

Careers Newsletter

What is a Chef?



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A chef is a culinary professional who specialises in the preparation, cooking, and presentation of food. Chefs work in a variety of settings, including restaurants, hotels, catering companies, and residential facilities. Their role goes beyond cooking; chefs also plan menus, source ingredients, manage kitchen staff, and ensure the smooth kitchen operations.

What skills and strengths are needed?

Chefs must be creative and have a passion for food. They need excellent organisational skills; the ability to multitask; and the ability to keep calm in fast-paced environments. Teamwork and communication are crucial, as are problem-solving skills. A keen eye for detail and a commitment to high standards of food safety and hygiene are also necessary.

What are the pathways?

An apprenticeship is the usual pathway to become a qualified chef with a Certificate III in Commercial Cookery then continued education and on-the-job training.

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*“Knowledge is power.
Information is liberating.
Education is the premise of
progress, in every society, in
every family.”*

— Kofi Annan, Ghanaian
diplomat and former
Secretary-General of the
United Nations



Southern Cross University

Experience the Southern Cross Model

The Southern Cross Model emphasises interactivity and real-world applications to redefine the way you learn and improve student success. In six-week terms, you'll dive deep into two subjects with immersive teaching and learning strategies that help you achieve milestones at an accelerated pace.

Love Your Lifestyle

Get a world-class education on the beaches of the Gold Coast, the lush grounds of the Northern Rivers or the bushland of Coffs Harbour. Southern Cross University campus locations strike the balance between study and lifestyle. Explore golden beaches, tranquil rivers, and vibrant communities just outside your classrooms.

Secure Your Spot with an Early Offer

Step into university life with confidence. Secure your place at Southern Cross University through the Early Offer program, based upon a recommendation from your school. Applications are open now, with assessments completed by 30 September, and offers made from 13 November, 2024.

Set Up for Success

Southern Cross University excels across seven study areas, boasting a 5-star rating in the Good Universities Guide 2024. With a remarkable 91% graduate employment rate (undergraduate) (Graduate Outcomes Survey 2022), you'll gain skills that set you apart as a step towards career success.



Attend Open Day 2024

Imagine the life you could lead as a Southern Cross University student when you visit Open Day 2024:

- Northern Rivers: Sunday 4 August
- Coffs Harbour: Sunday 11 August
- Gold Coast: Sunday 18 August
- Online: Tuesday 20 August

Register here.



Code Your Career with CommBank and Year13!



Software Engineers or 'developers' are the architects of our digital age. They specialise in creating software solutions that innovate, automate, and simulate to power our interconnected world.

At CommBank, Software Engineers are the backbone, developing and maintaining crucial systems that ensure a seamless and secure experience for customers. They craft every aspect of the Bank's website and app and the complex systems behind-the-scenes to protect customers' money.

Software Engineers are witnessing unprecedented demand and they're reaping the rewards with substantial salaries! It's an appealing career for those who want to combine coding and creativity.



Experience life as a Software Engineer with the Year13 X CommBank Virtual Work Experience. You'll get to:

- Participate in real workplace activities.
- Learn about the daily work of Software Engineers from the CommBank team.
- Explore the intricacies of writing code, testing, and debugging.
- Gain insight into the ever-evolving world of tech.
- Understand Software Engineering study pathways.

Upon completion, you'll receive a certificate to add to your resume, but best of all, you'll have a real sense of how your future could look and feel as a Software Engineer.

Discover the exciting possibilities in Software Engineering by visiting the **[Year13 X CommBank Virtual Work Experience!](#)**





YOU CAN SECURE EARLY ENTRY *with us*
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If you're a high achiever with initiative and commitment, you could secure an early entry offer to study your dream degree at Macquarie University before you sit your Year 12 exams.

Secure a spot in your dream degree early based on your school results and extracurricular activities.

What are the benefits?

- You'll receive an early offer to study at Macquarie in September.
- You can concentrate on finishing Year 12 with a sense of security.
- You can use your Year 11 results to determine your eligibility for a degree, not your ATAR.
- You can list up to five degrees to maximise your chances of qualifying.
- You'll automatically be considered for the Macquarie Leaders and Achievers Scholarship without the need to submit a separate application.

Macquarie Leaders and Achievers Scholarship

This scholarship rewards your outstanding potential with financial support of \$10,000 per year for up to 5 years while you study at Macquarie.

How do I apply?

1. Check you meet the eligibility criteria and that your desired degree is offered through the scheme.
2. Decide which of your activities best fit the leadership requirements and provide an outline.
3. Provide a school referee, plus referees for each of your activities.
4. Write a reflection explaining your skills, qualities, personal growth and positive impact.
5. Submit your application.

Key Dates

Round 2 applications close 30 August with outcomes released 25 September. For more information visit **[Macquarie Leaders and Achievers Early Entry Scheme](#)**.



Discover what it takes to work in early childhood education and embark on a fulfilling career journey with the **Department of Education - Victoria & Year13 Virtual Work Experience.**

Roles within Early Childhood Education

Explore the diverse nature of this in-demand and growing profession. Learn about the key roles of early childhood teachers and educators and understand the differences between them.

A Day in the Life

Experience the excitement and variety of a typical day in early childhood education. From engaging in play-based learning activities to planning future lessons that will foster children's development and love of learning, every day offers new challenges and opportunities for growth.

Study and Training Pathways

Understand the various study and training pathways to early childhood education careers. Eligible students who study and work in Victoria benefit from fee-free TAFE for approved VET courses and up to \$25,000 of financial support for approved university courses.

Activities

Interactive tasks deepen your understanding of the essential skills and responsibilities of early childhood teachers and educators, and help you recognise if a career in early childhood education could be for you.



Department of Education



With thousands of new early childhood roles available, now is the perfect time to explore this rewarding career path!



Take the first step toward a fulfilling career in early childhood education by visiting [Year13](#) to explore the **Early Childhood Teacher Virtual Work Experience** today!





ATSE's Elevate: Boosting women in STEM program awards more than 500 scholarships to women and non-binary people in STEM.

The Elevate program provides:

- A scholarship.
- Access to events and networking.
- Mentoring.
- Wellbeing support during scholars' university studies.

Undergraduate category:

To receive an Undergraduate Scholarship you must have an intention to study a degree focusing on science, technology, engineering or mathematics, administered by a STEM School or Faculty, e.g. Faculty of Engineering. Degrees administered by non-STEM faculties or that qualify an individual for a specific occupation, e.g. medicine, speech pathology, etc. are ineligible.

Eligibility:

To be considered, applicants need to:

- Identify as a woman or non-binary person.
- Be enrolling as a domestic student at an Australian university.
- Be planning to undertake a STEM undergraduate degree, commencing in 2025.

ATSE particularly encourages applications from individuals who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; individuals from regional, rural or remote areas; LGBTQIA+; individuals from culturally or linguistically diverse backgrounds; low-socioeconomic backgrounds; or those living with a disability.

Applications:

- Applications close at 5:00pm (AEST) on Friday the 30th of August 2024.
- Scholarships announced November 2024.





AFP - Directions Program

Directions is a structured 12-month program where First Nations people can experience the range of support and specialist roles available at the AFP.

Who should apply

The Directions Program seeks out First Nations candidates who are:

- great at communication
- good problem solvers
- out-of-the-box thinkers
- able to work well in a team
- ready to learn new skills.

No formal qualifications are required. If this sounds like you, we encourage you to apply.

Timing and location

The Directions Program runs from February to February each year with the selection process starting several months prior.

Positions are primarily based in Canberra. Some state-based positions exist, but these depend on organisational requirements.

When you apply, consider that you may have to move to Canberra - you will receive financial help for relocation (if required).

Step into a fulfilling career, and experience the variety of roles the Australian Federal Police offers.

About the Directions Program

As a participant, you'll:

- Have full-time employment.
- Complete induction activities and network with other Directions Program participants.
- Work in a number of roles across different teams.
- Complete a Certificate IV qualification.
- Be supported by buddies, mentors and the Mulunggang Indigenous Officer Network.
- Have the opportunity for progression when you complete the program.



Roles in the Program

You might find yourself in a variety of specialist and support roles, including: health and wellbeing; investigations; canines; cybersecurity; intelligence; corporate support; protection; workforce planning; media and communications.





What is the USI?

You may have heard of the Unique Student Identifier – or USI. It's made up of ten letters and numbers and is your education number for life. All students doing nationally recognised training, be it a VET in Schools course, First Aid training, or applying to university, must have a USI.

Why do I need a USI?

Without a USI, you won't be able to access Commonwealth supported places or HELP loans, and you won't receive your statement of attainment, qualification, or award upon completion of your studies.

Who should get a USI?

If you're considering a VET in Schools course for next year or if you're in Year 12 and thinking about further education, to create your USI without delay!

How do I get a USI?

The process is simple and can be completed in less than five minutes using one form of identification, such as a birth certificate or driver's license.

I've forgotten my USI

If you've already created a USI but have forgotten your details, you can easily find your USI by following a few simple steps.



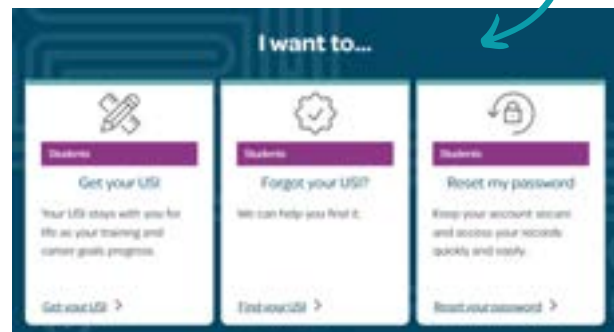
Using your USI

A USI also empowers you to take ownership of your education and training journey. With a USI, you can access your VET outcomes online in the form of an authenticated USI VET transcript.

Your VET transcript can be used:

- as a credit transfer or demonstrating pre-requisites for further training
- as a backup if the original documentation is lost and cannot be replaced
- to provide qualifications to employers and licensing bodies
- to reduce unnecessary retraining that can result from lost credentials.

If you would like more help or information about the USI, please visit the website.





Showcasing The Next Generation Of Young Innovators, Entrepreneurs And Leaders

With so many young people leading projects in their communities, the Next Gen Awards have been created as an opportunity to showcase our next generation of young innovators, entrepreneurs and leaders across the country.

The six award categories acknowledge young people that are building their 21st-century skills, as well as the educators supporting them along the way.

The 2024 awards program features a range of opportunities for young people to build their skills, grow their networks, and showcase the impactful work they are leading in their communities.

Nominations are open to all students in Grades 4-12 across Australia as well as K-12 educators currently teaching at a school in Australia. Nominations for the 2024 Next Gen Awards are now open and close on the 15th of July 2024.

There are 6 Award Categories

The **Young Entrepreneur Of The Year** award will go to a student who has developed and demonstrated their entrepreneurial skills in order to bring their business idea to life in a scalable way.

The **Young Innovator Of The Year** award will go to a student who has demonstrated the ability to push the boundaries as they have developed an out-of-the-box solution to a challenge presented to them.

The **Young Leader Of The Year** award will go to a student who has made a significant impact in their local community through the development of their leadership abilities.

The **Innovative Educator Of The Year** award will go to an educator who has gone above and beyond in their pursuit to educate and empower the next generation of young innovators, entrepreneurs and changemakers.

The **Next Gen Of The Year** award will go to a young person who has demonstrated a versatile skill set across various projects as they work to get a head start on their chosen pathway.

The **Dream Team Of The Year** award celebrates a team that has demonstrated exceptional collaboration skills as they have brought an innovative or impactful project to life.

Nominate yourself or someone else now!

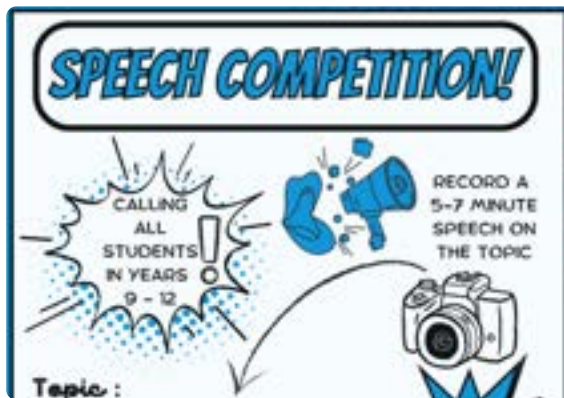


Get involved in these extra-curricular challenges and competitions to pursue your passions, build your skills, and develop your portfolio. All are free (unless otherwise stated), and many offer amazing prizes!

Robert Menzies Speech Competition

Theme: 'That is the great work of migration, building a nation'. How has post-war immigration contributed to Australia's development and prosperity?

- Open to: Year 9 – 12 students.
- Dates: now – 14th July 2024.



Creative Futures Design Competition

Collarts invites budding young creatives to enter their annual design competition, with the chance to win prizes to help you make your creative dream a reality.

- Open to: Year 10 –12 students.
- Dates: now – 21st July 2024.



Wool 4 School Design Competition

Create a unique design from 70% Merino wool. From fashion design to architecture, visual arts, and beyond – there are no limits to your area of design.

- Open to: Year 7 –12 students.
- Dates: now – 25th July 2024.



Monologue Competition

Submit a creative and entertaining delivery of a monologue to win a showreel recording and theatre tickets!

- Open to: NSW, VIC, & QLD Year 9–12 students.
- Dates: now – 31st July 2024.



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The Best Australian Yarn 2024

Submit your best short story, up to 2500 words, for your chance to win a life-changing \$50,000 major prize!

- Open to: Everyone over 12 years-old.
- Dates: now - 12th August 2024.



Think Science

Perform an investigation and document your process and findings in a video. Over \$10,000 in prizes are on offer. Student must be registered by a teacher.

- Open to: Students in Grade 3 - Year 10.
- Dates: now - 16th August 2024.



National History Challenge

Be a historian, researching world history, examining Australia's past, investigating your community or exploring your own roots!

- Open to: Everyone over 12 years-old.
- Dates: now - 23rd August 2024.



Songwriting Competition

Submit a demo of an original song that you or your group has written along with written lyrics. Prizes valued at over \$2,500

- Open to: ACT, NSW, VIC, & QLD Year 9-12 students.
- Dates: now - 31st August 2024.

