



Careers Newsletter

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

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Password – pius (lower case)

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NAS | Bachelor of Fine Arts Information Session

July 24, 2024

Join our BFA webinar to find out what makes NAS different from all other Fine Art degrees. The BFA degree is designed to impart the skills, knowledge and creative independence required to sustain a career as an artist.

Head of Undergraduate Studies Lorraine Kypiotis will talk you through undergraduate study options, the admissions process and then offer the chance for you to ask any questions you might have, so tune in.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney | Pathways, entry schemes and scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students

July 24, 2024

Want to know more about our Gadigal and our Extended Bachelor pathways, scholarships and student support available for First Nations students? Join our webinar to learn more about the application and admission process and to get advice from our team. [Find out more](#)

UON | Languages and Linguistics Welcome Night

July 25, 2024

Interested in studying a language or Linguistics at Uni? Join us for our bi-annual Languages & Linguistics Welcome Night at The University of Newcastle, Callaghan Campus hosted by a variety of Language Clubs on campus. Enjoy free pizza and chat to students, researchers and professors to get a better idea of what studying at University of Newcastle is all about.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney | Accommodation Exploration Webinar

July 25, 2024

Are you considering moving to Sydney, or staying in accommodation on campus when you study with us? Join us at our upcoming webinar to learn about the accommodation options for domestic students on and around campus. In this webinar, we will cover accommodation options from university-owned residences, colleges, to private providers, and explore private options outside the University. Discover features and facilities, costs, and scholarships, how and when to apply, plus all the fun stuff you can expect living on and around campus.

[Find out more](#)



UOW | Open Day 2024, Liverpool

July 27, 2024

Our Liverpool campus will be holding Open Day on Saturday 27 July. Attend information sessions, watch a demonstration, visit the Early Admission application help hub or go on a campus tour. There will be plenty of opportunities to get all your questions answered and ensure you're making a confident decision about your studies in 2025.

[Find out more](#)

ACU | Open Day 2024, Blacktown

July 27, 2024

Open Day is your chance to find out everything you need to know about studying at ACU before you enrol. You'll be able to check out the campus, meet staff and students, discuss entry pathways, and talk to experts about your study options and career goals.

[Find out more](#)

CSU | Open Day 2024, Wagga Wagga

July 28, 2024

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Be inspired by our academics, explore our facilities and chat to current students about what studying with us is really like. From information sessions and campus tours to free food, entertainment and giveaways – there's something for everyone.

[Find out more](#)

CSU | Connections First Nations Direct Entry Program – Science and Technology

July 29 to August 2, 2024

Charles Sturt University is excited to host an immersive direct entry program for First Nations people interested in a study and career pathway in the world of science and technology.

Join us for our five-day Connections program alongside deadly people with industry experience.

- Get advice and yarn about pathway options.
- Meet like-minded people and complete activities.
- Successfully complete the program and you'll be guaranteed entry into many of our bachelor's degrees, or a preparation program.

[Find out more](#)

WSU | Discover Western Webinar – Scholarships

July 30, 2024

Our Scholarships webinar will take you through our range of scholarships on offer, how to apply and what to include in your Personal Statement.

[Find out more](#)

NAS | Portfolio Information Session

July 30, 2024

Putting together a strong portfolio is one of the most important parts of your application to the National Art School. In this session, NAS lecturers will offer helpful advice to guide you through your portfolio preparation. You will then have the opportunity to meet with a member of our faculty to receive advice on your portfolio.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney | Differences between Software Engineering and Computer Science

July 31, 2024

Calling those who are interested in technology! Our upcoming webinar will explore the mysteries of Software Engineering versus Computer Science. Learn about the distinct focuses, job prospects, and real-world



applications in this informative 1-hour session. Get ready to ignite your passion for the digital age!

[Find out more](#)

AIT | MasterTalk: Matt Estela, Senior Houdini Artist at Google

July 31, 2024

Matt Estela is a highly accomplished visual effects artist currently working as a senior Houdini artist at Google. Over the years, Matt has held various roles in the creative industry, notably as a VR supervisor, where he supervised, co-wrote, and co-directed the Lego Batman Batmersive Experience short film.

Matt also worked as the CG supervisor for Avengers: Age of Ultron, working with Houdini, Maya, and Nuke artists to create the cyberspace visualisations.

[Find out more](#)

UTAS | Open Day 2024, Rozelle

August 3, 2024

Visit us at our Open Day 2024 event in Sydney. You will get to explore our campus, talk about your study options, and see how studying at the University of Tasmania could be the right fit for you.

[Find out more](#)

CSU | Open Days 2024

Port Macquarie: Sunday 4 August

Albury-Wodonga: Sunday 11 August

Bathurst: Sunday 18 August

Orange: Sunday 25 August

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SCU | Open Days 2024

Northern Rivers: August 4

Coffs Harbour: August 11

Gold Coast: August 18

Want to check out Southern Cross University campuses in person? Come to our Open Days at the Gold Coast, Northern Rivers, and Coffs Harbour campuses in August 2024.

[Find out more](#)

2024 Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expos

August 6 to September 10, 2024

Our Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expos are held annually and have grown to a status where they are widely accepted as the premier events of their kind in NSW. The timing of the expos is a hit with families as they allow parents to attend with their children and have those all-important career chats with industry experts.

The Expos provide our career/job seekers, business and industry, education providers and employers with the opportunities to all come together under the one roof where exhibitors also get the chance to collect resumes and promote their organisation for upcoming recruitment drives.

Upcoming events:

- **Parramatta & Hills District:** Tuesday 6 August | 3pm to 7pm | Wenty Leagues – Wentworthville
- **Central Coast:** Tuesday 13 August | 3pm to 7pm | Mingara Recreation Club – Tumby Umbi
- **Newcastle & Hunter:** Tuesday 20 August | 3pm to 7pm | NEX – Newcastle Exhibition & Convention Centre – Newcastle West
- **South Western Sydney/Macarthur:** Tuesday 27 August | 3pm to 7pm | Liverpool Catholic Club – Prestons



- **Western Sydney:** Tuesday 3 September | 3pm to 7pm | Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre – Cambridge Park
- **Sutherland Shire:** Tuesday 10 September | 3pm to 7pm | Tradies Gymea – Gymea

[Find out more](#)

Torrens | Open Days 2024

Surry Hills: August 8, 2024

Ultimo: August 10, 2024

Come and meet our academics and Future Student Advisors, who will be able to answer all your questions about scholarships, entry pathways and our world-class facilities. Explore our campus and find out firsthand how exciting studying in Sydney can be.

[Find out more](#)

Sydney Science Trail 2024

August 10 to August 18, 2024

Celebrate National Science Week with an adventure full of family-friendly science programs and excursions for primary and secondary students, presented from 10 – 18 August in collaboration with the Botanic Gardens of Sydney.

This annual program by the Australian Museum, Botanic Gardens of Sydney and their partners is an opportunity for curious kids of all ages and schools to think, talk and experience the science conducted at our organisations – from the study of the natural world and research into the effects of climate change, to exploration of the environmental knowledges of First Nations peoples.

[Find out more](#)

Science Showcase UOW

August 10 to August 18, 2024

National Science Week is Australia's annual celebration of science and technology. In 2024 it will be held from 10 – 18 August. As part of National Science Week, UOW will host several events to showcase the diverse and interesting science happening here.

UOW Science Showcase includes:

- Robotics, reptiles, a Fire & Ice Spectacular and more at UOW Shoalhaven & UOW Eurobodalla
- A live ABC Illawarra radio broadcast at UOW Wollongong
- A wide range of daytime activities and evening events at UOW Science Space, including a Future Science Comedy event

UOW scientists from across multiple scientific disciplines and different stages of their study or careers will share diverse and fun science content, suitable for people of all ages and walks of life.

[Find out more](#)

Whitehouse Institute of Design | Open House 2024, Sydney

August 10, 2024

Are you excited by design and dreaming of a creative career? Whitehouse Institute of Design, Australia invites you to Open House, a day where you can explore our courses and the endless possibilities within the world of design.

Explore your study options, meet our incredible team, and tour Whitehouse's unique facilities. Whether you're interested in Fashion Design, Interior Design or Creative Direction and Styling, this is your chance to see what makes Whitehouse has to offer.

[Find out more](#)

Macquarie | Open Day 2024

August 10, 2024



We can't wait to welcome you to our campus in 2024!

As we get closer to the event, we'll update you with more details. But in the meantime, here's a taster of what you can expect at our Open Day – an experience made for (YOU)^{us}.

What you can do on Open Day:

- Attend an info session
- Speak 1:1 with our academics
- Learn about our entry options, adjustment factors, pathways and scholarships
- Chat to current students and Alumni
- Jump on campus and faculty tours
- Engage in faculty-led workshops
- Participate in hands-on social activities
- Enjoy entertainment, cool giveaways and much more!

[Find out more](#)

La Trobe | Open Days 2024

Albury-Wodonga: August 11, 2024

Sydney: August 22, 2024

Why attend Open Day at La Trobe?

- Chat with current students, alumni and teachers to get first-hand advice about your dream course, or just about the best places to eat on campus.
- Explore the campus by yourself or join a guided tour. See our world-class health facilities, leading IT and science labs, business trading room, accommodation and much more.
- Discover your options for placements, internships and work-based learning, and get all your questions answered about your dream course.
- Get a taste of what it's really like to be at uni. Join events and activities or kick back and enjoy the campus – Open Day is the place to see it all.

[Find out more](#)

AIE | Open Day

August 11, 2024

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film and visual effects at the AIE Open Day. This event will be held at AIE Campuses in Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, and Adelaide from 10am to 3pm.

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

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

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

[Find out more](#)

CSU | Connections First Nations Direct Entry Program - Health

August 12 to August 16, 2024

Charles Sturt University is excited to host an immersive direct entry program for First Nations people interested in a study and career pathway in a range of health professions.

Join us for our five-day Connections program alongside deadly people with industry experience.

- Get advice and yarn about pathway options.
- Meet like-minded people and complete activities.
- Successfully complete the program and you'll be guaranteed entry into many of our bachelor's degrees, or a preparation program.

[Find out more](#)



UNSW x National Science Week 2024

August 12 to August 27, 2024

The electrifying UNSW x National Science Week program illuminates groundbreaking advancements in science, medicine, tech, and engineering.

In 2024, learn about the celestial ballet of exploding supernovae and cosmic whispers of gravitational waves, delve into the invaluable lessons on managing disaster risks through cooperation, community and even playfulness, and dissect the myths and misinformation about the female anatomy.

Want even more? During the National Science Week dates explore a series of on demand content – podcasts, videos, articles – or head to SciFest for a taste of everything!

[Find out more](#)

Our Ocean Our Future

August 13, 2024

The ocean is a unique, irreplaceable environment that is home to many living things. This session builds on UNESCO's ocean literacy principles to help students understand why the ocean is important for all life on Earth. We'll discuss the pollution problem facing our ocean. We'll learn about real life examples of sustainability and brainstorm achievable ways to help the ocean in our everyday lives.

This Inspiring Australia NSW initiative is supported by the Australian Government as part of National Science Week and proudly brought to you by Virtual Excursions Australia.

[Find out more](#)

SciFest 2024

August 16, 2024

SciFest 2024 invites you to immerse yourself in a world where science meets art, where curiosity knows no bounds, and where discovery awaits at every turn.

The festival brings science to life – throwing open laboratory doors and transporting science into the everyday. Head back to science class with interactive activities, games, live stage shows and talks that showcase the wonders of science, technology, engineering, maths, medicine, and the arts.

Designed to appeal to all ages, from curious kids to inquisitive adults, the festival features an array of activities that will spark imagination and curiosity.

[Find out more](#)

Big Ideas and Inspiring Careers: Make an impact with a career in biodiversity science

August 16, 2024

Don't miss this unique opportunity to connect with and learn from exceptional women who are addressing some of the most pressing environmental challenges of our time.

Our panellists are carving diverse and remarkable paths in the fields of wildlife biology, conservation, science communication and marine biology. They will share their career journey and the innovative approaches they are taking to develop successful and meaningful careers.

If you want to be inspired to build an exciting career that makes a real difference, join us for this fantastic event!

[Find out more](#)



Sydney Careers & Employment Expo 2024

August 16 to August 17, 2024

Sydney's New Careers & Employment Event will open on August 16 & 17, 2024, at the Hordern Pavilion, Moore Park. The Expo will showcase over 120 organisations and employers with career opportunities for all ages. Entry is free.

The event is for school students, parents, teachers, graduates, job seekers, people looking for courses and workers seeking new opportunities.

[Find out more](#)

Powerhouse Museum Sydney Science Festival Family Day

August 17, 2024

Sydney Science Festival is an exciting and accessible program of science events presented by Powerhouse Parramatta and City of Parramatta.

A full day of free hands-on science fun for all ages, presented by Powerhouse Museum in August. It aims to inspire curiosity about what science is capable of – and criticism too – in a series of interactive performances, talks and exhibits across the city.

[Find out more](#)

ACU | Open Days 2024

Strathfield: August 17, 2024

North Sydney: September 7, 2024

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[Find out more](#)

UON | Open Day 2024

Central Coast: August 17, 2024

Newcastle: August 31, 2024

Open Day is packed with everything you need to know about going to the University of Newcastle. Participate in degree presentations, info sessions and tours of the campus.

Enjoy a hands-on experience with our program activations, and ask our student ambassadors questions about uni life.

[Find out more](#)

ICMS | Open Day 2024

August 17, 2024

The International College of Management, Sydney (ICMS) is a leader in career-focused education, offering internationally recognised undergraduate bachelor's degrees and postgraduate master's degrees at our Manly and Sydney City campuses. At the ICMS Open Day you will learn about all the degrees offered and discover why ICMS's personal mentoring approach could make all the difference to your future career success – and help you to make the most of your student years!

[Find out more](#)

2024 NYSF National Youth STEM Summit

August 17 to August 19, 2024

The NYSF National Youth STEM Summit is an exclusive three-day event, held annually in Canberra and designed for young Australians after they have left school, have started their first degree or training, and before they become more senior in their science and technology careers.

The STEM Summit is a conference-style event designed to support delegates' next steps in their career journeys. It enables delegates to connect with government, industry and academia and provides professional development opportunities through workshops, keynote presentations, networking events, a Careers and Study Expo, and discussions on the latest developments in STEM fields.

During the STEM Summit, there will be a number of opportunities for delegates to network with each other as well as with the wider STEM community. The STEM Summit will cumulate with a Gala Dinner at the Australian



Parliament House to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the National Youth Science Forum.

The STEM Summit is open to people between 18 – 25 (who have completed high school), regardless of whether they have completed previous NYSF programs.

[Find out more](#)

ACAP | Open Days 2024

Byron Bay: August 24, 2024

Sydney: August 24, 2024

Open Day is your chance to experience the ACAP difference, and find your path in the applied professions.

Whether you're interested in Counselling, Psychology, Social Work, Criminology, Law, or Business, ACAP is your pathway to making a difference.

Be part of a workshop, meet our industry-renowned facilitators, and hear all about life as an ACAP student. Join us for a day of exploration and inspiration!

[Find out more](#)

SAE Institute | Open Days 2024

Byron Bay: August 24, 2024

Sydney: August 24, 2024

Come along to SAE's Open Day and find your future in creative media!

Open Day is your ticket to everything SAE – get a taste of our courses in workshops, explore activations on campus and get some hands-on experience with our state of the art facilities.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney | Open Day 2024

August 31, 2024

Join us at the University of Sydney Open Day on Saturday 31 August 2024. Experience our vibrant student life on campus, hear from academics and current students and discover what makes us different.

[Find out more](#)

UTS | Open Day 2024

August 31, 2024

Info sessions, campus tours, workshops, dancing robots – UTS Open Day has it all. Get a taste of what students can expect at Australia's #1 young uni.

[Find out more](#)

AIM | Open Day 2024, Sydney

September 7, 2024

Join us for Open Day, and experience everything AIM has to offer!

See our campus, get course advice, experience live performances, meet our teachers and students, and take part in activities that will give you a taste of student life here at AIM.

Whether you're ready to study now, or in five years' time, Open Day is open to all and a fantastic opportunity to discover how the Australian Institute of Music can help turn your passion for music into a career.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW | Open Day 2024

September 7, 2024

Save the date for Open Day – Saturday, 7 September 2024! Get ready to explore our campus, connect with students and faculties, and discover the progress you can make at UNSW.

[Find out more](#)



NAS | Open Day 2024

September 7, 2024

Ever wondered what it's like studying at art school? Peek behind the historic sandstone walls of NAS and find out at Open Day!

Everyone is welcome at Open Day, from those considering art as a career to anyone simply curious about what happens behind the school's historic sandstone walls.

It's a busy and active day-long program offering plenty of opportunity to see what life is like for students at NAS, with art demonstrations in the studios, and shows in our exhibition spaces.

Interested in applying to study at NAS? Attend an info session to find out more about studying at NAS. Meet with a member of our faculty and learn about our admissions process including advice on preparing your portfolio.

[Find out more](#)

ACPE | Open Day 2024

September 28, 2024

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

[Find out more](#)

WSU | Bizfluencers Workshop

September 30, 2024

Bizfluencers is an exciting school holiday workshop program offered by the School of Business at Western Sydney University, targeted at high school students in Years 9 – 10. The program aims to connect aspiring Business Influencers ('Bizfluencers') with business leaders, researchers and practitioners in the 1PSQ Business Lab to explore the future of business.

Registration closes Monday, 16 September 2024.

[Find out more](#)

WSU | Free Online HSC Study Sessions

September 30 to October 4, 2024

From Monday 30th September to Friday 4th October 2024, Western Sydney University will be offering a range of online study sessions to assist Year 12 students in their preparations for the HSC.

Delivered by highly qualified senior teachers with 24 free sessions across 15 key HSC subject areas, the sessions will include content analysis, tips and strategies, and a detailed exploration of key syllabus and curriculum areas.

Students also have the opportunity to sit a practice exam and deconstruction, with feedback and advice from experts.

[Find out more](#)

Tocal College | Open Day

October 4, 2024

October 11, 2024

Our College Open Days are a wonderful opportunity to visit Tocal and experience first hand all that it can offer students who are eager for a rewarding career in agriculture, agribusiness or horse breeding and training.

Open Days provide prospective students, their families and carers an ideal forum to visit the College and get a feel for what life as a student is really like.

Each day's activities include:

- an overview of full-time courses,
- a description of career opportunities,
- information on fees and financial assistance,
- inspection of College campus facilities,
- tour of Tocal's commercial farms and training facilities,
- opportunities to chat with staff and also undertake an informal interview (if desired).



[Find out more](#)

NIE | Future Doctors Australia, Sydney

October 10 to October 13, 2024

Gaining medical work experience is essential for young people considering a career in medicine. It provides insight into the field, helps develop skills and attributes, and provides networking opportunities. However, obtaining medical work experience can be challenging due to various restrictions such as limited opportunities, safety concerns, and confidentiality issues.

That's why NIE has developed the "Future Doctors Australia" program. It is an engaging and high-impact 4-day program that provides young people with a unique opportunity to gain medical work experience in a safe and structured environment. Participants will have the opportunity to spend time with current junior and senior medical students. They will also have the rare opportunity to spend time with more senior clinicians and various medical specialists. You will get to learn about clinical specialist's relevant fields of work, ask them questions, and learn some hands-on skills from them.

- Over 15 hours of face-to-face interaction with leading specialists and clinicians
- Meet current medical students
- Develop advanced communication and team working skills
- Create new friendships with like-minded, highly driven young individuals
- Learn about the admission process into various medical universities in Australia
- Morning tea and lunch included

[Find out more](#)

Discover AI Magic with IT at ACU North Sydney

November 26, 2024

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

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

[Find out more](#)

Discover Exercise and Sports Science at ACU Blacktown

November 27, 2024

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

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

[Find out more](#)

Discover Law and Criminology at ACU North Sydney

November 28, 2024

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

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

[Find out more](#)

John Curtin Scholarship Program

Organisation: Curtin University

Value: See details

Open date: May 1, 2024



Closing date: September 11, 2024

The John Curtin Scholarship Program invests in future leaders who intend to use their abilities and passion to lead positive change in the community. Scholars receive a high level of financial support over the duration of their undergraduate studies. More importantly, the program provides opportunities for scholars to develop the personal qualities to become a future leader and the capability to inspire change.

[Find out more](#)

Vice Chancellor's Elite Scholarship

Organisation: Bond University

Value: 100% fee waiver

Open date: May 2, 2023

Closing date: August 1, 2023

The prestigious Vice Chancellor's Elite Scholarship is awarded to a small group of high achieving applicants each year. Chosen on the basis of exceptional academic achievement, leadership, and character, this is a full-fee scholarship.

[Find out more](#)

Bachelor of Information Technology Co-operative Scholarship Program

Organisation: University of Technology Sydney

Value: \$49,500 AUD + 2 industry placements

Open date: May 20, 2024

Closing date: September 8, 2024

The Bachelor of Information Technology is a cooperative education program between the University of Technology Sydney and sponsoring organisations. The aim of the program is to produce graduates who will become leaders in information technology in Australian organisations.

The focus of the graduate's education is in computer-based information systems, with a strong practical flavour. The periods of industry based learning are key to the development of the graduate's skills. The graduates will also be well versed in business principles and practice, as well as the fundamentals of information technology.

[Find out more](#)

Australian Science and Engineering Fair 2024

Open date: June 1, 2024

Closing date: November 13, 2024

AUSSEF invites Australian school students from Year 9-12 who have completed a substantial project in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics to enter their project into the 2024 edition of AUSSEF.

[Find out more](#)

[How to ace group projects](#)

We know you probably hear the phrase 'group project' and immediately suppress a groan. Look, we've all been there – we know you might be worried about how to manage it with all the other stuff you've got going on, or maybe you've had a bad experience in the past that makes you nervous about group projects.

The fact of the matter is, you're never going to escape them. From school, to uni, to the workplace, group projects or even just working as a team is inevitable (and there's a good reason for it). But fear not – group projects don't have to be stressful.

In fact, they can be a great opportunity to develop important skills and achieve great results. Let's take a look at how you can become an ace at group projects.

What you can gain

We tend to think of group projects as just another coordination challenge. But they can also be a powerful learning experience, teaching you collaboration, communication, and time management. Plus, they can be a great opportunity to get to know people a little better, and potentially make new friends through a shared experience.

Group projects aren't just about sharing the workload (though that's a big part of it). They're also about learning to work effectively with others, which is a skill that's highly valued in both further education and the



workplace – like we said before, there's no escaping it. If you're worried about what might go wrong, consider what you might gain from a group project instead.

Develop collaboration skills

One of the best reasons to embrace group projects is the opportunity to work on your collaboration skills. Working with others means learning to listen, share ideas, and find common ground – all of which are essential skills in any career.

For instance, you might nominate yourself be the project manager who coordinates tasks and ensures everyone meets deadlines. This role isn't just handy for your current project – it could also be an asset in future career opportunities, because you'll know you have ability to lead and manage a team.

Enhance communication

Effective communication is key to successful group projects. By working closely with your group, you can develop clear and concise communication skills that can benefit you in all areas of life.

Through regular meetings, updates, and feedback sessions, you can discover new ways to express your ideas and listen to others. Yes, this is useful for the outcome of your current project, but don't forget it will also solidify your ability to communicate effectively in future academic and professional settings.

"Effective teamwork begins and ends with communication."

Mike Krzyzewski, basketball coach

Master time management

Balancing multiple tasks and deadlines is very characteristic of group projects, but don't stress – this is your chance to develop strong time management skills that'll be an awesome asset for your future. If you're struggling, why not utilise some [apps](#) created specifically for time management? It's also a great way to test your organisational skills in real-world scenarios.

By dividing tasks among group members and setting clear timelines, you can ensure that the project progresses smoothly. This approach not only helps you stay on track but also teaches you how to manage your time effectively when juggling multiple responsibilities.

You can also try [batching](#) – by sorting tasks into categories and distributing them amongst team members whose strengths they play to, you could increase productivity and ensure an even administration of the work load.

Planning your group project

If you're about to face a group project, now is the perfect time to start planning. Even if you've had bad experiences in the past, approaching this project with a fresh perspective can make a big difference. Here are some tips to help you get started:

- **Set clear goals:** Define what you want to achieve and ensure everyone is on the same page.
- **Assign roles:** Identify each member's strengths and assign tasks accordingly.
- **Create a timeline:** Break the project into manageable tasks and set deadlines for each.
- **Communicate regularly:** Schedule regular check-ins to discuss progress and address any issues.
- **Be flexible:** Be open to changes and willing to adjust your plans as needed.

By going into group projects with a positive attitude and a clear plan, you can turn them into a valuable learning experience. Whether you're aiming for top grades or just want to develop new skills, group projects can offer a unique opportunity to grow and succeed.

Learn More

Ready to start planning your group project or want some more tips? You can find heaps more information on our website [here](#).

[How to become a Sommelier](#)

Sommeliers, also known as wine waiters, are experts in wine. They study everything about wine, from the



grapes and regions to preparation methods and food pairings. Sommeliers work in fine dining restaurants, hotels, and the retail industry, serving and selecting wines, writing about wines, becoming wine buyers, or working for vineyards as sales representatives.

If you have a love of wine, a good nose, and an excellent palate, a career as a sommelier could be perfect for you.

What skills do I need as a sommelier?

- Amazing customer service
- Knowledge of wine
- Collaborative teamwork
- Excellent communication
- Attention to detail
- Passionate & dedicated
- Curation ability
- Positive attitude
- Interpersonal skills

What does the job involve?

- Selecting & buying wine lists
- Pairing food with a wine that will compliment or enhance the flavours
- Maintaining inventory & educating other staff
- Engaging with customers & using specialised serving skills
- Testing the quality of wines
- Continuous wine study & up-skilling
- Attending industry events
- Conduct tastings & sharing knowledge

What industries do sommeliers typically work in?

- Hospitality & Retail
- Agriculture & Environment
- Food Technology & Viticulture

What Career Cluster do sommeliers belong to?

Because Sommeliers guide people to choose what they need, and they work closely with people in a public-facing role, they are often very strong [Linkers](#). It's also the type of career to attract [Informers](#), given the unique skillset and knowledge-sharing nature of the role.

What kind of lifestyle can I expect?

A career as a sommelier offers many part-time opportunities, with majority of sommeliers working part-time. This flexibility can be ideal for those looking to balance work with other commitments.

As a sommelier, you might find yourself working in a variety of environments, such as cafes, restaurants, or outdoor settings like vineyards or distilleries.

Working in the hospitality industry generally requires availability on weekends and late nights, as well as the potential for shift work. However, this also means that you'll have a lot more flexibility in your working hours – perfect for those looking for a more diverse work schedule.

How to become a Sommelier

While it isn't strictly necessary to have formal qualifications to work as a Sommelier, there are lots of courses you can take to help you get your foot in the door. Pathways to becoming a Sommelier often include a combination of on-the-job experience and education.

You could start by working in the hospitality industry in a restaurant or winery – if serving alcohol, you'll need an [RSA](#) certification in Australia – and work your way up, but most Sommeliers also complete an accredited education program such as one from the [Wine & Spirit Education Trust \(WSET\)](#).



To excel in the field, you could then obtain VET qualifications within the hospitality and viticulture industries. This could include courses such as:

- [Diploma of Viticulture](#)
- [Certificate II in Wine Industry Operations](#)

If you wanted to be at the top of your game, you could also consider up-skilling with a course from the [Court of Master Sommeliers](#).

What can I do now to work towards this career?

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

- **Build your knowledge:** Start learning about different types of wines, their origins, flavors, and pairings. You can begin by reading books on wine appreciation or exploring online resources that discuss various aspects of wine production and tasting.
- **Volunteer or gain experience:** Look for opportunities to gain practical experience in hospitality settings, such as restaurants or wineries. Even shadowing a sommelier for a day can provide valuable insights into the daily responsibilities and skills required for the job.
- **Obtain your RSA:** This is a valuable certification to have, so check your state requirements and see if you're eligible to get your RSA – there are lots of online courses available

Where can I find out more?

Find out more here:

- [Sommeliers Australia](#)
- [The Sydney Wine Academy](#)
- [Court of Master Sommeliers](#)
- [International Sommelier Guild](#)
- [Association de la Sommellerie Internationale](#)
- [Wine & Spirit Education Trust](#)

Similar careers to Sommelier

- [Waiter](#)
- [Barista](#)
- [Bartender](#)
- [Viticulturalist](#)
- [Brewer](#)
- [Chef](#)
- [Baker](#)

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

Skills for Work

[How to ask for a letter of recommendation](#)

Getting ready to apply for university, a scholarship, or your first job? Not sure how to ask someone for a letter of recommendation, or what a letter of recommendation even is? Don't worry—we've got you covered with this easy guide.

It might seem daunting at first, but with a few simple steps, you'll be able to ask confidently and professionally, impressing both your current and future mentors.

What is a letter of recommendation?

You might be in the process of finalising an application when you come to the 'letter of recommendation'



section. The purpose of a letter of recommendation is to verify your abilities with an external and reputable source, so you can't just ask your parents to write you one. You'd usually ask a teacher, mentor, or employer to provide you with a letter of recommendation – bonus points if the area you're applying for is within their field. Even if the application doesn't ask for it directly, including a strong letter of recommendation can significantly boost your application, giving it a personal touch that highlights your strengths and achievements. No matter if you're applying for university, a scholarship, or a job, knowing how to ask for a recommendation letter properly demonstrates your professionalism and respect for the writer's time. Plus, if you do it right, it might even give an extra incentive for the writer to talk you up to your prospective institution.

Guidelines

1. Choose the right person

Select someone who knows you well and can speak to your abilities and character. Ideally, this person should be familiar with your work ethic, skills, and achievements.

Example: "Dear [Teacher/Mentor's Name],

I hope you're doing well. I'm applying for [university/scholarship/job], and I was wondering if you would be willing to write a letter of recommendation for me."

2. Ask politely and early

Give your recommender plenty of time to write the letter. Asking at least a month in advance is a good rule of thumb, and you can follow up in this timeline as well.

Example: "I understand you have a busy schedule, so I wanted to ask well in advance if you would be able to write the letter by [specific deadline]."

3. Provide context

Explain why you need the letter and what you hope it will achieve. Share information about the position or program you are applying for, and why you're interested in it so the writer can better tailor the letter to suit.

Example: "I am applying for the [name of program/scholarship/job] because [brief explanation]. Your recommendation would greatly support my application as it highlights [specific skill or quality]."

4. Offer to provide supporting information

Make it easy for your recommender by offering to provide your resume, a list of achievements, or specific points you'd like them to mention.

Example: "I'm happy to provide my resume, a list of my accomplishments, or any other information that would be helpful."

5. Respect their decision

Be gracious and understanding if the person you ask is unable to write the letter, and thank them for their time and consideration regardless of their answer. You never know – you might need them again for something in the future.

Example: "Thank you so much for considering my request, and I completely understand if you're unable to write the letter at this time."

6. Send a reminder

If you haven't received the letter close to the deadline, it's okay to send a polite reminder. Be courteous and acknowledge their time constraints.

Example: "I just wanted to follow up on my previous request regarding the letter of recommendation. I appreciate your time and effort in helping me with my application."

7. Show gratitude

Once the letter is submitted, send a thank-you note to express your appreciation. A handwritten note can be a nice touch, but an email works too.

Example: "Thank you so much for taking the time to write the recommendation letter for me. Your support means a lot, and I'm very grateful."

Tips for success



- **Proofread your request:** Make sure your request is free of typos and errors before sending it, so your mentor can remember just how professional you are.
- **Be timely:** Respect your recommender's time by asking well in advance and sending polite reminders if needed.
- **Follow up:** Once your application is submitted, let your recommender know the outcome and thank them again for their help.

Ready to Start?

Asking for a letter of recommendation is a valuable skill that will benefit you throughout your academic and professional journey. By following these guidelines, you'll not only secure strong recommendations but also build positive relationships with your mentors and teachers.

Want more tips on career readiness and professional skills? We have loads more insightful blogs and resources to help you succeed right [here](#).

[Getting a gig: opportunities for students](#)

A gig doesn't just mean a cool music show, even though the music industry tends to lay claim to the term as slang for live performances. It also commonly refers to doing short-term, freelance, or contract jobs, which is the kind of work we love for students because they fit really well around a school schedule.

If you're looking for a flexible way to earn some extra money while still in school, the gig economy might be the perfect solution for you. We'll dive into what the gig economy is, explore some suitable gig jobs for students, and provide tips on how to succeed in this growing sector.

What is a gig & how does it work?

The gig economy is a type of job market where you do short-term or freelance work instead of having a regular job, which is great for students. Instead of working for one boss, you pick up various jobs or "gigs" through online apps or websites. These gigs can be anything from delivering food to doing graphic design.

Gig jobs are usually:

- **Flexible:** You decide when and where you want to work.
- **Varied:** There's a bunch of different gigs you can choose from.
- **Independent:** You work on your own, without a boss looking over your shoulder.

Apps like [UberEats](#), [TaskRabbit](#), [Fiverr](#), [Upwork](#) and [Airtasker](#) connect people (usually 18 years or older) who need work done with people who can do the work. This setup is super flexible, making it a great option for students who need to juggle work, school, and other activities.

Gig jobs for students

Tutoring

If you're good at a certain subject, you can tutor younger students and earn some money on the side. Websites like [TutorTime](#) can help you find kids who need help with their homework across the world, or you can even self-advertise for gigs around your local community and organise sessions yourself.

Babysitting or Pet Sitting

Parents and pet owners always need reliable sitters, and if you love kids or animals, working as a sitter could be perfect for you. Because you'll be doing what you love, it might not even feel like work, which is an added bonus.

You can look on sites like [Care.com](#) or [Madpaws](#) for clients, or you can try the old fashioned method of self-advertisement and word-of-mouth.

Freelance Writing or Graphic Design

If you like writing or designing, there are heaps of freelance gigs on websites like [Fiverr](#) or [Freelancer](#). You can work from home and pick your own deadlines and projects – plus it's a great introduction to self-directed working schedules.

If you want to start your own freelance business, that's an option too.



Delivery Services

Companies like [pizza parlours](#), [pamphlet distributors](#), and even [newspapers](#) hire teens for delivery. You can choose your own hours and work in your local area – but keep in mind that if you want to work for companies like [DoorDash](#) and [Uber Eats](#), you'll have to be at least 18.

Social media management

Small businesses often need help with their social media accounts. If you're good with Instagram or TikTok, this could be a fun gig for you. Getting paid to be creative online? Yes please.

You can reach out to small businesses directly, or keep an eye out for job ads that are looking for a casual or part-time social media manager.

Lawn care and home maintenance

More of an outdoors kind of person? Maybe you're a [Maker](#), and prefer working with your hands over some kind of office job. Don't let that stop you from making money – you can offer to mow lawns, shovel snow, or do minor home repairs for cash. Apps like [TaskRabbit](#) can help you find people in your neighbourhood who need help.

Virtual assistant

If you'd prefer a work-from-home environment, you can get a gig helping businesses or people with tasks like managing emails or scheduling appointments. This job can be done online and is pretty flexible, so is the perfect option for someone with a busy school schedule.

Tips for succeeding in gig work

- **Set clear goals:** Know why you're doing gig work. Are you saving for something? Trying to get work experience? Having clear goals will keep you motivated.
- **Manage your time well:** Balancing gig work with school can be tricky. Use a planner or calendar to keep track of your work hours and schoolwork – there are also loads of [time management apps](#) that can be helpful for working students.
- **Build a strong profile:** Your profile on gig apps is like your resume, so make sure it looks professional and highlights your skills and experience. Include any good reviews from previous gigs – a previous guarantee tends to put potential employers at ease.
- **Communicate clearly:** Good communication is key, so be clear about when you're available, ask questions if you're unsure about a job, and keep your clients updated.
- **Deliver quality work:** Always try to do your best work. Happy clients will leave good reviews and might hire you again.
- **Be professional:** Treat gig work like any other job. By being on time, being polite, and acting professionally, you'll build a good reputation, which leads to more clients.
- **Stay safe:** Always be careful, especially if you're meeting clients in person. Use reputable apps and follow their safety guidelines, and always share your location with someone you trust when it comes to first-time meetings.

The gig economy is a great way for students to earn extra money and gain work experience. By understanding how it works, choosing the right gigs, and following these tips, you can make the most of gig work. Whether you're delivering food, tutoring, freelancing, or more, gig jobs can help you reach your goals while still having fun.

Want more?

Want more tips on finding jobs and skills for work? We have heaps more insightful blogs and resources to help you succeed right [here](#).

[WWOOF your way around the world](#)

Ever thought about WWOOFing in your gap year? No, we're not just barking at you – WWOOF stands for Worldwide Opportunities on Organic Farms, and it's a super popular organisation that pairs you with a farm



across the globe. You'll work on an organic farm of your choice, in your preferred country, and receive free food and accommodation in exchange for help around the farm.

If you've ever dreamed of spending time on a farm, or wanted a budget friendly way to explore the world, WWOOFing could be exactly what you've been looking for.

Why WWOOF?

First of all, this is not a monetary exchange program, so if you're like us you're probably already excited at the prospect of not having to pay for food or board. But there's way more to this experience than just saving money. Here's what you could gain from a WWOOF adventure:

Learn new skills

One of the most rewarding aspects of WWOOFing is the opportunity to acquire new skills. From organic farming techniques and sustainable living practices to learning about local cultures and languages, the possibilities are vast.

For example, you might find yourself learning about permaculture, animal husbandry, or even eco-building. These skills are not only valuable but can also be a great addition to your resume.

Experience different cultures

WWOOFing is an immersive cultural experience. Living and working with local hosts gives you a unique perspective on their way of life, so it's a fantastic opportunity to learn about new cultures, make lifelong friends, and see the world from a different viewpoint.

"WWOOFing has taught me that there's other ways, other lifestyles, that are possible and great and sustainable for the environment. I've also met a lot of people who are doing what they want with their life – their "job" isn't a job for them, and I think that's something I really want for myself."

Rebecca, WWOOFer

Enhance your career prospects

WWOOFing can also be a great way to enhance your career prospects. The skills and experiences you gain can be directly relevant to many fields, including agriculture, environmental science, and tourism. Even if your career path lies elsewhere, the independence, problem-solving, and teamwork skills you develop will be highly valued by future employers.

Planning your WWOOFing adventure

If you're considering WWOOFing, the first step is to research your options. There are WWOOFing opportunities in countries all over the world, from Italy to Zambia. Consider what you want to gain from the experience, and choose a location that aligns with your interests and goals.

Start by joining WWOOF

To get started, join the [WWOOF](#) organisation in the country you're interested in. You'll gain access to a database of hosts and can start planning your adventure – it's important here that you make sure to communicate with potential hosts to understand their expectations and ensure it'll be a good fit for you.

Be prepared

While WWOOFing is an exciting adventure, it's important to be prepared. Make sure you understand the work involved, and be ready for a hands-on experience. Pack appropriately, and be open-minded and flexible – and most of all, be prepared to have a life-changing experience.

Want more?

If you're thinking about a [gap year](#), going on to [university](#), or perhaps embarking on an [apprenticeship](#), we've got you covered. We've got tips and resources on all that and more, right [here](#) on our site.



Still in two minds if a gap year is right for you? You might like our [gap year quiz](#).

[7 tips for tackling procrastination](#)

Ever found yourself scrolling through TikTok or playing video games when you should be doing homework? Or maybe instead of facing that essay you've got coming up, you'd prefer to embark on an unnecessary cleaning spree. Sound familiar? You're not alone – [studies show](#) that almost all students procrastinate once in a while, and that 75% of students consider themselves habitual procrastinators.

While procrastination is [normal human behaviour](#), letting it get out of hand can be really bad for your mental health and overall wellbeing. Getting rid of that “due today, do today” mindset can eliminate anxiety, give you more time, and boost your self-esteem.

We've got some tips to help you tackle procrastination and get back on track with your projects.

What is procrastination?

Procrastination is delaying or postponing tasks that need to be done. Ever chosen to do something more enjoyable or easier instead of tackling what's important? That's procrastination. Procrastinating often leads to stress and a mad rush to meet deadlines, which in turn results in a lower quality of work.

Being a habitual procrastinator can affect your grades, your stress levels, and your overall well-being. By learning to manage it, you can improve your performance, reduce anxiety, and have more free time to enjoy the things you love.

Why do we procrastinate?

Procrastinating doesn't have just one root cause – there can be a ton of things that contribute to why people procrastinate, and it's different for everyone. Here are some common reasons why people procrastinate:

- **Fear of failure:** Worrying that you won't do well can make you avoid starting a task.
- **Perfectionism:** Wanting everything to be perfect can make it hard to begin.
- **Lack of motivation:** If a task seems boring or uninteresting, it's easy to put it off.
- **Feeling overwhelmed:** Not knowing where to start can lead to delaying the task altogether.
- **Poor time management:** Struggling to prioritise tasks correctly can result in procrastination.

Luckily, we've got some tips for targeting these common causes, so you can get ahead with your tasks and start eliminating stress.

How to overcome procrastination

1. Break tasks into smaller steps

Large tasks can be overwhelming, so try breaking them into smaller, manageable steps to make them less daunting.

Example: Instead of thinking, “I need to write a 5-page essay,” break it down into steps like researching, creating an outline, writing a draft, and revising.

2. Set clear goals

Set specific, achievable goals for each study session or task. This gives you a clear direction and makes it easier to start.

Example: “I will read and take notes on one chapter of my textbook today.”

3. Use a planner or calendar

Keep track of assignments, deadlines, and study sessions using a [planner](#) or digital calendar. This can help you manage your time and stay organised in an easy to access, visual system.

Example: Write down all your homework assignments and due dates in a planner, and plan out when you'll work on each one.

4. Eliminate distractions

Find a quiet place to work and remove distractions like your phone, social media, or TV. Creating a focused environment can help you stay on task – we've also got a blog for [the perfect study setup](#) if you'd like to optimise your study time.

Example: Turn off notifications on your phone and find a quiet spot in the library to study.



5. Use the Pomodoro technique

Work for 25 minutes, then take a 5-minute break. After four work sessions, take a longer break for up to 30 minutes – this can help you stay focused and prevent burnout. You can read more on this productivity hack right [here](#).

Example: Set a timer for 25 minutes, work on your homework, then take a short break to stretch or grab a snack.

6. Reward yourself

Give yourself a reward for completing tasks and trick your brain into wanting to do more. This can be something small like letting yourself have a treat or taking a short break to do something you enjoy.

Example: Finish your math homework, then watch an episode of your favourite show.

7. Find an accountability partner

Try sharing your goals with a friend or family member who can help keep you accountable. Check in with each other regularly to stay on track, or try studying together so you can have accountability in real-time.

Example: Form a [study group](#) with your friend or classmate, and track your goals together.

Moving forward

Procrastination can be a tough habit to break, but with the right strategies, you can manage it and improve your productivity. By breaking tasks into smaller steps, setting clear goals, and eliminating distractions, you can stay on top of your work and reduce stress.

Want more tips on managing your time and staying productive? Check out our [website](#) for more helpful blogs and resources to help you succeed in school and beyond.