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# What’s On

## Upcoming Events

### University of Adelaide | Roseworthy Open Day 2024

September 15, 2024

Join us for Roseworthy Open Day to get up to date with the latest information about our world-class Animal and Veterinary Sciences programs and career opportunities in this exciting field. It's a fantastic opportunity to speak with academics and current students.

Attend one of the information sessions and clinical lab tours for your chance to ask questions and learn more about our degree offerings.

[Find out more](https://set.adelaide.edu.au/events/list/2024/09/roseworthy-open-day)

### University of Sydney | Online Open Night

September 19, 2024

Domestic students living in regional or interstate areas are invited to the University of Sydney's online Open Night.

Find out about the new Regional and Remote Entry Scheme, the single scholarship application process, and other University of Sydney highlights.

You’ll then have the chance to join dedicated breakout rooms and chat with staff from our faculties, admissions, scholarships, and accommodation, and have all your questions answered about life in Sydney.

[Find out more](https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpceuvrDMsHNENyoUgf2qa3Rh-X2aAGrYs#/registration)

## Important Future Events

### University of Adelaide | Annual Criminology Workshop 2024

September 23, 2024

Join us for an engaging workshop to explore the field of Criminology at the University of Adelaide. Through a series of interactive sessions led by our esteemed academics, you’ll gain insight into our exceptional Criminology program and experience hands-on learning about crime and justice.

[Find out more](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/university-of-adelaide-annual-criminology-workshop-tickets-914175021097?aff=oddtdtcreator)

### University of Adelaide | Marni Wingku 2024

September 24, 2024

Marni Wingku is an immersive on-campus program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students in Years 9-12, run by Wirltu Yarlu Aboriginal Education at the University of Adelaide.

Both students and teachers will participate in innovative, enquiry-based workshops from a range of University disciplines. These workshops are specifically designed to reinforce to students that university is a realistic goal that will enrich their lives; and empower within them the confidence and direction to pursue their ongoing education and career aspirations.

**Registrations close Friday, 13th of September 2024.**

[Find out more](https://www.adelaide.edu.au/wirltu-yarlu/engagement-and-outreach/marni-wingku)

### YLS (Young Leaders Summit) Adelaide

September 25, 2024

Led by young leaders, for young leaders, YLS (Young Leaders Summit) is Australia’s Premier Youth Leadership Day. It’s a one-day, interactive summit designed to inspire and empower a generation of brave and creative young leaders.

YLS is a vibrant, leadership-centric summit that aims to cultivate a cadre of insightful, resilient and innovative young leaders. Broadening its scope to include all secondary students, YLS offers an invaluable experience not just for established young leaders but for every student. It is designed to inspire participants to embrace a leadership mindset and further develop their inherent leadership qualities.

[Find out more](https://www.ase.edu.au/ylsadelaide)

# Free Money

**Scholarships**

### Monash Humanitarian Scholarship

**Value:** Full course fees plus up to $30,000 allowance

**Open date:** August 1, 2024

**Closing date:** November 29, 2024

Are you an asylum seeker on a bridging visa? If you are a high-achieving student with the ambition to change your future, you may be eligible for the Monash Humanitarian Scholarship. You will receive 100% international student funding for the Monash undergraduate degree of your choice plus a yearly allowance of $6000.

[Find out more](https://www.monash.edu/study/fees-scholarships/scholarships/find-a-scholarship/monash-humanitarian-scholarship-7004)

### Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship

**Value:** $20,000 AUD

**Open date:** September 2, 2024

**Closing date:** January 13, 2025

The Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship was made for talented and inquisitive high school graduates looking to strengthen their passion and expertise in technology to innovate and create new opportunities and inspire good in the world of STEM.

[Find out more](https://scholars.westpac.com.au/scholarships/young-technologists-scholarship.html)

### ECU Greg Benjamin WAAPA Music Entrance Scholarship

**Value:** $10,000 AUD

**Open date:** June 28, 2024

**Closing date:** March 30, 2025

The Greg Benjamin WAAPA Music Entrance Scholarship is awarded to an exceptional Piano student in the jazz or classical discipline. Students auditioning in 2024 for a place in the Bachelor of Music course in Piano (jazz or classical) for 2025 will be considered for the Scholarship throughout the audition process. The successful recipient will be advised at the time of receiving their offer from WAAPA.

[Find out more](https://www.ecu.edu.au/scholarships/details/reg-benjamin-waapa-music-entrance-scholarship)

## Competitions

### The Diamond Challenge

**Value:** Up to $12,000 USD

**Open date:** September 18, 2024

**Closing date:** January 16, 2025

The Diamond Challenge, a philanthropic education initiative by Horn Entrepreneurship at the University of Delaware, offers free open-access resources for students, educators, and entrepreneurship practitioners. Participation in the Diamond Challenge involves both learning from the pursuit of new ideas and the creation, submission, and presentation of original business and social venture concepts.

[Find out more](https://diamondchallenge.org/competition/)

### FLiCKERFEST 2025 FlickerUp Competition

**Open date:** June 17, 2024

**Closing date:** November 20, 2024

FLiCKERFEST, Australia’s premier international short film festival, will be held at Sydney’s famous Bondi Beach in January 2025. The Festival in 2025 will celebrate 34 years of screening the best short films from Australia and around the world in competitions and special showcases.

FlickerUp 2025 competition is an Australian Youth & Schools Competition which screens at Flickerfest – open to films from students enrolled in secondary schools in Australia, & individuals 18 years & under. Films to be under 35mins, completed in the last 2 years.

[Find out more](https://flickerfest.com.au/how-to-enter-flickerup/)

### Little Stories Big Ideas Flash Fiction Competition (Term 3)

**Value:** See perks

**Closing date:** September 20, 2024

Little Stories, Big Ideas is a flash fiction competition for Australian Secondary School Students. The competition runs four times per year, and is free to enter. Each quarterly competition will have a theme.

[Find out more](https://littlestoriesbigideas.com.au/)

### New England Thunderbolt Prize for Crime Fiction (Youth Award)

**Value:** $150 AUD

**Open date:** June 17, 2024

**Closing date:** September 27, 2024

The Thunderbolt Prize is a prestigious, nationally recognised, literary award for crime writers in Australia.

This category, part of the national crime fiction prize, is open to writers under 18 years who write a fictional story (2,500 words), a non-fiction article (2,500 words) or 60-line poem about crime.

[Find out more](https://www.newc.org.au/thunderbolt-prize-for-crime-writing.html)

# Study

## University

### [How to be ready for university](https://studyworkgrow.com/be-uni-ready/)

So, you’re thinking about heading off to university next year? Exciting times ahead! But we know it can feel a bit overwhelming too. Don’t worry – we’ve got your back. Here’s a step-by-step guide to help you prepare and be ready for university.

**Research your options**

First things first: figure out what and where you want to study. It’s a big decision, so take your time and explore your options.

* Look into different courses and universities. What subjects interest you? Which unis offer the best programs in those areas?
* Attend university [open days](https://studyworkgrow.com/open-days/) (virtual or in-person) to get a feel for campus life and ask questions.
* Talk to current uni students or recent graduates about their experiences.

Remember, it’s okay if you’re not 100% sure yet. Many students change their minds or switch courses later on.

**Get your studies sorted**

Your high school grades can play a big role in university admissions, so it’s important to stay focused on your studies.

* Keep your grades up, especially in subjects related to your intended course of study.
* If you’re struggling in any subjects, don’t be afraid to ask for help. Talk to your teachers or consider getting a tutor.
* Start preparing early for any required entrance exams.

And while we’re on the topic of study, another tip is to start building good study habits now. University-level work can be quite different from high school, so having good habits now can set you up for success.

* Practice time management. Try using a planner or digital calendar to organise your tasks and deadlines.
* Learn to study independently. University often involves more self-directed learning than high school.
* Work on your note-taking skills. Try different methods to find what works best for you.

**Build your life skills**

University isn’t just about academics – it’s also about learning to be independent. You’ll have a lot more freedom as an adult, but a lot more responsibilities too. Here’s what we recommend:

* If you don’t already, start doing your own laundry and cooking some basic meals.
* Learn to [budget](https://studyworkgrow.com/5-tips-to-help-get-smart-about-money/). Start tracking your spending and saving habits.
* Practice using public transportation if you’ll need it to get to uni.

**Start thinking about accommodation**

If you’re planning to move away from home for university, start thinking about where you’ll live.

* Research different [accommodation options](https://studyworkgrow.com/accommodation-options/): on-campus housing, shared houses, or staying with relatives.
* Consider the pros and cons of each option, including cost, location, and lifestyle.
* Make sure you know how you’re going to pay and that you’ll have enough money.

**Take care of your mental health**

Preparing for such a big change can be stressful, so remember to look after your [mental health](https://headspace.org.au/).

* Talk to friends, family, or a counsellor about any worries you have.
* Practice self-care activities like exercise, meditation, or hobbies you enjoy.
* Remember, it’s normal to feel nervous about this transition.

**Enjoy the journey**

Remember, everyone’s journey to university is different. What works for your friends might not work for you, and that’s okay. The most important thing is to stay true to yourself and your goals. Preparing for university is a big task, but take it one step at a time and you’ll get there before you know it.

Want to find out more about your future study options? We have heaps of other blogs on our website [here](https://studyworkgrow.com/study/).

## Study Tips

### [Digital vs handwritten notes: Which is better for learning?](https://studyworkgrow.com/digital-vs-handwritten-notes-which-is-better-for-learning/)

In today’s digital age, you’re likely juggling between screens and paper in your daily school life. So you might be wondering: should I ditch my notebooks for a laptop, or is there still value in good old pen and paper? The truth is, both digital and handwritten notes have their strengths and weaknesses, and what works best can vary from student to student. Let’s explore the digital vs handwritten notes debate and help you discover which method might be best for you.

**The case for digital notes**

Digital note-taking has become increasingly popular, and it’s not hard to see why. Here are some of the advantages:

**Organisation and searchability**

One of the biggest perks of digital notes is how easy they are to organise. You can create folders, use tags, and even search for specific words or phrases. No more flipping through pages trying to find that one important point you jotted down weeks ago!

**Editing and sharing**

Digital notes are super easy to edit. You can add, delete, or move information around without creating a mess. Plus, sharing your notes with classmates is as simple as clicking a button – especially helpful for group projects or study sessions.

**Multimedia integration**

With digital notes, you can easily add images, links, videos, or even audio recordings to supplement your written information. This can be particularly useful for visual learners or when studying complex topics.

**Accessibility**

As long as you have your device with you (and let’s be honest, when don’t you?), you have access to all your notes. And with cloud storage, it’s easier than ever to share files across all your different devices.

**The power of handwritten notes**

Despite the rise of technology, many students still prefer the old-school method of pen and paper. Here’s why:

**Better information retention**

[Research has shown](https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/behavioral-neuroscience/articles/10.3389/fnbeh.2021.634158/full) that writing notes by hand can lead to better retention of information. The act of physically writing engages your brain in a different way than typing, which can help you remember things more easily.

**Fewer distractions**

Let’s face it – when you’re taking notes on a device, it’s all too easy to get distracted by notifications, emails, or the temptation to quickly check social media. With pen and paper, you’re more likely to stay focused on the task at hand.

**More flexibility**

Handwritten notes allow for more flexibility in terms of formatting. You can easily draw diagrams, use arrows to connect ideas, or jot down quick symbols that make sense to you. This can be especially helpful in subjects like maths or science.

**No battery required**

One of the most reliable aspects of handwritten notes is their simplicity. You never have to worry about your pencil running out of battery in the middle of class or your tablet freezing just as your teacher explains a crucial concept.

**So, which is better?**

The truth is, there’s no one-size-fits-all answer. The best method for you depends on your personal learning style, the subject you’re studying, and your specific needs. Here are a few things to consider:

1. **Your learning style**: If you’re a visual learner, you might benefit from the multimedia capabilities of digital notes. If you find you learn better by doing, the physical act of writing might be more effective.
2. **The subject**: Some subjects, like history or English, might lend themselves well to typed notes. Others, like maths or chemistry, might be easier to tackle with handwritten notes.
3. **Your typing speed**: If you can type faster than you can write, digital notes might allow you to capture more information during class.
4. **Your organisational skills**: If you tend to lose papers or have messy handwriting, digital notes might be a better option for you.

**Why not both?**

Remember, you don’t have to choose just one method. Many successful students use a combination of digital and handwritten notes. For example, you might take handwritten notes in class for better retention, then type them up later as a way to review and organise the information.

**Tips for effective note-taking (regardless of method)**

Whether you choose digital or handwritten notes (or a mix of both), here are some tips to help you take better notes:

1. Focus on key ideas rather than trying to write down everything word-for-word.
2. Use abbreviations and symbols to help you write faster.
3. Review and revise your notes regularly – don’t just write them and forget them.
4. Try different note-taking methods (like the [Cornell method](https://lsc.cornell.edu/how-to-study/taking-notes/cornell-note-taking-system/) or [mind mapping](https://www.mindmaps.com/what-is-mind-mapping/)) to see what works best for you.

**The bottom line**

At the end of the day, the best note-taking method is the one that helps you learn and retain information most effectively. Don’t be afraid to experiment with different techniques until you find what works for you.

Want to learn more about study techniques and tips? Check out our other blogs [here](https://studyworkgrow.com/category/study/study-tips/).

# Work

## Job Spotlight

### [How to become a Beekeeper](https://studyworkgrow.com/how-to-become-a-beekeeper/)

Beekeepers, also known as Apiarists, play a vital role in our ecosystem by managing bee colonies, harvesting honey, and contributing to the pollination of plants. They do everything you can think of when it comes to bees – from building and maintaining hives, to moving them around for pollination, inspecting the colonies for signs of poor health, and even being called out to collect bee swarms.

If you’re fascinated by bees and enjoy working with your hands, this job could offer a fulfilling and unique way to make a living.

**What skills do I need as a Beekeeper?**

* Attention to detail
* Patience & perseverance
* Physical stamina
* Problem-solving skills
* Basic knowledge of Biology & Ecology
* Hands-on skills
* Safety awareness
* Calm temperament

**What does the job involve?**

* Managing bee colonies and hives
* Monitoring the health of bees and diagnosing issues
* Harvesting honey, beeswax, and other bee products
* Ensuring hives are protected from pests and diseases
* Maintaining and repairing beekeeping equipment
* Collecting and processing honey for sale
* Transporting bees for pollination services
* Educating the public about bees and beekeeping
* Selling honey and other bee products at markets or online

**What industries do Beekeepers typically work in?**

* Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing

**What Career Cluster do Beekeepers belong to?**

Beekeepers work with their hands as they monitor, build, fix, grow, and maintain, all of which are the core skillsets of the [Maker](https://thecareerclusters.com/the-makers/) Career Cluster.

**What kind of lifestyle can I expect?**

As a Beekeeper, your lifestyle will be closely tied to the seasonal cycles of nature. Spring and summer are the busiest times, as bees are active and producing honey. This means longer hours spent managing hives, harvesting honey, and ensuring the health of your bees. During the off-season in autumn and winter, you’ll focus on maintenance, repairs, and preparing for the next season.

Beekeeping can be physically demanding, as it involves lifting heavy hives and spending long hours outdoors. However, it’s also incredibly rewarding, especially for those who enjoy working independently and being close to nature. Many beekeepers run their own businesses, which offers flexibility but also requires strong time management and business skills.

**How to become a Beekeeper**

Becoming a Beekeeper can be a pretty straightforward process if you’re passionate and committed to learning.

To become a beekeeper, you typically don’t need formal qualifications, but having some experience with bees and knowledge of their biology can be very helpful. Finishing high school with a strong focus on the sciences, especially biology, will be a fantastic starting point, and university courses such as [Ecology and Conservation Biology](https://study.uq.edu.au/study-options/programs/bachelor-science-2461/ecology-and-conservation-biology-eccobc2461) will broaden your knowledge of living organisms even further.

You can also take courses offered by agricultural colleges or beekeeping associations to deepen your understanding. These courses often cover topics such as bee biology, pest management, and the legal aspects of beekeeping.

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

If you’re currently in high school and considering a career as a Beekeeper, here are some steps to help you explore the profession:

* **Learn about bees**: Read books, watch documentaries, and visit local beekeepers to learn more about bees and their role in the environment.
* **Join a beekeeping club**: Many communities have beekeeping clubs that welcome young enthusiasts. Joining one can provide valuable learning opportunities and connections.
* **Take a short course**: Look for short courses or workshops in beekeeping to get hands-on experience and see if it’s something you’re passionate about.

**Where can I find more information?**

Find out more here:

* [Queensland Beekeepers Association](https://qbabees.org.au/)
* [Australian Honey Bee Industry Council](https://honeybee.org.au/)
* [Australian Native Bee Association](https://australiannativebee.org.au/)
* [American Beekeeping Federation](https://abfnet.org/)
* [British Beekeepers Association](https://www.bbka.org.uk/)
* [International Federation of Beekeepers’ Associations](https://www.apimondia.org/)
* [Bees for Development](https://www.beesfordevelopment.org/)
* [International Bee Research Association](https://ibra.org.uk/)
* [Japanese Honey Bee Association](https://nihon-bachi.org/english/f2.htm)
* [NBA New Zealand](https://nba.org.nz/about-us/)

**Similar careers to beekeeper**

* Horticulturist
* [Agronomist](https://studyworkgrow.com/?s=environmental+scientist)
* [Wildlife Biologist](https://studyworkgrow.com/how-to-become-a-wildlife-biologist/)
* Environmental Scientist
* [Farmer](https://studyworkgrow.com/how-to-become-a-farmer/)
* [Gardener](https://studyworkgrow.com/how-to-become-a-gardener/)
* Conservationist

Find out more about alternative careers [here](https://studyworkgrow.com/category/work/job-spotlights/).

## Jobs & Careers

### [Top jobs for people who love fashion](https://studyworkgrow.com/top-jobs-for-people-who-love-fashion/)

Are you a fiend for fashion? Maybe you’re a real sneakerhead, or maybe you dream of Vogue. No matter the case, if you’re passionate about clothing and want to turn your enthusiasm into a career, you’re in luck. This industry offers heaps of exciting roles that cater to different interests and skills.

From designing clothes to managing brands, here are our top jobs for fashion lovers.

**1. Fashion Designer**

If glitz and glamour is what attracts you about this industry, then look no further. Fashion designers are the creative minds behind clothing and accessories. Their role is to come up with concepts fo new designs, select fabrics, and oversee the production process. If you have a flair for creativity and a strong sense of style, life as a designer can be a highly rewarding career.

**How to get there**: If you want to become a designer, it’s recommended to pursue a degree in design, like this [Bachelor of Design (Fashion)](https://www.swinburne.edu.au/course/undergraduate/bachelor-of-design-fashion/?gclid=Cj0KCQjww5u2BhDeARIsALBuLnP1ARgOFlL8p5D2GeFarsh14yeLkiWzWM86JHxaYOKCE_3dJjRxw7MaArlXEALw_wcB&seid=ch_psearch|camp_aoa|src_ggle|notapp|cre_rsa|3036|sem_cat_ge|notapp&ef_id=Cj0KCQjww5u2BhDeARIsALBuLnP1ARgOFlL8p5D2GeFarsh14yeLkiWzWM86JHxaYOKCE_3dJjRxw7MaArlXEALw_wcB:G:s&s_kwcid=AL!4425!3!710097369258!e!!g!!fashion%20design%20course!21578859494!167429038753&gad_source=1), or a related field like visual arts. Building a great portfolio through [internships](https://studyworkgrow.com/find-work-experience/) and personal projects can also help showcase your talent and creativity.

**2. Fashion Stylist**

Stylists work on creating fashionable looks for clients, photoshoots, or events. They choose outfits, accessories, and often work with models to ensure everything looks perfect, so they really are the brains behind outfit coordination. This role is ideal if you enjoy putting together outfits and working closely with people.

**How to get there**: You can gain experience by working as an assistant to established stylists or even by starting out in retail. If you’re serious about the job, you might like to consider studying a degree like a [Bachelor of Fashion Styling](https://www.arts.ac.uk/subjects/fashion-styling-and-make-up/undergraduate/ba-hons-fashion-styling-and-production-lcf), and building a portfolio to show off your styling work.

**3. Fashion Buyer**

Buyers select and purchase clothing and accessories for retail stores. They have to analyse trends, forecast demand, and negotiate with suppliers to stock the latest items. This role is perfect for those who love the business side of fashion and have a keen eye for trends.

**How to get there**: A degree in [Fashion Merchandising](https://www.marist.edu/fashion-merchandising), [Business](https://www.qut.edu.au/courses/bachelor-of-business), or a related field like [Marketing](https://www.griffith.edu.au/study/business-government/marketing?location=dom) is usually the backbone of this job. Experience in retail or as a buying assistant could also kickstart your career as a buyer.

**4. Fashion Public Relations Manager**

These specialist PR managers are in charge of managing the public image of brands and designers. They handle media relations, organise events, and craft press releases to promote their clients. This job requires excellent communication skills and a knack for building relationships, so if you’re a people person it might be the perfect role for you.

**How to get there**: A degree in [Public Relations](https://www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/levels-of-study/undergraduate-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-of-professional-communication-bp354/public-relations-major), [Communications](https://www.deakin.edu.au/course/bachelor-communication), or [Fashion](https://www.uts.edu.au/study/find-a-course/bachelor-design-fashion-and-textiles) is helpful. Gaining experience through [internships](https://studyworkgrow.com/find-work-experience/) or working with PR agencies can also be a really strong foundation to set you up for success.

**5. Fashion Photographer**

These photographers capture high-quality images of clothing, accessories, and models for magazines, ads, and online content. This role combines a passion for fashion with the art of photography, making it ideal for those who enjoy visual storytelling.

**How to get there**: Build a portfolio of your work and think about taking [photography courses](https://tafeqld.edu.au/courses/study-areas/creative-industries/visual-arts-and-design/photography) to improve your skills. If you really wanted to get ahead, you could even do a degree like this [Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Photography](https://www.ntu.ac.uk/course/art-and-design/ug/ba-fashion-photography). Networking and gaining experience through freelance projects or [internships](https://studyworkgrow.com/find-work-experience/) will also help you get ahead in this competitive industry.

**6. Fashion Illustrator**

Fashion illustrators create artistic renderings of clothing and accessories. Their work is used in design presentations, marketing materials, and editorial content. If you have strong drawing skills and a love for fashion, this role allows you to bring designs to life on paper and combine your two passions.

**How to get there**: Pursue a degree in [Fashion Illustration](https://www.arts.ac.uk/subjects/illustration/undergraduate/ba-hons-fashion-imaging-and-illustration-lcf), [Fine Arts](https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/undergraduate/bachelor-of-fine-arts-visual-art/career-outcomes/), or a related field like [Fashion Design](https://www.qut.edu.au/courses/bachelor-of-design-international-fashion-design). You can also develop a portfolio of your illustrations and network with industry professionals to find opportunities.

**7. Fashion Event Coordinator**

Event coordinators in this field plan and execute fashion shows, product launches, and promotional events. They handle logistics, coordinate with vendors, and ensure everything runs smoothly. If you’re organised, detail-oriented, and love the excitement of fashion events, this role could be a great fit.

**How to get there**: A degree in [Event Management](https://www.icms.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/bachelor-event-management/), [Fashion](https://www.qut.edu.au/courses/bachelor-of-design-fashion-design), or a related field like [Business](https://www.griffith.edu.au/study/business-government/business?location=dom) can be advantageous. [Experience](https://studyworkgrow.com/find-work-experience/) in event planning and strong organisational skills can also help you succeed in this role.

**Want more?**

The fashion industry offers a diverse range of careers for those who are passionate about style and trends. Whether you’re interested in designing clothes, styling clients, or managing events, there’s a fashion job that can turn your love for fashion into a fulfilling career.

If you want more, we have heaps of [alternative careers](https://studyworkgrow.com/category/work/job-spotlights/) and tips about the world of work on our website [here](https://studyworkgrow.com/).

# Grow

## Volunteering

### [Tech for good: Volunteering opportunities in the digital world](https://studyworkgrow.com/tech-for-good-volunteering-opportunities-in-the-digital-world/)

Are you a tech-savvy teen looking to make a difference in the world? Good news – your digital skills are in high demand. In today’s increasingly connected world, there are tons of ways you can use your tech know-how to volunteer and support great causes. Let’s explore some exciting opportunities where you can apply your digital skills to help others (and gain valuable experience along the way).

**Why volunteer with tech?**

Before we dive into the opportunities, let’s consider why tech volunteering is such a great idea:

1. You’re using skills you already have (and probably enjoy)
2. It’s a chance to develop your abilities further
3. You can often volunteer remotely, fitting it around your schedule
4. It looks great on university and job applications
5. You’re making a real difference to organisations that need your help

**What kind of tech skills are needed?**

Don’t worry if you’re not a coding genius (yet). There’s a wide range of tech skills that organisations need help with, including:

* Web design and development
* Graphic design
* Social media management
* Data entry and analysis
* Basic IT support
* Video editing
* Digital marketing

Even if you’re just getting started with these skills, many organisations will be happy for the help and will provide guidance along the way.

**Where can you find tech volunteering opportunities?**

Here are some great places to start your search:

1. [Catchafire](https://www.catchafire.org/volunteer-explore/): This platform connects skilled volunteers with nonprofits. They often have tech-related projects like website updates or social media strategy.
2. [UN Volunteers](https://www.unv.org/become-online-volunteer): They offer online volunteering opportunities, many of which involve tech skills.
3. [DoSomething.org](https://dosomething.org/): While not exclusively tech-focused, they often have digital campaigns that need volunteers.
4. [Develop for Good](https://www.developforgood.org/for-students): This platform is for university students looking to use their tech skills to make a difference.
5. Local nonprofits: Don’t forget to check with organisations in your own community. Many local charities need help with their websites or social media.

**Examples of tech volunteering projects**

Still not sure what tech volunteering might look like? Here are some real-world examples:

1. **Website makeovers**: Many small nonprofits have outdated websites. You could help them create a modern, mobile-friendly site that better showcases their work.
2. **Social media campaigns**: Help organisations reach more people by planning and running their social media accounts.
3. **Virtual tutoring**: Use your tech skills to tutor others online, whether it’s teaching basic computer skills or more advanced topics.
4. **App development**: Some organisations need simple apps to help with their work. If you’re learning app development, this could be a great project.
5. **Data visualisation**: Help organisations present their data in clear, engaging ways using tools like Tableau or even Excel.

**Tips for successful tech volunteering**

1. **Be realistic about your time**: Don’t overcommit. It’s better to do a small project well than to take on too much and struggle to complete it.
2. **Communicate clearly**: Make sure you understand what the organisation needs and keep them updated on your progress.
3. **Ask for help if you need it**: If you’re stuck, don’t be afraid to ask for guidance. Most organisations will appreciate your honesty and effort.
4. **Document your work**: Keep a record of what you do. It’ll be useful for the organisation and great for your portfolio.
5. **Be patient**: Some organisations might move slower than you’re used to. Remember, they’re often juggling many priorities.

**The impact of your work**

When you volunteer your tech skills, you’re not just padding your resume (though that’s a nice bonus). You’re helping organisations work more efficiently, reach more people, and ultimately make a bigger impact on the world. That website you build might help a charity raise more funds. That social media campaign you run could inspire more volunteers to join a cause.

**Ready to start?**

So, ready to put your tech skills to good use? Start exploring the opportunities out there and find a project that excites you. Remember, every small contribution can lead to big changes, and you’ll build lots of valuable skills and connections along the way.

Want to learn more about volunteering? Check out our other blogs on our website [here](https://studyworkgrow.com/category/grow/volunteering/).

## Money

### [5 more music scholarships you need to know about](https://studyworkgrow.com/5-more-music-scholarships-you-need-to-know-about/)

Are you a high school student who loves music and dreams of turning your passion into a career? Moving forward in music education can be expensive, but don’t worry—there are lots of music scholarships available to help you out.

Whether you’re into playing an instrument, singing, or composing, these opportunities can give you the financial boost you need. Here’s a list of 5 music scholarships you should definitely check out.

**1. Patricia Lucas Music Achievement**

This scholarship, offered by the [University of Sydney](https://www.sydney.edu.au/), is perfect for talented high school students who want to continue their music education at university. It supports singing, oboe, violin, cello and clarinet students at the [Sydney Conservatorium of Music](https://www.sydney.edu.au/music/), and offers financial support to help cover tuition fees and other education costs.

**Find out more and apply here**: [Patricia Lucas Music Achievement](https://www.sydney.edu.au/scholarships/a/patricia-lucas-music-achievement-scholarship.html)

**2. The John Lennon Scholarship**

Named after the legendary musician, the [John Lennon Scholarship](https://bmifoundation.org/by-application/johnlennonaward) is open to students pursuing a career in music. Three scholarships totalling $20,000 are presented annually for the best original songs in any musical genre. Over the past seventeen years, more than $360,000 has been awarded to talented young musicians from colleges and universities throughout the United States, making this award one of the nation’s most esteemed accolades for emerging songwriters.

**Learn more and apply here:** [John Lennon Scholarship](https://bmifoundation.org/by-application/johnlennonaward)

**3. The Davidson Fellowships**

If you’re a young musical prodigy, [the Davidson Fellowships](https://www.davidsongifted.org/gifted-programs/fellows-scholarship/) might be for you. This scholarship of up to $50,000 offers awards to exceptional young people in various fields, including music. It’s not just about money—it’s also about recognising and supporting your talent.

**Check out the details and apply here:** [Davidson Fellowships](https://www.davidsongifted.org/gifted-programs/fellows-scholarship/)

**4. The Drake Calleja Trust**

The Drake Calleja Trust awards scholarships to instrumentalists, singers and accompanists of undergraduate, postgraduate and research level studying at music colleges and conservatoires in the UK. They award these opportunities annually, as well as providing regular performance opportunities. Scholarships can be used to cover fees, instrument purchase, masterclasses, competitions, recordings, concerts and other related activities.

**Find out more here:** [Drake Calleja Trust Scholarships](https://www.drakecallejatrust.org/application-information)

**5. The Berklee College of Music Scholarships**

[Berklee College of Music](https://www.berklee.edu/scholarships) offers several scholarships for talented students who want to study music at their college. Not only do they offer places to those looking to enter the college, but they also support scholarships for continuing students. Placing for one of these awards could help cover a significant portion of your tuition fees, and enable you to pursue your dreams.

**Learn more and apply here:** [Berklee College of Music Scholarships](https://www.berklee.edu/scholarships)

**Want more?**

You can also [search our database](https://studyworkgrow.com/find-scholarships/)for tons more opportunities , or contact the university of your choice and ask about scholarships.

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