donor. So if you need (or want) to write a thank you letter after receiving a scholarship, we have some tips to help.



Why write a thank you letter?

Writing a thank you letter isn't just about being polite – it's a chance to show your appreciation and practice professional communication. Sometimes it's a part of your scholarship conditions; but even if it's not, it's a thoughtful gesture that might encourage the donor to support more students in the future.

The basic structure

Let's go through some examples to help you write your scholarship thank you letter.

The greeting

Your greeting sets the tone for your entire letter, so it's important to start off professionally. Start with "Dear [Donor's Name]". If you don't know their name, "Dear Scholarship Donor" is perfectly acceptable.

Your introduction

The introduction is your chance to help the donor get to know you. Keep it brief but personal, including your name, study plans, and something interesting about yourself that relates to your chosen field.

Example: "My name is Sarah Chen, and I'm a Year 12 student at Riverside High School. I'm planning to study Biomedical Engineering next year, and I'm particularly passionate about developing medical devices that can help people with disabilities."

Show your appreciation

This is the heart of your letter – where you express your gratitude. Make sure to name the specific scholarship and explain why receiving it means so much to you.

Example: "I am writing to express my sincere thanks for selecting me as a recipient of the Artistic Excellence Scholarship. This support means so much to me and will help make my dream of becoming a visual artist a reality."

Tell them how it will help

Donors want to know their support makes a real difference. Explain specifically how the scholarship will impact your education, whether it's covering textbooks, accommodation costs, or allowing you to focus more on your studies instead of working part-time.

Example: "This scholarship will cover my first-year accommodation costs, allowing me to live on campus. Being able to live at university means I can fully participate in study groups and access the library late at night, which will be especially important during exam periods. Without this support, I would have needed to spend over two hours commuting each day."

Share your plans

This section helps donors understand the long-term impact of their support. Talk about your goals and how this scholarship is helping you work toward them.

Example: "After completing my degree, I plan to work in rural healthcare, specifically focusing on bringing medical services to remote communities. The experience and knowledge I'll gain through this degree will be crucial in helping me achieve my goals and making a real difference to people in rural areas."

Wrap it up

End your letter professionally with another thank you and a formal sign-off. This is your last chance to leave a good impression, so don't waste it!

Example: "Thank you once again for your generous support. I am truly grateful for this opportunity and am committed to making the most of it. Sincerely, Jayden Thompson."

Extra tips for success

Writing a thank you letter doesn't have to be complicated, but there are some important things to keep in mind:

- Keep it to one page
- Check your spelling and grammar – then check it again
- Be genuine – donors can tell when you're just copying a template (including this one!)
- Write it within a week of receiving the scholarship (or whatever time frame is specified)



- Keep a copy for yourself to refer back to

Common mistakes to avoid

Even the best writers can make mistakes, so watch out for these common pitfalls:

- Being too casual (e.g. “Hey there!” or using slang)
- Writing a generic letter that could apply to any scholarship
- Making it too long
- Forgetting to proofread
- Not following any specific instructions provided by your institution

Find out more

Remember, a well-written scholarship thank you letter isn't just about being polite – it's about showing donors that their support really matters and is going to someone who appreciates it. So take your time, be genuine, and let your personality shine through.

You can [explore more future study options and pathways on our website](#). Or if you're ready to apply, you might like to [search our Scholarship Database for opportunities](#).

[How to use the school holidays for skill building](#)

School holidays are the perfect time to relax and recharge, but they're also a great opportunity to build new skills that could help you in the future. Whether you're thinking about university applications, preparing for work, or just want to try something new, here's how you can make the most of your break without overwhelming yourself.

Why use your holidays for skill building?

While it might seem tempting to spend your entire break watching Netflix or gaming (and there's definitely a place for that!), setting aside some time for skill development can:

- Give you something interesting to add to your resume
- Help you figure out what you enjoy doing
- Build confidence in your abilities
- Make you more prepared for life after school
- Give structure to your holidays

Skills worth building over the holidays

Not sure what skills to focus on? Here are some valuable options that could serve you well in the future:

Digital skills

We say it all the time, but tech skills really are more important than ever. Consider building some of these skills:

- Learn basic coding, which can be done through free platforms like [Codecademy](#). Even if you don't want to be a programmer, understanding how code works can help you in many future careers.
- Become familiar with common software like [Microsoft Office](#) or [Google Workspace](#). These are essential tools in most workplaces, and knowing how to use them early can give you an edge when applying for jobs.
- Take an online course in digital marketing or social media management. Lots of businesses have an online presence, so these skills are becoming more valuable.
- Learn about cybersecurity basics. Understanding how to protect yourself and others online, whether at work or at home, is really important.

Life skills



No matter who you are or where your future might lead, these practical skills will always come in handy:

- Basic [budgeting and money management](#). Start by tracking your spending for a week, or learn how to create a simple budget using a spreadsheet.
- Cooking and meal planning – begin with simple recipes and gradually work your way up to more complex dishes. Trust us, you'll be thankful that you don't have to eat instant noodles every night!
- Time management is always important. Practice creating schedules and to-do lists, and experiment with different productivity techniques like the [Pomodoro method](#).
- Basic car maintenance. Learn how to change a tire, check oil levels, or jump-start a car. These skills can save you money (and stress) in the future
- First aid certification – many organisations offer holiday courses, and this looks great on your resume while potentially helping you save lives.

Creative skills

If these technical and practical skills don't excite you, you might like to look into more creative skills instead, such as:

- Photography or video editing. You can start with your phone using free editing apps, then progress to more advanced equipment if you enjoy it.
- Graphic design – learn the basics of color theory and composition using free tools like [Canva](#) or [GIMP](#).
- Creative writing might be up your alley. Start a blog, write short stories, or try your hand at poetry. This will improve your communication skills while also letting you express yourself.
- Music production – jump on YouTube and follow a tutorial to learn a new instrument, or explore free software like [Audacity](#) or [GarageBand](#) to create your own tracks.
- Drawing, either traditional or digital – start with basic sketching techniques and branch out into different styles and mediums until you find one you like.

How to get started

Now that you have a skill to aim for, all you need to do is start! But how? Here's some advice to help you make the most of your holiday time.

Set realistic goals

Remember, you're on holiday – you don't need to become a master in the short time you have. Instead, pick one or two skills to focus on and set achievable goals. For example, instead of "become a professional photographer," aim for "learn three new camera techniques."

Create a flexible schedule

Balance is key during your break. Try dedicating specific times of your day or week to skill building while leaving plenty of time for relaxation and fun. Even just 30 minutes a day can make a difference.

Find free resources

You don't need to spend money to learn new skills. Take advantage of:

- [YouTube](#) tutorials – there are countless channels dedicated to teaching everything from coding to cooking.
- Free online courses – platforms like [Coursera](#) and [edX](#) offer free access to university-level content.
- Local library resources – many libraries now offer online courses and digital resources in addition to books.
- Community workshops – check your local council or community center for free holiday programs.
- School holiday programs – many organisations run free or low-cost workshops specifically for students.

Make it fun

Learning new skills doesn't have to feel like work, especially not when you're meant to be enjoying some time off. Try:



- Learning with friends – create a study group or skill-sharing circle where everyone teaches something they're good at.
- Setting up friendly competitions – challenge each other to keep learning or create projects.
- Rewarding yourself for reaching milestones – set up a reward system for when you reach a milestone.
- Sharing your progress on social media – document your journey and connect with others learning similar skills.
- Teaching others what you've learned – explaining concepts to others helps reinforce your own learning.

Keep track of your progress

Consider keeping a journal or digital portfolio of your skill-building journey. This can help you:

- See how far you've come
- Stay motivated when things get challenging
- Have something concrete to show future employers or educational institutions
- Identify areas where you might need more practice
- Feel proud of your achievements

Final thoughts

Whether you're building your resume, preparing for further study, or just want to try something new, building skills during the school holidays can be both fun and rewarding. Just don't forget to leave plenty of time for rest and relaxation too!

Want to explore more ways to prepare for your future? [Check out our other blogs about building skills and planning for life after school.](#)