

# BMGS CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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## Open Days & Info Sessions

### Beyond the Lab with IMNIS Catalysts

Tuesday 16 August 2022, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Online

Beyond the Lab is a webinar series for students in years 8 to 12 around Australia in which IMNIS Catalysts will share their non-traditional STEM Career Journeys.

Join IMNIS Catalysts Dr Beatrice Chiew and Tian Nie as they discuss their career journeys and their life Beyond The Lab.

Find out more: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_8AqZbDEpRqGggARjzm0rVA](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8AqZbDEpRqGggARjzm0rVA)

### Macquarie | How to apply for Macquarie's Co-op programs

Tuesday 16 August 2022, 5:00 pm

Online

If you're a high achiever keen to become an in-demand accounting, actuarial or business analytics professional, the Macquarie University Co-op program could be ideal for you.

Our competitive Co-op courses are co-created with industry to prepare you for the future of work. This prestigious program offers three placements, financial support from Co-op partners, opportunities to explore a range of career options during placements, plus mentoring and training designed to improve your employability outcomes.

Want to learn more and find out how to apply?

Join us for our Q&A at 5pm on Tuesday 16 August to hear insights directly from Co-op students, academic experts, and get tips on how to put together a strong application, plus ask your questions.

Find out more: <https://app.livestorm.co/macquarie/how-to-apply-for-macquaries-co-op-programs?type=detailed>

## NSW Police | Women In Policing Information and Fitness Event

Tuesday 16 August 2022, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Australian College of Physical Education, Sydney Olympic Park

If you are interested in a career with the NSW Police Force the Recruitment Branch would like to invite you to an Information session including a physical practice session.

This session will specifically be targeted towards women who have an interest in joining the NSW Police Force.

The aim of the session is to provide you with a “try before you buy” insight into the application process and physical capacity testing day.

The information session will give you a brief introduction to the application process and a Q & A session. Following the information session you will be invited to stay and take part in a practice Physical Capacity Testing (PCT) session. This event is a practice session only and will not be recorded as an official result towards a police application.

You will be provided with important information and an opportunity to gain hands on practice for each of the tests. Qualified NSW Police PTI's will be on hand to answer your test and fitness questions.

There is no obligation to stay for the physical practice session, however this would be a good opportunity to test yourself in an informal environment.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/nsw-police-women-in-policing-information-and-fitness-event-tickets-360269244007>

## NYSF Connect Webinar Series – STEM Through the Looking Glass

Tuesday 16 August 2022, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Online

Have you ever wondered what Australia's Chief Scientist does in her day? What about a research fellow, an exercise physiologist, or an optometrist? Join our panel, featuring Australia's Chief Scientist, Dr Cathy Foley AO PSM and our incredible National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) Year 12 Program Alumni as they discuss what makes up their workday as a STEM professional.

Find out more: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_J3RZIAoqSUyvZOr8L2uPPQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_J3RZIAoqSUyvZOr8L2uPPQ)

## NIE | Post-UCAT Advice & Medical Interviews Preparation

Tuesday 16 August 2022, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Online

This forum is an excellent opportunity for students, parents, and teachers to find out about the post-UCAT steps medical school applicants are required to take.

This is not a sales/advertising/promotional seminar. The session is packed with invaluable information during which we will be covering the following topics:

- Your UCAT Scores and what they mean
- Applying to universities that do not require UCAT
- Medical Interviews for undergraduate medicine and dentistry courses
- Interview structures and assessment criteria by universities
- Take a look at a few sample questions
- Medical interview preparation advice
- Q and A

Find out more: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_FXeFy9ZeSKKikMiDDt9tRg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FXeFy9ZeSKKikMiDDt9tRg)

## UAC Digital | Let's Chat – Health Students

Wednesday 17 August 2022, 6:00 pm

Online

If you are interested in allied health degrees then this session is for you. Current students from a range of unis share their experiences of student life. Topics covered include:

- how they decided on the course they are studying
- what they found easy about the process of applying and enrolling, and what they found hard
- what they thought uni would be like
- the best thing about being at uni
- their hopes and dreams for when they finish

Find out more: <https://uacdigital.easywebinar.live/registration-let-s-chat-health-students-keep-calm-and-trust-an-allied-health-professional>

## endota Wellness College | Virtual Info Session

Thursday 18 August 2022, 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Online

These 30-minute sessions allow you to chat with our team, have your campus-life questions answered and discover where the Beauty & Wellness industry can take you.

Find out more: <https://endotawellnesscollege.edu.au/virtual-info-sessions/>

## UNSW | Co-op Gateway Chat

Wednesday 24 August 2022, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

We know that writing a scholarship application can be tough – what is it that the people assessing want to see? What kind of things could you include? How can you structure your responses to fit in the limited word count?

Join current Co-ops who will share their own experience of writing a scholarship worthy application, some clever hints for maximising the limited space you have, and together with Co-op team answer any questions you might have about applying for Co-op.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/co-op-gateway-chat-shine-like-the-star-that-you-are-tickets-399401148587>

## UAC Digital | Let's Chat – Scholarships

Wednesday 24 August 2022, 6:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Online

Equity scholarships can provide students from a low socio-economic background with financial support while studying. Learn about applying and key dates, and get answers to the most commonly asked questions.

We'll also discuss other scholarships that you can apply for direct to the university.

Find out more: <https://uacdigital.easywebinar.live/registration-lets-chat-scholarships>

## University of Sydney | Meet Sydney

**Batemans Bay:** Wednesday 31 August 2022, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

**Wagga Wagga:** Thursday 8 September 2022, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Join us for an information evening to find out all you need to know about the University of Sydney!

The session will cover information about courses, admission requirements, entry schemes/pathways, fees, and scholarships, as well as the type of support available on campus. Uni students and alumni from

Regional NSW will share stories, tips on moving away from home and advice about their journey to university and beyond.

You'll also get the chance to speak with staff and students and have all your questions about the University of Sydney answered.

Register for Batemans Bay: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/meet-sydney-batemans-bay-tickets-388922406387>

Register for Wagga Wagga: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/meet-sydney-wagga-wagga-tickets-392116610337>

### University of Sydney | Life of a Mathematician

Wednesday 31 August 2022, 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Online

Have you wondered what a day in the life of a mathematician is like? And what jobs are available in this growing sector? Join award-winning mathematician, Professor Mary Myerscough, to find out what an average day of work might be like in the field of mathematics.

In this session you will learn about the exciting work being done by mathematicians, from creating mathematical models to map how healthy cells become cancer cells, to how social insects organise their societies.

Find out more: [https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_8j57Vx81QOKBUm0t7Blxxg](https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8j57Vx81QOKBUm0t7Blxxg)

### Endeavour College of Natural Health | Future of Wellness

Thursday 1 September 2022, 9:00 am - Friday 30 September 2022, 5:00 pm

Online

If you've been thinking about a career in natural health, then join us during our Future of Wellness month – a free, online event dedicated to exploring the diverse and fulfilling world of natural health. Visit our personalised Future of Wellness platform to register for as many events as you like!

Throughout the month you'll have access to:

- Live webinars
- Guest speaker sessions
- Natural health seminars
- Instagram take overs
- Q&As
- On-demand videos
- Articles

From Chinese medicine to naturopathy, nutrition to massage and more, a future in natural health is closer than you think.

Find out more: <https://www.endeavour.edu.au/events/future-of-wellness/>

### University of Sydney | Regional and Interstate Student Open Night

Thursday 1 September 2022, 5:00 pm

Online

This webinar offers prospective regional and interstate domestic high school students an opportunity to engage with The University of Sydney and interact with faculty, accommodation, scholarship and admission pathways staff.

Find out more: [https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArcumgaj0vG90Ae\\_w20bJnISz9xvCitJDT](https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArcumgaj0vG90Ae_w20bJnISz9xvCitJDT)

## University of Sydney | Accommodation Exploration

Thursday 15 September 2022, 5:00 pm

Online

The University of Sydney students have many accommodation options each with its own terminology, culture and intricacies. This webinar offers prospective regional and interstate domestic high school students an overview of the accommodation alternatives at The University of Sydney.

Find out more: [https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_5Rbgpdv1QYqm0bbWo94\\_7A](https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5Rbgpdv1QYqm0bbWo94_7A)

## WSU | Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Future Students Information Evening

Tuesday 20 September 2022, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Western Sydney University, Parramatta South Campus

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Future Students Information Evening at Western Sydney University is an opportunity to hear about what programs are on offer and how Western can help you during your studies. Learn about the different pathways to study, the support services available, scholarships on offer and life on campus.

Find out more: <https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/student-life/events/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-information-evenings>

## ACU | Talk with Paramedics

Thursday 6 October 2022, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

Caring for others gives more than it takes. A career in paramedicine means a career helping others.

Join us online to hear from ACU alumni about their experiences working as paramedics. Take part in a Q&A session with our graduates and learn what it is like working on the frontline and using your skills to help people when they need it the most.

Find out more: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2022/october/talk-with-paramedics>

## Workshops and Courses

### No longer just bones – Palaeontology in the 21st-century

Tuesday 16 August 2022, 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm

Online

Have you ever wondered what a palaeontologist does? Learn how ancient pollen preserved for millions of years can help reconstruct past climates and even help us understand what a daily menu may have looked like for dinosaurs.

Join Dr Vera Korasidis as she explains what actually happens on a dig hunting for fossils, and what scientists do after they find them!

This unique masterclass has been designed to be accessible and appealing to all audiences and is suitable for anyone with a high school level scientific understanding. Get your questions ready as our scientists would love the audience to join in the live Q&A and become a part of the presentation.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/no-longer-just-bones-palaeontology-in-the-21st-century-tickets-387954541477>

## Spotlight on Science

Wednesday 17 August 2022, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Hornsby Library

Join us to celebrate National Science Week 2022 and explore the diverse pathways that science offers. You'll hear from four scientists from different fields and have the opportunity to ask questions. Come along and discover where science can take you!

Find out more: <https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/lifestyle/events/library-events/spotlight-on-science>

## Family Science Day

Saturday 20 August 2022, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Western Sydney University, Parramatta South Campus

Sydney Science Festival presents a day of demonstrations, talks and hands-on activities at Parramatta – designed to inspire people of all ages. The theme Revival is applied to diverse scientific topics and brings attention to sustainability, environmental rejuvenation and recovery.

This free family-friendly event invites participants to engage with a range of scientific disciplines including medicine, ecology, climate change and astronomy.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rhodes-science-fair-tickets-371898387087>

## Introduction to Aboriginal Plant Use

Saturday 20 August 2022, 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Online

Adam Shipp is a proud Wiradjuri man who's family is originally from Dubbo in NSW. Adam is passionate about traditional plant use and showcases this passion in his workshops.

During the workshop you will learn in-depth information about how Aboriginal people have been using these plants for foods, fibres, and medicines for thousands of years.

Find out more: [https://unimelb.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_fGWYK3usQp--MMt2b\\_bExQ](https://unimelb.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fGWYK3usQp--MMt2b_bExQ)

## Future Space

Saturday 20 August 2022, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Western Sydney University, Parramatta South Campus

An intergenerational panel will discuss the inspiring and engaging opportunities for young people to participate in Australia's space future. Hear space industry professionals, educators and students talk about turning STEM passions into meaningful learning experiences, as well as their own study and research pathways and what continues to inspire their practice.

Find out more: <https://sydneyscience.maas.museum/event/future-space/>

## Queensland Ballet | Elite Training Series – Sydney

Sunday 4 September 2022, 8:00 am - 5:30 pm

The McDonald College, North Strathfield

Participants from 12 years of age will enjoy professional training in ballet, contemporary dance and repertoire, as well as a Q&A / Information forum to find out more about Queensland Ballet Academy and working towards a career in the industry. Queensland Ballet Academy faculty will observe students throughout the day of the program and may make adjustments to a participant's level so that they can get the most from their time training with us.

Participants will be placed into groups in accordance with their age at the commencement of the event.

This event also provides the opportunity for dancers to audition for Queensland Ballet Academy.

Find out more: <https://academy.queenslandballet.com.au/events/elite-training-series-sydney>

## AMPA | Dance Auditions

Monday 26 September 2022, 9:00 am - 9:00 am

AMPA - Performing Arts Centre, Alexandria

The Academy of Music and Performing Arts (AMPA) invites dancers to audition for the Bachelor & Associate Degree Programs. Join our dance course and take your dance technique and artistry to the next level. AMPA's goal is to equip dancers with the tools to have a long and sustainable career in the performing arts and become a well-rounded individual.

What the audition will require:

- Participation in a technique class
- Two solo performances in two different genres (approximately 1 minute per solo)
- An interview
- A writing task (No Preparation needed)

For more details on audition requirements, [go here](#).

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ampa-dance-auditions-september-2022-tickets-394107796027>

## AIE | Industry Experience Day

Wednesday 5 October 2022, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Academy of Interactive Entertainment, Ultimo

AIE's Industry Experience Day on Wed 5 October 2022 is a great opportunity for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to learn about the local and international game development, 3D animation and visual effects industries. Students will get the opportunity to learn about the different pathways to get into the industry, what should be in a portfolio and will be able to get creative in practical workshops using industry-standard 3D animation and game development tools.

Find out more: [https://aie.edu.au/aie\\_event/industry-experience-day/](https://aie.edu.au/aie_event/industry-experience-day/)

## Scholarships

### University of Sydney Faculty of Engineering One Sydney, Many People Scholarship

Value: \$60,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: April 12, 2022 – September 24, 2022

Up to \$60,000 scholarship to encourage and empower students commencing an undergraduate engineering degree by supporting equality of opportunity.

[Find out more](#)

### Maple Equality & Inclusion Scholarship

Value: \$5,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: August 1, 2022 – November 18, 2022

The Maple Equality and Inclusion Scholarship has been established to help provide people with a disability, greater access to affordable educational opportunities.

[Find out more](#)

## AFTRS First Nations Scholarships

Value: Up to \$25,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: July 5, 2022 – October 24, 2022

AFTRS First Nations Scholarships are awarded based on creative excellence or equity. The scholarships are intended to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students with the costs associated with higher education at AFTRS.

[Find out more](#)

## Competitions

### History Makers School Video Challenge

Share the defining moment that matters to you to be in the running to win \$2,000 for your school.

#### Choose a defining moment

Research a moment that matters to your class, school, community or the nation. You might be inspired by these websites:

- [Defining Moments in Australian History](#)
- [Australian's Defining Moments Digital Classroom](#)
- [Momentous](#)

Or tell us about a moment that is unique to your local area.

#### Create a video

Collaborate with your classmates to produce a video about your defining moment. Stage a play, perform a dance, film an artwork, make a documentary, produce an animation or surprise us with your creativity. Your video must be at least 30 seconds long and no longer than 4 minutes.

#### Share your video with us and the world!

Submit your video to History Makers. We will share it on our Digital Classroom website and your school will be in the running to win \$2,000. Teachers must submit all entries on behalf of their students or school.

Open to Australian school students (K–12). **Entries close 4 November 2022.**

Find out more and enter here: <https://digital-classroom.nma.gov.au/history-makers>

### Unleashed Writing Competition 2022

Entry is now open to the 2022 Schools Poetry & Short Story 'Unleashed' Writing Competition! Students all over Australia are invited to enter their 16 line poems or 500 word short stories, and battle it out for the great cash & prizes on offer.

There is no theme! Entrants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild and write on any topic and in any style. Students from all grades are welcome to enter – Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Entry is free and all entries must be in by the **closing date of 28 August 2022.**

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.write4fun.net/competitions/72>

### Anthology Photography Awards 2022

Open to photographers working at any level, the *Anthology* Photography Award celebrates outstanding standalone images. It also provides a platform for photographers to showcase their work through publication.

Images submitted must be on the theme of 'Where I Live'. Submissions will be judged on quality, creativity, originality, and visual/emotional impact.



Photography styles can include street photography, landscapes, natural world & wildlife, macro photography, lifestyle, object & still life and architectural. Technically manipulated images such as abstract, panoramic, stitched and composite are also permitted. Extra merit will be awarded to creative interpretation of the brief.

Entries are invited from photographers of all nationalities, living anywhere in the world. There is no limit to entries per person.

The winner will receive a €500 cash prize and editorial coverage in a future issue of *Anthology Magazine*, plus a one-year subscription to *Anthology*.

**Entries close 31 October 2022.**

Find out more: <https://anthology-magazine.com/awards-awards/awards/photo-award/>

## Work Experience

### Work Experience at the Sydney Opera House

The Open program Work Experience takes place twice a year and is open to secondary school students who are ideally studying in Year 10.

The program lasts a week and gives participants a hands-on experience of how the Opera House operates during the program hours of 9.30am – 3.30pm, Monday to Friday. Participants will meet and work alongside a diverse range of Opera House employees from Ticketing Sales Representatives to Stage Managers to Building Operations Supervisors. We are one of the world's busiest performing arts venues and the experiences we offer will vary between programs depending on our programming commitments.

To be eligible for our work experience program applicants must be:

- An Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Currently studying in secondary school (ideally in Year 10)
- Covered with appropriate insurance by the applicant's school for the duration of the work experience (successful applicants will be asked to provide paperwork to verify this).

We welcome applications from students who are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and students with disabilities.

**The program will run from 14 November to 18 November 2022.**

**Applications close 14 October.**

[Learn more](#)

## Careers & Jobs

### Pay rise coming for Aged Care Workers

If you haven't heard recently, the Federal government has [committed to paying for an increase in wages for Aged Care workers](#) in Australia. This comes as unions ask for a 25% pay rise, or at least a \$5 an hour pay rise.

So what might this mean for you?

If you're already working in Aged Care, it means you could be seeing a pay rise soon. There's no set date on when it will come, but the Fair Work Commission is still taking submissions from both the Government and unions.

If you're still at school and thinking of working in Aged Care, it means you'll receive a higher wage, both when you first start working and later into your career.

The [minimum wage for an aged care worker](#) is currently around \$23 an hour – with the pay rise recommended by unions, it will become around \$28 an hour. So if you work a 35 hour week, this adds up to an extra \$175 in your pocket each week.

Keep an eye out for more news to come.

## Further Learning

### What are my future options?

After you finish school, there's a whole wide world of options out there for you. Maybe you want to study. Maybe you want to work. Maybe you want to travel. But how do you know what the right choice is for you?

Well, you've got lots of options. And if one pathway doesn't quite fit, there's bound to be another. Let's take a look.

#### University

This is probably what most people think of when they're asked about what they want to do after school. University is a great option if you have a career in mind, and know what you need to study to get there (for example, if you want to be a doctor, you're going to have to study medicine).

Most students finish Year 12, and use their ATAR to gain entry to university. But this is far from the only way. There are a ton of alternative pathways you can take if your first option doesn't work out (take a look at some [here](#)).

You can find out more about applying to uni on our website [here](#).

#### TAFE/VET

Speaking of study, uni isn't your only option. Vocational Training and Education (or VET) is a great way to get skilled for work, often in a much shorter time frame than university. Most VET courses don't have any entry requirements either, so you don't need to stress about results.

And if you decide you do want to study at uni one day, you can use your VET qualification for entry.

You could even combine work and study by doing an [apprenticeship or traineeship](#).

Find out more about VET pathways and options [here](#).

#### Work

Maybe you don't want to do anymore study, and that's okay too. There are lots of jobs out there that you don't need a qualification to jump into.

Or, you could start at the bottom and work your way up – maybe you've had your retail job for a while, and there's an opportunity to become manager. Even better, you might come up with the next big idea and start your own business.

You might even find that you can access some pathways you thought you'd need a degree for – but this will usually take lots and lots of time and experience.

Interested in the world of work? Take a look at our resources [here](#).

#### Gap year

Not quite sure what you want to do just yet? That's totally fine! You can always take some time off to evaluate your options and spend time growing as a person.

Traditionally people take a gap year to travel, though this changed a bit thanks to COVID. Luckily, lots of travel and exchange programs are opening back up. You can combine your travel with work, or just get out there and have some great experiences.

Even if you don't want to travel, there's so much you can do – you could volunteer, pick up a new hobby, learn a new language, build your soft skills... The list is nearly endless.

Read more about your gap year options [here](#).

### Combine your options

You might've already figured this out, but one of the best (and most common) things to do is combine your options.

While you're studying, you might like to get a casual or part-time job. If you want to work full-time, you could upskill with microprograms or short courses that won't take time out of your busy day. Pick up a job while you travel overseas. Get a VET qualification, then use it to get into uni. Take some time off to rest and relax, then start studying mid-year.

The options out there are nearly endless! And if you don't end up liking the pathway you've chosen? You can always try a different one. Even if it's after six months, or twenty years down the track.

Wherever you want to go, there's probably more than one pathway you can take to get there.

You can find heaps of resources to help you on your journey on [Study Work Grow](#).

## Applying to University in the US from Australia

Applying to university in the US is quite a long and complex process. If you're considering studying in the US, then you're going to have to be prepared to do a bit more research and spend even more time on your applications.

### Your best starting point

We highly recommend heading over the [US Embassy website](#) to start your planning.

There are over 4,700 universities and colleges in the States, with over 1,000,000 international students landing there each year, so the US Government is all over the international student market and there's tonnes of information out there to help you.

(Note: the terms 'college' and 'university' are interchangeable terms in the US tertiary education system).

You can also contact the [US Consulate offices in Melbourne, Sydney and Perth](#) who'll be able to help you with student visas and all the other official paperwork.

### Step 1 – Research all your options

Find out where you can study, what course options are on offer, and start making a list so you can narrow down all your options. Location and costs might also play a role.

Register and attend any information sessions about studying in the USA or virtual open days. Remember you can always contact the unis directly with any questions or queries too.

It's recommended that you start this as early as Year 11 to give yourself plenty of time to make the best choice for you.

Using a spreadsheet is a great way to keep track of all your research. You could include columns for:

- Admission dates – for all decision types (Early Decision, Early Action and Regular Decision)
- Standardized tests – which test(s) are required; what are the minimum score(s)?
- Costs – both tuition and accommodation
- Scholarships – include deadlines and application links
- Application type – which application is used (e.g. [CommonApp](#))
- Application requirements – e.g. personal statement; letter of recommendation; five adjectives that best describe you, etc.

- International admissions department – record a contact person/email address for any queries
- Financial aid deadlines

For student-athletes you'll also need to include:

- Coach – name and contact information
- Team roster information

### You'll need 5-8 universities on your Shortlist

Because there are so many universities in the US, we recommend that you narrow down your options to avoid confusion. It's recommended you narrow your list down to:

- 1-2 dream colleges
- 2-4 competitive colleges
- 2 safe colleges

### Step 2 – Apply

Unlike here in Australia, there is no centralised application centre for university applications (such as UAC). This means you need to apply to each university or college individually.

We recommend that you get in touch with the international admissions department of the university or college you're interested in ASAP. This way you can ask about admission requirements and dates so you don't miss out.

### Prepare your documents

Each college and university in the US might ask for different documents for admission, but most typically require:

- **Standardized scores:** including [SAT](#) and [ACT](#) test scores. Check if it's a requirement where you want to apply and make sure you register and prepare for the test. You can take the test more than once, so if you don't get a great score the first time around, don't fret.
- **Letters of recommendation:** Many colleges require two or three letters of recommendation, which must be from trusted adults who know you. These typically come from recent teachers or careers advisors, but can also come from club or team coaches, members of organisations you're a part of outside of school, or employers.
- **Personal statements and essays:** institutions in America look beyond your exam results. Your personal statement and other essays provide you with an opportunity to highlight all your good bits and achievements, particularly any extra-curricular activities you take part in.
- **Academic transcripts:** You'll need your transcripts from high school, and any other academic institutions you might have been enrolled in like TAFE or MOOCs. They should list your qualifications, grades, and other achievements.
- **Application form:** You'll probably have to complete an application form for each university you're applying for. This will usually include your personal details as well as parent or legal guardian information.
- **Financial information:** You might have to provide information about your family's financial situation to see if you qualify for scholarships and so they can make sure you'll be able to pay the bill if not. The deadline for financial information might be later than the application deadline, but it's always good to double-check.

## Keep track of any key dates

Just like uni applications here in Australia, it's vital that you keep a close eye on any key dates and ensure you get all your paperwork in on time.

Application dates vary by university, but most generally close around the **beginning of January**.

- **Applications open for most US universities** in early August.
- **SAT and ACT Tests** are run throughout the year with several dates.
- **Early Action/Early Decision Deadlines** are early November for most universities.
- **Final Deadlines** are in early January for most universities.
- You will need to **accept your offer** by 1 May.

See the below timeline – we recommend sticking it up on your wall to help you keep on track.

## Early Action vs Early Decision

If you'd like to get your application in early, you have two options: early action and early decision. But what's the difference?

Put simply, if you apply for early decision, you **must** accept any offer you're given. If you reject the offer then change your mind, you must go through the application process all over again.

Through early action, you may receive an early offer, but you don't necessarily need to accept it. You're free to wait as long as you need to accept, even until you've received other regular offers. However, there are very few universities in the US that take early action applications.

## Offers

There are no conditional offers to study in the US – you will either be offered a place, which means you're in as long as you accept, or rejected, which means you now have a couple of options.

If you are sent an offer, all you need to do now is accept. Make sure you do this before the deadline (usually 1 May for the Fall/Autumn semester) or your offer will lapse and you will need to reapply. Keep in mind that you can reject an offer if you don't want it, or have received an offer from a different university.

If your application is rejected, you might be put on a waitlist. This means if other students have been offered a place but don't accept, there could be a place free for you. It's not a guarantee, but might be worth waiting it out to see if you can grab a spot.

If your application is rejected and you're not offered a spot on a waitlist, this means you'll need to reapply in the next admissions cycle.

## Complete a free application course

To help you really get to grips with the application systems, EducationUSA recommends you complete [this free online course](#). It's a four-week online course especially developed for international students, regardless of which US institution you want to attend.

## Step 3 – Find out about Student Visa requirements

To live and study in the US, you'll need to obtain a Student Visa. This can be quite a complex process with a lot of paperwork involved, so we recommend you start doing your research as soon as possible.

Once you're accepted into a university, they will start sending you the paperwork to begin the Visa application process.

A great place to start for information is the Department of Homeland Security's [Study in the States](#) website. You can also get assistance from a [US Consulate](#) in Australia.

Here are some things to keep in mind with your Visa application:

- You might need to prove that you have sufficient funds to cover your study to be approved.
- Be prepared to fill out a **lot** of paperwork, both before and after you arrive in the US.
- You will need to attend an interview at a US Consulate. The interview must be attended in-person, as fingerprint scans are taken.
- There are costs involved.

#### **Step 4 – Research and apply for any Scholarships, grants, and bursaries for international students**

Just like here in Australia, universities and other providers in the US offer a variety of scholarships and grants to help you fund your studies.

To find scholarships, the best place to look is on the website of the university you're interested in or contact them directly.

See more about scholarships and financial support: <https://educationusa.state.gov/your-5-steps-us-study/finance-your-studies>

#### **Step 5 – Plan where you'll be living**

If you get into a uni in the US, the next thing you'll need to do is find accommodation. Like here in Australia, you can choose between on-campus accommodation at the university, or private accommodation somewhere else.

Read more about the types of accommodation available in the US here:

[https://www.internationalstudent.com/study\\_usa/way-of-life/accommodation/](https://www.internationalstudent.com/study_usa/way-of-life/accommodation/)

#### **Other resources**

Check out these websites for more information and resources on studying in the US:

- <https://educationusa.state.gov/>
- <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/>
- <https://www.usembassy.gov/australia/>
- <https://au.usembassy.gov/education-culture/>

## **Resources**

### **Thinking of taking a language in year 11 and 12?**

Learning a language has many benefits. It improves your thinking abilities and enhances your understanding of the world. Knowing another language can give you a leg up in university applications too.

If you're thinking of studying a language in years 11 and 12, read this article by the Conversation to find out what you need to know: <https://theconversation.com/thinking-of-taking-a-language-in-year-11-and-12-heres-what-you-need-to-know-164080>

### **4 tips to help get smart about money**

#### **What is financial literacy?**

By the time you leave high school and often before, it's important to learn how to manage your money and make decisions that make financial sense for your situation.

If you can budget, manage your money, and make wise decisions about your spending and saving habits, then you're well on your way to being financially literate.

Having these skills are a huge advantage all through life and could help to prevent you falling into masses of debt.

## How to improve your financial skills

### 1. Set up a bank account

Even if you don't have much money coming in, it's a great idea to have your own bank account and debit card so that you're ready when you do start earning.

You'll also have somewhere safe to put pocket money and monetary gifts that you might receive, instead of risking it dropping out of your pocket at school, going through the washing machine, or tempting you to buy something you don't really need.

### 2. Find a job

Once you start earning your own money, you'll appreciate it's value much more.

It might encourage you to make better decisions about what you buy when you know how long it took you to earn it.

### 3. Do a budgeting challenge

If you haven't seen [Teenage Boss](#), it's a show where teens in a household are allowed to take over the family budget for a month.

Perhaps you could do something similar at home?

Speak to your parents and work out:

- Your household monthly income
- Household monthly outgoings (that's *all* the bills from food and electricity, to rates and school shoes)
- Decide on a target figure that you'd like to save
- Work on how you can implement changes to reach your target

You could write meal plans and cook in bulk, find free activities to do in your spare time, or recycle all your cans and bottles for extra cash.

### 4. Start saving

You could just start saving today – it's simple. Figure out how much money you already have or how much you get every week and commit to setting aside a percentage of that.

Make sure your money isn't too easy to get to, otherwise you could be more tempted to dip into it.

When you set up your bank account, talk to the bank about a savings plan as well. They can give you lots of ideas about the best way to save for you, including where your savings will get the most interest.

The money you put away could help you buy a car, go towards uni, or pay for your gap year.

### More money tips

You can find heaps more useful resources and tips on money in the [Money Matters](#) section of our website.

## Why you need Science – for people who don't like Science

National Science Week is here (13-21 August) and if you're a STEM lover, you'll be hanging out for all the cool events, competitions, and other exciting stuff headed your way.

If you've just never been into STEM and science leaves you cold, there could still be lots of great resources and fun things to get involved with. Wondering why you should bother? Well, science literally is life, and it's embedded into tonnes of different elements of your life – even if you haven't linked them yet.

## Why you need science

The fact that you're here at all is down to science, and let's face it, our bodies and brains are pretty much living science labs. Breathing, eating, drinking and all the other functions that keep you alive? That's science too.

The streaming music you access, the phone you depend on, the Netflix that entertains you, the clothes you're wearing, the deodorants, toiletries, and cosmetics that you use – it's all available thanks to the advancement of science.

Let's take a look at a few other areas of your life where science comes into play.

## Your body is a temple

Knowing what foods to eat to keep yourself healthy, vitamin supplements and medications that you might need to help you along the way – they're all derived from science.

Everything to do with the world of medicine (even if it's derived from nature) is science, since we need to know what it's made up of, how it can be used, what quantities are needed, and more. Most, if not all, of the gadgetry essential for paramedics, nurses, doctors, and surgeons to do their work and keep us in good shape has been developed over the years by scientists.

## The food chain

Our days of hunting and gathering are over (and we're pretty happy about that), but that also means our food is grown by farmers. With the assistance of genetic modification, farming practises and equipment, and pest and disease management, food is more widely available than ever – all thanks to the world of science.

Once you've got your food home, even the way you prepare it is science. Storing and preparing your food safely is all science, and let's not forget the art of cooking and the "magic" (AKA...science) that can transform your eggs into an omelette, cake, meringue, or custard!

In fact, you need physics, chemistry, maths and biology just to make a recipe and eat it. Incredible really.

## Getting from A to B

All modes of transport, even if you're walking, involve science. From the vehicle you're using (engineering) and the fuel it needs (chemistry), to how you use it (physics) – yep, it's all science again.

## Staying in touch

Writing an old-fashioned letter? Even the pen and paper you'll need are the results of science. Using a computer or a phone – well technology and science go together like Oxygen and breathing. The internet, apps, you guessed it: science.

## Powering your world

Without energy there are lots of aspects of our lives that wouldn't be possible, from lights and TVs, radios and Wi-Fi, to transport and refrigeration. The discovery of atomic energy made it possible to harness the advanced forms of energy that we use in our everyday life.

Thanks to science, it's even possible to harness energy from the sun, wind, and water.

## Science is in all the small parts of your life too

If you ever loved playing in a playground, the angle of the slide and height of the swing all comes down to science. Want to fly a kite? The angle of elevation, your speed and the space you've got available will determine your success.

*Every single machine* you use and rely on involves science. Just think about it for a minute. From your alarm clock and kettle in the morning, to your hot water tank for your shower (in fact the construction of the house you're living in too), the calculator you use in class, to the lamp you use to read before bed.



Urban planners, engineers (civil and environmental), and construction trades create the sustainable communities you live in using all kinds of processes and materials developed by science.

Even artists and musicians are influenced by science. The materials and instruments they use, the processes they employ, and more are all scientific to degrees.

Whether you like it or not, maths is also a huge factor in daily life. If you're calculating budgets, planning road trips, keeping track of sales, or as we said before just cooking dinner, you'll be using maths.

### **Reframe how you see science**

Take a fresh look around you and see how science appears in so many ways. Then no matter what your passion is, perhaps look for the science angle and focus on that during Science Week.

You never know – it may change your interest in STEM, or it might give you new careers and interests to pursue.

### **Seven jobs where you could use your language skills**

If you're studying a second language like Spanish, Mandarin, Hindi, or German, then you might find it easier to find work. Bilingual employees are in high demand, and employers will look favourably on your ability to speak an additional language because they want to build robust global workplaces where they can help a diverse range of customers.

Whichever language you've chosen to study, or even if English is your second language, you could use your skills in these seven careers. Read on to find out: <https://whywestudy.com/check-out-these-seven-jobs-where-you-could-use-your-language-skills/>

## **Job Spotlight**

### **How to become a Lecturer**

Lecturers are specialists in their academic field who teach tertiary level students. They are mainly employed by universities and private providers, and have a high level of knowledge on their specialist subject. Lecturers are also often involved in further research and academia.

If you're passionate about a particular subject, are articulate and confident, and want a job that will let you meet people of all walks of life, becoming a Lecturer could be ideal.

#### **About you:**

- Excellent communicator
- Passionate and dedicated
- Friendly and approachable
- Great time management skills
- Knowledgeable in a specific area
- Adaptable and flexible
- Committed to further study
- Reliable and trustworthy

### **The job:**

- Preparing lecture and tutorial content
- Delivering lectures, either face-to-face or online
- Writing and marking assessment
- Answering questions and providing guidance
- Attending faculty meetings and conferences
- Conducting further research in your chosen field
- Participating in academic planning and curriculum setting
- Supervising postgraduate and research students

### **Lifestyle Impact: Low**

- Part Time opportunities: Low – around 27% of Lecturers work part-time (source: gov.au).
- Average hours for full-time workers: 46 hours a week, which is just above average (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- Lecturers' salary (average) \$105,000\* per year (source: seek.com.au). \*Salaries vary depending on your skills and experience.
- Future career growth: Very strong (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- You will be doing most of your work indoors, in lecture theatres, classrooms, and offices.

### **Lecturers are most in demand in these locations:**

This is a large occupation, with around 37,300 people working as Lecturers in Australia in 2021 (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au). There is greatest demand for Lecturers in Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory. Most Lecturers work in the Education and Training industry.

### **How to become a Lecturer in Australia**

To work as a Lecturer in Australia, you will need a degree in your chosen area of specialty – postgraduate studies are highly regarded. Work experience in your field is also a bonus.

Step 1 – Complete Year 12 with a strong focus on English and other relevant subjects.

Step 2 – Complete a relevant undergraduate degree, depending on your specialty.

Step 3 – Once you've finished your undergraduate degree, complete further postgraduate qualifications, particularly at a Master- or Doctorate-level.

Step 4 – You may also like to consider further qualifications in teaching or education.

Step 5 – Get relevant industry experience.

Step 6 – Continue with research and learning throughout your career.

Find out more here –

<https://www.universitiesaustralia.edu.au/>

## Similar Careers to Lecturer

Teacher  
Tutor  
Early Childhood Educator  
Principal  
Careers Advisor  
VET Teacher

Find out more about alternative [careers](#).

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### What do Lecturers do?

Lecturers teach tertiary level students in a specific subject or area of knowledge. They also often conduct research and support fellow research candidates.

### Which industries employ Lecturers?

Lecturers are mostly employed in the Education and Training industry.

### What options are there for career progression?

Your role as a Lecturer may change throughout the years, being more teaching-focused at one point and more research-focused at another. You may also find it easier to find permanent, more stable roles the longer you have been working.

### Do I need to go to university to become a Lecturer?

Yes, you will most likely need postgraduate qualifications in order to become a university Lecturer. You may be able to work as a Lecturer after gaining extensive professional experience, but this will take many years and a high level of knowledge.

### Where do Lecturers work?

Lecturers commonly work in universities and other private providers, the majority of which in Australia are located in capital cities. However, there are also some universities outside major areas, giving you some flexibility.

### What are 3 things I can do right now to help me become a Lecturer?

If you're in high school and you'd like to find out if a career as a Lecturer is right for you, here's a few things you could do right now:

1. Start thinking about which area you're passionate about – you'll be spending many years studying, researching, and teaching this subject, so it needs to be something you care about a lot.
2. See if you can find work experience in education. This will help you see if you might enjoy the work, and can help you start building important contacts for the future.
3. Talk to a Lecturer to see what a day in their life is like. If you don't know anyone, see if you can watch videos or documentaries about a career as a Lecturer.

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