



## Dates to Diarise in Term 4

- **Year 12 VTAC application fee payment – due by 6 December** (*Only paid applications will be forwarded to institutions to be considered for an offer*).



## New Co-operative Learning Model

*Federation has embarked on a journey to become the first Australian university to embed the globally recognised cooperative education model in all our programs.*

The [Federation Co-op Model](#) will link students to workplaces and industry as a core part of their studies and take learning from the university campuses to the workplace. The Co-op model is not just traditional work experience, but a coherent, deliberate set of learning experiences that bridge campus-based learning with workplace learning, so when Federation University students graduate, they already have work experience, as well as the skills to succeed.

Students at Federation will have opportunity to work with employers and build their work experience and resume, so they can go straight from their studies into their first job or their new career.

Every Federation co-op degree will:

- Include transferable skills as well as the technical skills to prepare for a career
- Include at least 150 hours of workplace learning that contributes to the student's course credits
- Provide a range of workplace learning opportunities including:
  - paid cadetships
  - extended internships
  - shorter learning in the workplace opportunities
  - a team-based project for an industry partner
  - connect you with local and international opportunities, with access to major national and global employers opening up opportunities for travel.

The first co-op degrees will be launched in 2023 and include -

- [Bachelor of Information Technology](#)
- [Bachelor of Information Technology \(Professional Practice\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Visual Arts](#)
- [Bachelor of Business](#)



## **New Communication and Creative Arts Courses in 2023**

The School of Communication and Creative Arts is offering four *new* courses in 2023. Deakin is ranked in the top 1% of universities worldwide for media and communication (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022), and the following courses will allow students to develop real expertise in their areas of interest.

**Bachelor of Communication** – with majors in *Advertising, Digital and Social Media, Journalism and Public Relations*.

The minors on offer are: Creative Advertising, Digital Media, Indigenous Studies, Integrated Communication, Journalism, Photojournalism, Public Relations, Social Media, and Strategic Advertising.

**Bachelor of Creative Arts** – with majors in *Dance, Drama, Photography, Publishing, Visual Arts and Writing*

The minors on offer are: 2D Practices, 3D Practices, Analogue Practices (Photography), Creative Writing, Dance, Digital Practices (Photography), Indigenous Studies, Professional Writing, Scriptwriting, Theatre, and Theatre Production.

**Bachelor of Design** – with majors in *Communication Design, Interactive and UX Design*

The minors on offer are: Brand Design, Design for Social Media, Indigenous Studies, Interactive Design, and Publication Design.

**Bachelor of Film, Television and Animation** – with majors in *Animation, Producing Screen Content, and Screen Production*

The minors on offer are: Animation and Motion Graphics, Film Studies, Producing Screen Content, Scriptwriting, and Visual Effects and Virtual Production.

The good news is that employment in the Arts and Media sector is growing. Job opportunities are projected to increase by 8.7% over a five-year period to 2026 (Australian Government 2021 National Skills Commission Projection). Communication and Creative Arts students undertake **Your Future Career** units as part of an **employability sequence** to help them achieve their creative arts dreams. Here, they connect their personal and professional aspirations and expand on their entrepreneurial mindset. They also engage in networking opportunities with our industry partners to build their own lively creative community.

In 2023, Deakin will be home to Australia's **biggest university virtual production studio**. In partnership with Dreamscreen Australia students have the opportunity to experience industry placements working on features, music videos, TV dramas, gaming, and commercials side-by-side with Dreamscreen industry professionals. It is a unique opportunity in Australia today.



## Useful Tips for Successful Interviews



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### **1 Don't waste the opening moments**

Many candidates lose the job in the first minute of the interview by not thinking carefully about their initial impact. Interviewers make a quick initial decision about your personality from the moment you arrive, based on how you look and sound. Dress as if you already work there and you've just been promoted. Make those initial seconds relaxed and upbeat as you can, even if you're just talking about your journey.

### **2 Don't over-deliver**

Most candidates say too much. Interviewers are not that interested, and will usually accept a short, positive answer and move on. Practise compressing your evidence into good short stories no more than 3 minutes long setting out what problem you were handling, what you did, how you did it, and what the result was.

### **3 Don't act like a stranger**

Leave your coat, umbrella, and bag in reception. Just take in a slim folder into the interview room containing the documents you need, and you will look like an employee rather than a visitor.

### **4 Don't try to wing difficult questions**

Don't duck predictable questions about your know-how and skill level – think carefully about good examples. Equally predictable questions cover things like strengths (talk about qualities that match the job) and weaknesses (talk about skills you are improving and make it clear that you're a fast learner).

*John Lees has written a wide range of careers books. His 2013 titles are Just The Job!, his first systematic guide to job searching, and Knockout CV, a comprehensive guide to writing a winning CV.*



## Snapshot of The University of Otago in 2022

- Founded in 1869, the University of Otago is the oldest university in New Zealand.
- Students join a diverse population of well over 20,000 students from around New Zealand and more than 100 nations around the world.
- The University of Otago is ranked in the top 1% of universities in the world and consistently has the high rating of 5 Stars Plus in the QS global university performance ratings.
- The University of Otago has campuses in 5 main centres throughout New Zealand, with its main campus situated in Dunedin. Dunedin is a coastal city situated in the southern part of the South Island - [Campuses](#).
- The University of Otago has four Academic Divisions and students have the option to study courses in any of these departments:
  - [Health Sciences](#)
  - [Humanities](#)
  - [Business](#)
  - [Sciences](#)
- The Health Sciences First Year (HSFY) is a foundation year for the five professional programmes: ***dentistry, medical laboratory science, medicine, pharmacy, and physiotherapy***. It is also an excellent way to begin a degree in biomedical science or any of the broad range of biological sciences at Otago - [Health Sciences First Year \(HSFY\)](#).
- The University has 14 well-appointed and friendly residential colleges - [Residential Colleges](#).
- Australian citizens and permanent residents pay the same fees as New Zealand citizens if they are studying in New Zealand. If they are studying distance learning papers from outside of New Zealand, they will need to pay international fees. They are also not eligible to apply for the New Zealand Student Loan or Allowance unless they have been living in New Zealand for at least three years and are normally living in New Zealand. For further information about the fees of various courses, visit [Australian Student Study Fees](#) and [New Zealand Study Loan](#) for more information about study loans.
- Minimum ATAR of 74 is required for consideration for [university entrance from an Australian school](#)

To find out more about studying at the University of Otago, visit [University of Otago](#).

