



Careers Newsletter

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It is the responsibility of the student to confirm all details with the appropriate institution.

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JobJump - Parents and students please watch YouTube video and sign up

Sign up to JobJump for information about tertiary study options, ATAR's and apprenticeship and TAFE information. Create a resume, sign up for news alerts.

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

Search school – St Pius X Chatswood

Register with an email address (use a private address, not spx)

Password – pius (lower case)

Parent information: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZoyckJwVg&feature=youtu.be>

[Crimson Education | How to Get Into Harvard, Oxford and Beyond!](#)

30 July 2020, 5:00 pm

Online

An introductory free webinar to US & UK unis targeted at year 9-11 students. The webinar covers everything students and parents need to know in 30 minutes. Join this session to gain insights to learn the application fundamentals, scholarship opportunities, and how to stand out from the crowd for US & UK uni applications.

Find out more: [https://pages.crimsoneducation.org/AU-How-Crimson-](https://pages.crimsoneducation.org/AU-How-Crimson-Works.html?utm_source=ref_org&utm_medium=aff_refer&utm_campaign=AU_core_2020-07-21_studyworkgrow#formblock)

[Works.html?utm_source=ref_org&utm_medium=aff_refer&utm_campaign=AU_core_2020-07-21_studyworkgrow#formblock](https://pages.crimsoneducation.org/AU-How-Crimson-Works.html?utm_source=ref_org&utm_medium=aff_refer&utm_campaign=AU_core_2020-07-21_studyworkgrow#formblock)

[Crimson Education | Your Path to Medical School Webinar](#)

1 August 2020, 1:00 pm

Online

Delivered by current medical students, this free online event covers acceptance requirements, strategic admissions tips, information about applying to medical school, and insights about life as a med student. Discover your path to medical school at this free event! Register today to secure your place.

Find out more: [https://pages.crimsoneducation.org/LP-2020-06-](https://pages.crimsoneducation.org/LP-2020-06-YPTMSAU010820RegPage_01.YPTMSNZJulyReg.html?utm_source=ref_org&utm_medium=aff_edm&utm_campaign=NSC_medview_2020-07-27_studyworkgrow-email-newsletter-27-july)

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CQUni | Online Chat Session

6 August 2020, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Online

Thinking about starting a TAFE or university qualification in 2021? If you're considering CQUniversity, you probably have a few questions.

Register to join our Online Chat Session. All you need to do is head over to our CQUniversity Facebook page and send us a message during the session and you'll receive real-time answers to all your questions.

Our staff will be able to help answer any questions you may have about your course of interest, student support services, or anything else to do with studying with us.

Find out more: <https://www.cqu.edu.au/events/event-items/information-session/online-chat-session46>

Crimson Education | Your US Virtual Tour

8 August 2020, 5:00 pm

Online

Join tour guides Maddie Earle (Harvard Graduate) and John Poliniak (MIT Student), as they give a virtual tour around their universities. Learn about their experiences on campus and application tips to get into top US unis. Register to receive the links to the tour videos, and for a unique opportunity to join a live Q&A with the tour guides on August 8th.

Find out more:

https://pages.crimsoneducation.org/AUVirtualTour.html?utm_source=ref_org&utm_medium=aff_refer&utm_campaign=AU_core_2020-07-21_studyworkgrow

UNSW x National Science Week

15 August 2020, 9:00 am - 23 August 2020, 5:00 pm

Online

UNSW x National Science Week brings together the latest global developments in science, technology and engineering to celebrate Australian scientists' contribution to the world of knowledge. Learn why better eating contributes to a healthier world, how we can remove politics from climate change, our mission to discover life outside our solar system and more.

Find out more: <https://events.unsw.edu.au/event/unsw-x-national-science-week>

AIE | Open Day – Sydney

16 August 2020, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE), Ultimo

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation and visual effects at the AIE Open Day on Sun 16th August, 2020. The Sydney campus will be opening its doors to visitors eager to find out about upcoming full-time and part-time courses.

The day will include presentations on different areas of industry to get into as well as information about AIE full-time and part-time courses and entry requirements. Student work will be on display and our teachers will be available to speak with you one on one about our courses and how AIE can get you into a creative career.

Find out more: https://aie.edu.au/aie_event/open-day/

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ACU | Year 12 Revision Webinars – NSW/ACT

31 August 2020, 7:00 pm - 17 September 2020, 7:00 pm

Online

Worried about your Year 12 exams? You're not alone. We know this can be a stressful time, which is why we've teamed up with InspirED to help you do your very best and get you ready for what's to come.

Join us for a series of free online webinars run by experienced Year 12 exam markers and assessors. They'll guide you through how to respond to possible exam questions, help you get your head around the class content to deepen your understanding, and offer plenty of tips and strategies along the way.

You'll also have an opportunity to get your questions answered during a live 30-minute Q&A.

Find out more: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/year-12-revision-webinars/nsw>

ACAP | Social Work Information Session

2 September 2020, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

Interested in studying social work? Attend an online information session to learn more about your course of interest.

- Learn how ACAP can help you to change lives and make a difference!
- Hear from an ACAP educator and course adviser about which course type matches your interests.
- Discover the courses we offer, flexible learning options and the benefits of studying at ACAP.

The online information sessions run for 60 minutes and will include time for questions and answers.

Find out more: <https://www.acap.edu.au/home/online-events/register-for-an-online-information-session/>

ACAP | Counselling Information Session

2 September 2020, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Online

Interested in studying counselling? Attend an online information session to learn more about your course of interest.

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ACAP | Criminology Information Session

3 September 2020, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

Interested in studying criminology? Attend an online information session to learn more about your course of interest.

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- Discover the courses we offer, flexible learning options and the benefits of studying at ACAP.

The online information sessions run for 60 minutes and will include time for questions and answers. Find out more: <https://www.acap.edu.au/home/online-events/register-for-an-online-information-session/>

ACAP | Psychology Information Session

3 September 2020, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Online

Interested in studying psychology? Attend an online information session to learn more about your course of interest.

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HSC & Beyond Careers Expo

28 September 2020, 4:00 pm - 30 September 2020, 8:00 pm

Online

Connect with secondary education providers, major universities, TAFE, UAC, VTAC, QTAC, NESA, TIS and more!

- Get one-on-one advice
- Watch expert-led explainers
- Access subject-specific help
- Learn from past students
- Be in-the-know with unlimited downloads

Find out more: <https://inspired.edu.au/thecareerexpo/>

Workshops & Courses

[Bond University | Year 12 Extension Program](#)

3 September 2020, 8:00 am - 4 September 2020, 3:00 pm

Bond University

The Bond Business School Year 12 Extension Program is a two day workshop where students gain an insight into university life to assist the transition from high school to university. Our world class academics will facilitate the opportunity for students to experience an enrichment of the senior school syllabus through real world applications and the use of 21st century skills.

Students are handpicked for the opportunity to receive an early offer into Bond Business School and the opportunity to be awarded a Year 12 Extension Program Scholarship.

For more details, application and eligibility visit our website.

Find out more: <https://bond.edu.au/extensionprogram>

[Sydney Scholars Awards](#)

Value: \$6,000

Open/Closing Dates: July 8, 2020 – September 30, 2020

This scholarship supports outstanding Year 12 students to undertake an undergraduate degree at the University of Sydney.

You must:

- be a domestic student (this includes New Zealand citizens), or an international student who has recently completed an International Baccalaureate (or educational award equivalent to the HSC)
- be applying for admission through UAC
- have achieved an ATAR of 95 or above (if you are applying to the Sydney Conservatorium of Music or the Sydney Dental School you must receive an ATAR of 90 or above)
- apply in the year that you complete your secondary education (if you are offered a Sydney Scholars Award, you may defer it for up to two years).

Note: Domestic students with excellent academic ability may also choose to apply for the [Sydney Scholars Awards on equity and hardship grounds](#).

[Find out more](#)

[UNSW General Merit Undergraduate Scholarships for High School Leavers](#)

Value: Up to \$12,000

Open/Closing Dates: July 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020

The General Merit Undergraduate Scholarship is open for recent High School Leavers commencing any undergraduate coursework degree program in 2021, who seek to use their academic, leadership and community engagement experience to make a positive contribution to university life.

To be considered students must submit a scholarship online application and apply for admission to a UNSW undergraduate degree program for commencement in Term 1, 2021 (via UAC or by any other UNSW admission scheme). Applicants will be assessed on the basis of:

- Academic merit
- School and community leadership roles
- Commitment to extra-curricular activities (such as music, sport, debating, leadership programs, community and volunteer work etc)

[Find out more](#)

[Harding Miller Education Foundation Scholarship](#)

Value: \$20,000

Open/Closing Dates: July 15, 2020 – September 23, 2020

The Harding Miller Education Foundation Scholarship Program provides practical support to lift the educational and career aspirations of high potential Australian girls who are facing socio-economic hardship.

To be eligible, a student must be:

- in year 8 in 2020, entering year 9 in 2021
- an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- enrolled in an Australian government school

[Find out more](#)

[scienceXart: spot the maths](#)

Can you think creatively and spot the maths that is all around you? You might notice maths on your way to school or around your house, or even make your own maths-themed art.

The aim of the competition is to spot the maths in everyday life, catch a photograph of the maths and in 240 characters give a quick description of the maths that you have spotted.

The winning photographer in each category will receive a prize pack and a prize for their whole class.

Entries are open until Friday 25 September.

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.science.org.au/scienceart/spot-the-maths>

[RISE International Photography Awards](#)

Entries are now open to the 2020 RISE International Photography Awards.

The competition is open to all photographers from around the world, giving you a chance to showcase your skills and receive valuable feedback.

There are 12 categories you can enter, including pets, portraiture, landscape and more.

Entries are open until Tuesday 1 September.

Find out more and enter here: <https://risephotoawards.com/>

[ADF Future Innovators Award](#)

The Australian Defence Force are looking to encourage the next generation of innovators, critical thinkers and problem solvers – bright Australian students who are succeeding in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).

Being recognised as an ADF Future Innovator shows potential employers you have what it takes to make a big difference. Get a head-start on your career and discuss your interest in the award with your school.

Students will be awarded on their ability to demonstrate innovation and learning in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Each participating school can select two winners across Year 10 and Year 12.

Winning year 10 students will be rewarded with a \$250 cash prize and a certificate of achievement, and year 12 students with a \$550 cash prize and a certificate of achievement.

Find out more here: <https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/students-and-education/adf-future-innovators>

[10 cool jobs you can get with an Animal Science degree](#)

When you think about careers with animals, you probably think of being a vet. But did you know that there are heaps of other cool careers you can get with a degree like Animal Science?

If you'd love to work with animals, there are plenty of varied options open to you, such as:

1. Agricultural scientist
2. Animal health and welfare professional
3. Animal ethicist
4. Animal nutritionist

5. Biosecurity researcher
6. Ecologist
7. Environmental policymaker
8. Geneticist
9. Animal conservationist
10. Veterinarian

Find out more about what's involved in these exciting careers in Careers with STEM's blog:

<https://careerswithstem.com.au/10-cool-animal-jobs-you-could-get-with-an-animal-science-degree/>

[Find out where you can get a job](#)

Seek are a major Job Search company and they've put together a resource to [show you which jobs are in demand](#) by state, so you can see where the jobs are right now.

You can search by industry and role, and you'll be able to see how many new job ads there are in those roles over the past few weeks and months.

[Go here to see the article >>](#)

This resource will give you a short term glimpse into where you could apply for a role **right now**, and doesn't predict long term trends. If you're looking for a job today and not sure where to go then check it out, but don't use it to choose your uni degree or if you're going to be on the job market in 6 months time (ie. when you finish Year 12).

For longer term predictions use a tool like [Job Outlook](#) from the Australian Government. Their data is slightly out of date (for example, right now they're saying cafe staff are in high demand...) but will give you a better idea of where the jobs are likely to be down the track.

[In-demand roles for 27 July 2020](#)

This week, there is still strong demand across Australia for 'picker and packer' roles.

These jobs will be fulfilment roles in warehouses, filling and shipping online orders for customers. Many of these roles are casual or part-time, and you'll need to be relatively fit to keep up and it's hands-on work. You generally don't need experience or qualifications to become a Picker and Packer.

Here are the top in-demand roles by location:

NSW – [Picker and Packer](#) (683 jobs)

Victoria – [Customer Service](#) (6,663 jobs)

Queensland – [Hairdresser](#) (192 jobs)

ACT – [Personal Assistant or Receptionist](#) (96 jobs)

WA – [Heavy Rigid Truck Driver](#) (419 jobs)

SA – [Picker and Packer](#) (107 jobs)

Tasmania – [Call Centre or Customer Service Consultant](#) (212)

NT – [Property Manager](#) (45 jobs)

Source: [Seek Australia](#)

Further Learning

[What you need to know about your options – for Year 12 2020](#)

In Year 12? Here's what you need to know about your options for 2021

COVID has changed A LOT of things we took for granted. Chances are you had your post-school pathway pretty much planned out before it hit with a bang, but if you were planning a Gap Year, or going to work for a while before thinking about what comes next then perhaps it's a good idea to have another look at your study options.

We know this was not what you (or anyone) wanted, but there are some positives to come out of it. So if you're looking for a way to put a positive spin on a deadly pandemic, here are our top 6 reasons to celebrate:

You have more entry pathways than ever before

Things were already changing – each year more universities were offering alternative entry schemes that effectively bypassed the ATAR for the majority of students and courses – but COVID-19 has accelerated that change.

There are now more ways for you to get to uni, if that's what you want to do. In this economic climate and job market, it's not a bad idea to seriously consider uni if you think you're up to it.

No one knows what the future holds

This has never been more apparent than now. None of us knows what the future will bring, and no one *really* knows what the jobs of the future look like.

As Professor Nick Klomp, Vice-Chancellor of CQUniversity Australia points out in his recent [open letter to Year 12 students](#) (it's a great read), the Australian Government use a 'best-guess' 5 year forecast to predict the jobs and skills which will be in demand, but in 5 years you'll only just have finished uni. So don't choose a study path based solely on the government's best estimates.

Ignore all the talk about fees

No, it's not a good thing that fees are increasing for some of the most popular degrees, and it's also not good that universities will have even less money to deliver quality teaching experiences. But don't let the price of one course over another dictate what you do.

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At the end of the day, uni graduates on average earn more over their lifetime – in this study they found [uni grads earn 15-20% more than people with no post-school training](#). Uni grads also have a [lower unemployment rate](#) and after three years the [average income was \\$72,800](#).

[HECS](#), while not ideal, exists to pay for your studies while you're a student, then allows you to pay what you owe off slowly as you earn an income. It can help to see the fees as an investment in yourself (and your future earning potential).

If you're really concerned about the fees, then consider one of the low-fee or no-fee TAFE options in your state – your course could count towards a degree down the track.

Uni could be a better option than tackling the job market

Let's face it, the job market is not good. Youth unemployment stands at 16.4% ([ABS – June 2020](#)) and there's a good chance it could get worse. If you're on the fence about going to uni, a degree could significantly improve your employment prospects and if you can't find work, you can claim Youth Allowance while you study.

No, it's not a lot of money (max. \$462.50 per fortnight for single/18+/living away from home/without the coronavirus supplement) but it is still an option.

It's now easier to go to uni

You may not need to leave home, and you have more universities to choose from.

Universities were already [offering a range of courses online](#), and they've moved all but the most hands-on degrees to online learning, so you don't need to worry about moving away to start your degree. You can apply for any online course at any university you choose, so if you live in Hobart you could study at Uni of Melbourne, or students from Tamworth could apply for UQ and UNSW, all without needing to leave home.

If things change down the track you can still move to the big smoke, but being able to start online will give you some breathing space while you plan your next move.

You are all in the same boat

Every year 12 student across Australia is facing the same challenges, and no one expects you to graduate in the same way as in any other year. In fact, we predict that this year's Year 12 will become highly sought-after – if you can make it through, finish Year 12 and complete your assessments then you'll have shown a significant level of adaptability, flexibility, and determination before you've even left school.

You've quickly moved to (and from) online learning, and kept up with your studies while you faced a highly stressful situation. And, you will only be assessed against your peers, which means as long as you keep going, complete your work and attempt your exams you should be in the same position relative to your peers as you would have been without COVID-19.

2020 has not gone to plan

But that doesn't mean you can't look forward to a bright future

Ready to explore your options? Find out more about [how to apply to university here](#).

Komatsu Apprenticeship Program 2021

Applications are open for Komatsu's 2021 Apprenticeship Program. This is a great opportunity to kick-start your career.

As part of your apprenticeship you will learn both in the classroom and on the job. You can earn a nationally-recognised qualification in the following areas:

- Plant Mechanics
- Auto & High Voltage Electrical
- Boilermaker/Welder
- Certificate III in Business Management

They are currently offering positions at the following locations:

- NSW: Sydney, Wollongong, Hunter Valley, Mudgee, Gunnedah
- QLD: Brisbane, Mackay, Gladstone, Emerald, Townsville
- VIC: Melbourne, Pakenham
- WA: Perth
- SA: Adelaide
- TAS: Hobart

Applications are open until Sunday 9 August.

Find out more and apply here:

<https://www.livehire.com/careers/komatsu/job/T93E6/INI680NIQ7/komatsu-apprenticeship-2021>

CQUni | Another open letter to the year 12 school leavers of 2020

You probably know that the Government recently announced they would be changing the price of some university degrees. This was based on whether those careers are "in demand" or not.

If you've been pondering over these changes and wondering whether it means you should change your degree, don't despair. CQUni's Vice-Chancellor Professor Nick Klomp has written an open letter to Year 12 students urging you to follow your dreams.

"When considering university options for next year, you need to block out the background noise and decide where your passions lie."

Read the full article here: <https://www.cqu.edu.au/cquinews/stories/general-category/2020-general/another-open-letter-to-the-year-12-school-leavers-of-2020-because-i-still-havent-figured-out-tik-tok-yet>

5 reasons to do a double degree

Going to uni next year and considering a double degree? You might be wondering what the advantages are over a single degree.

If you want to stand out from the crowd and forge your own unique career path, a double degree could be the perfect way to do just that.

Check out the 5 reasons you should think about a double degree on Careers with STEM's blog: <https://careerswithstem.com.au/double-degree-5-reasons-qut/>

Work Experience

Environmental Scientist Virtual Work Experience

In this virtual work experience program, we will provide practical insights into the life of an environmental scientist and areas related to environmental science. We will also unpack how and why a global leader like Cardno commits to a set of values and beliefs that guides them towards a common goal of 'Making a difference'.

Through the program, you will be presented with activities and real-world challenges related to environmental science. You will also get a chance to connect with environmental scientists and people from Cardno.

[Learn more](#)

Year 10 Subject Selection Tips

Subject selection can be tricky. Study Work Grow has put together a heap of resources to help you wrap your head around it and pick the right subjects for you.

You can find them on our Year 10 Subject Selection page here:

<https://studyworkgrow.com.au/subject-selection/>

HSC4ME

HSC4ME is a revolutionary all-in-one, interactive learning app that gives you access to expert HSC teachers, adaptive learning tools and thousands of practice HSC questions.

HSC4Me is an app you can use everywhere you want on mobile, tablet or desktop.

Some of the features include:

- Interactive quizzes and practice papers
- Subject notes & videos on all topics

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- Webinars and live classrooms with HSC Experts
- Worked solutions and exemplar essays across all subjects

Find it on the App Store or Google Play, or read more here: <https://inspired.edu.au/hsc4me/>

iBobbly – Wellbeing app for Indigenous youth

iBobbly is a social and emotional wellbeing self-help app for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians aged 15 years and over.

It was created by the Black Dog Institute to help Indigenous youth struggling with topics like depression, stress, suicide and more.

Completely private and confidential, it helps by showing you ways to manage your thoughts and feelings, as well as how to decide what is important in your life.

You can download iBobbly on the App Store or Google Play.

Read more about it here: <https://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au/resources-support/digital-tools-apps/ibobbly/>

Learning to Learn

If you struggle with studying or learning new things, you might think that it's because you're not smart enough.

But research is showing that we can "learn to learn" – that through practice and dedicated strategies, we can all become better and faster learners.

Harvard Business Review has shared some great tips on how we can build our learning skills. Check them out in their blog here: <https://hbr.org/2018/05/learning-is-a-learned-behavior-heres-how-to-get-better-at-it>

What Skills Should You Include on Your Resume?

Writing a resume can be a daunting task. It's difficult to know exactly how to tailor your resume to what an employer is looking for.

Robert Half has written an excellent article detailing examples of what you should include on your resume and why. He also looks at things you shouldn't do, and gives examples for different types of jobs.

Take a look here: <https://www.roberthalf.com/blog/writing-a-resume/8-skills-that-will-make-your-receptionist-resume-pop>

Job Spotlight

How to become a UX Designer

What do UX Designers do?

It's a UX ("User Experience") Designers job to create easy, efficient, relevant, pleasant experiences for the end-user. UX Design can be applied to any product or service from websites to vegetable peelers, or even a visit to the local supermarket.

If you're practical but creative, have great all-round communication skills and are looking for a job which is fast paced, full of variety and requires lots of human interaction, then a career in UX Design could be really rewarding.

About you:

- Empathetic, curious and an excellent communicator
- A critical thinker with a flair for visual design and great analytical skills
- Collaborates well and has good writing skills with at least a basic understanding of coding

The job:

- Meet with clients to gain an understanding of their product or service
- Conduct market and user research
- Design and develop prototypes/drafts/mock-ups based on user needs
- Collaborate with Designers and Developers to polish the product ensuring the best experience for end-users
- Present the final solution to the client and help with its delivery

UX Designer salary (average) \$90,000 per year

(Source: [careerfoundry.com](https://www.careerfoundry.com))

UX Designers are in demand in these locations:

New South Wales, Victoria and the ACT with a projected job growth nationally of 13.6% by 2024.

(source: [seek.com.au](https://www.seek.com.au))

How to become a UX Designer in Australia

There are no formal qualification requirements to become a UX Designer in Australia and there are many pathways into this career. However obtaining a degree in a related field could jumpstart your career and make you eligible to apply for more senior positions, faster.

Step 1 – Study English and Maths and computer science at high school. Psychology and creative subjects could also be beneficial

Step 2 – Do some reading about UX Design and work out which of the many career options in UX Design would best suit you

Step 3 – Develop your eye for design (not just the visual but *how* processes work and connect) and gain more understanding of human psychology. A good way to make this happen and boost your CV is to get some related work experience.

Step 4 – Check out short courses and degrees in UX or visual design.

[User Design Experience at RMIT](#)

[UX/IU Bootcamp at the University of Adelaide](#)

[User Interface and Experience Design with Open Universities](#)

[Certificate III in Design Fundamentals at North Metro TAFE](#)

[Bachelor of Design \(Interactive and UX Design\) at USC](#)

Step 5 – Create your portfolio (include any mock design projects, blogs, websites etc., that showcase your work and skills), keep it updated. Stay up to date with new trends, user expectations, software, and don't forget to network.

Step 6 – Consider further qualifications to upskill and keep you competitive. E.g. [Graduate Certificate of UX and Web Design](#)

Find out more here –

<https://www.design.org.au/>

Similar Careers to UX Designer

UI (User Interface) Designer

[Graphic Designer](#)

Digital Project Manager

Instructional Designer

[Web Designer](#)

[App Developer](#)

[Architect](#)

Product Designer

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

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

- **What is the difference between UX and UI?**

They are both elements of the consumer experience. User Interface (UI) Design is all about creating an appealing look or layout, you'll need to understand coding and visual design concepts like colour schemes, fonts etc. Whereas User Experience (UX) focuses on functionality, how the end users will interact with the product or service, how to streamline them to make them easy to use but get a specific job done. The goal being to provide a good or pleasant experience for the end-user.

- **Do I need to learn programming to become a UX Designer?**

No you don't, but knowledge of HTML, CSS, and coding will help you do better in your job and could be advantageous when applying for jobs.

- **Where do UX Designers work?**

UX Designers can work anywhere; in offices, Design firms, with companies who design and produce products and or services of **any** description, financial organisations including banks, large accounting firms etc., Government departments, Museums, or for themselves even working remotely from home.

- **Do I need to go to university to become a UX Designer?**

Not necessarily. Portfolios and work experience probably count more when you're applying for jobs, but relevant qualifications could also work in your favour and help you to get interviews more easily.

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