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## Open Days & Info Sessions

### Build your Career with Visy

Wednesday 10 August 2022, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Online

Visy is an Australian-owned, global leader dedicated to making serious progress in the sustainable packaging and recycling industries.

With 120 sites throughout Australia and New Zealand, Visy is paving the way for real change in sustainability – and they want to meet you.

Whether you're the driving force behind your school's recycling program or have a passion for making a difference, the Early Careers pathways at Visy cater to all. You can join directly from high school or post-degree; Visy meets you where you're at with a focus on continuous growth and development.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/build-your-career-with-visy-tickets-343983593187>

### UAC Digital | Let's Chat – Social Science and Arts

Wednesday 10 August 2022, 6:00 pm

Online

Social Science and Arts degrees cover many different areas of study and specialties – so we want to help you navigate the different degrees and application.

Once the session is over you'll understand:

- which HSC courses are recommended for these degrees
- what degrees and majors are available
- entry requirements
- how unis prepare students to be job-ready in a competitive job market
- career opportunities
- what to do if you don't meet your dream course's entry requirements

And we'll give answers to the most commonly asked questions!

Find out more: <https://uacdigital.easywebinar.live/registration-lets-chat-social-science-and-arts>

## UAC Digital | Let's Chat – Law

Thursday 11 August 2022, 6:00 pm

Online

In this session we'll give HSC students and their parents the information they need when applying for a Law degree in NSW and the ACT. We'll be joined by university experts to discuss:

- which HSC courses are recommended for a Law degree
- available degrees and majors
- entry requirements and selection criteria
- work experience opportunities
- how many students get accepted into law each year
- what to do if you don't meet your dream course's entry requirements.

And we'll give answers to the most commonly asked questions!

Find out more: <https://uacdigital.easywebinar.live/registration-lets-chat-law>

## Avondale University | Open Day 2022

Tuesday 16 August 2022, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Avondale University

Open Day is your opportunity to experience Avondale. You can choose to come to our all-courses or nursing-specific Open Day events.

By attending our Open Day, you will:

- Receive course-specific information
- Hear from current students, academic and admissions experts
- Tour our Lake Macquarie or Sydney campuses, and
- Have your uni questions answered.

Find out more: <https://study.avondale.edu.au/opendayregistration.html>

## WEP | Student Exchange Info Session

Tuesday 16 August 2022, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

Imagine making friends from all over the world, learning about yourself and the world around you and seeing sights you could only dream of! Find out more about your student exchange opportunities at WEP's online info session.

Find out more: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_C4N9itS1R2GISUIdjWSR\\_A](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_C4N9itS1R2GISUIdjWSR_A)

## UNSW | 2022 Co-op Chat – Business

Tuesday 16 August 2022, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

The world of business spans a huge range of career opportunities from the Finance Sector, Marketing Sector and even the Maths Sector. If any of these sound like an area you might be interested in pursuing for your career join us for a Business Careers Chat!

Hear from industry partners and sponsors, Co-op alumni, and current scholars as they share their experience of working and studying in these Business areas and answer any questions you might have about the experience.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/2022-co-op-career-chat-business-tickets-382757587247?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

## eSafety | Popular Apps Webinar

Tuesday 16 August 2022, 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Online

Learn about TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat and YouTube and help your children stay safe online.

This webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 8 to 13.

It will cover:

- case studies, research and targeted advice
- ways of supporting the young people in your life to have safe, enjoyable online experiences.

Find out more: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>

## UNSW | 2022 Co-op Chat – Technology

Wednesday 17 August 2022, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

The Technology Sector spans a huge range of career opportunities, from software development, digital technologies and cyber security to business process design & analysis, network design, enterprise system development, and beyond. If any of these sound like an area you might be interested in pursuing for your career join us for a Technology Careers Chat!

Hear from industry partners and sponsors, Co-op alumni, and current scholars as they share their experience of working and studying in the Technology sector and answer any questions you might have about the experience.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/2022-co-op-career-chat-technology-tickets-382758038597?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

## University of Sydney | Meet Sydney – Armidale

Thursday 18 August 2022, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Armidale City Bowling Club

Join us for an information evening to find out all you need to know about the University of Sydney!

The session will cover courses, admission requirements, entry schemes/pathways, fees, and scholarships, as well as support available on campus. Uni students and alumni from Regional NSW will share stories, tips on moving away from home and advice about their journey to university and beyond.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/meet-sydney-armidale-tickets-388899317327>

## PwC | Higher Apprenticeship Information Night

Thursday 18 August 2022, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Online

If you haven't gone to university but want to receive professional training to set you up in the technology industry, join our Higher Apprenticeship Program. And the best part of being a PwC Higher Apprentice? You'll get to earn an income while learning new skills and receiving two technology qualifications!

Experts will coach you in their field. You'll learn in a hands-on environment, forming relationships that will set you apart. You'll tackle varied, challenging work with a tangible impact on the community and business world.

Once you complete the Higher Apprenticeship program, you'll have the chance to join our Graduate program and continue growing at PwC. In 2022, 90% of the Higher Apprentices were offered graduate roles.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/pwc-higher-apprenticeship-information-night-tickets-386586910857>

## UNSW | 2022 Co-op Chat – Engineering

Thursday 18 August 2022, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

The Engineering sector encompasses a huge range of careers and specialisations from Civil, Chemical, Electrical and Mechanical, to Biomedical, and Photovoltaic & Renewable Energy. If you like to design, create and problem solve, and these sound like an area you might be interested in pursuing for your career, join us for an Engineering Careers Chat!

Hear from industry partners and sponsors, Co-op alumni, and current scholars as they share their experience of working and studying in the Engineering sector and answer any questions you might have about the experience.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/2022-co-op-career-chat-engineering-tickets-382757807907>

## University of Sydney | Pathways to Global Literacy

Wednesday 24 August 2022, 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Online

You're studying Society and Culture, or History, or a Language at school, and wondering how you can build on this at uni. You're interested in a particular part of the world that resonates with you. Sounds like a match? If so, Area Studies may be for you. Area Studies combines different perspectives to focus on one particular region, such as Asia, Europe, Latin America or the Middle East, in its own terms. Area Studies allows you to study past and present society and culture in these regions. This webinar will provide an overview of Area Studies and its benefits, and will introduce a sample of our many Area Studies offerings.

Find out more: [https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_WhYUyNt2RMA69dVK4ncflA](https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WhYUyNt2RMA69dVK4ncflA)

## Life after school: Broaden your horizons with Macquarie

Thursday 1 September 2022, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Online

Do you think a career in financial services is all about spreadsheets and dusty calculators? Think again! We're Macquarie – and we will show you everything a future career in banking and financial services has to offer.

At Macquarie, we're building a better future – whether that's accelerating the green energy transition, helping sustain global food supplies, financing social housing projects, investing in essential infrastructure or designing tomorrow's technology solutions – and we need YOU to help us do it.

If you're in Year 11 or 12, wondering about life after school, allow us to show you what a career with Macquarie can look like. Join us for this immersive virtual event where you'll get to hear from (and ask questions!) key members of our team as we explore:

- Just who Macquarie are, what we do, and how we're making a difference.
- The diverse career paths available for young people.
- The study subjects and degree programs we look for and how they align with our roles.
- Our top tips for making the most of the time you have now for future success.
- Where a career with Macquarie could take you.

This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone keen to explore a future in financial services and gain exclusive insights on planning your journey from one of the industry leaders.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/life-after-school-broaden-your-horizons-with-macquarie-virtual-event-tickets-384312407757>

## Sydney Design School | Info Session

Wednesday 7 September 2022, 6:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Sydney Design School

Find out everything you need to know about our flexible courses and career support. Our Director, Amanda Grace will introduce you to our unique philosophy, passionate Educators and industry focused approach to learning.

You can also join an on campus session live online via Zoom if you would prefer to stay at home.

Find out more: <https://sydneydesignschool.com.au/information-sessions/>

## AIE | Information Evening,

Wednesday 14 September 2022, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Academy of Interactive Entertainment, Ultimo

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, film, 3D animation and visual effects at the AIE Information Evening on Wed 14 September 2022. The evening 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. We will be showing off AIE student work and our staff and teachers will be available to chat with you about our courses and how AIE can get you into a creative career.

Find out more: [https://aie.edu.au/aie\\_event/information-evening/](https://aie.edu.au/aie_event/information-evening/)

## AMPA | Open Day

Saturday 24 September 2022, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Academy of Music and Performing, Surry Hills

The Academy of Music and Performing Arts (AMPA) invites you to Open Day on Saturday, 24 September. Industry talks, performance-based workshops and individual Q&A's. This year AMPA's Open Day will be bigger and better than ever.

Speak to staff and students to get a taste of what life's really like on campus. Find out what our recent graduates are up to, get the latest admissions information, explore the campus and bring all of your burning questions.

Whether you're passionate about dance, contemporary music, classical music, music theatre, music production, songwriting or composition, RSVP now to discover how you can take the lead with AMPA.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ampa-open-day-tickets-392948990007?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

## ACU | Talk with Nurses and Midwives

Wednesday 5 October 2022, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

Caring for others gives more than it takes. A career in nursing or midwifery means a career helping others.

Join us online to hear from ACU alumni about their experiences working as nurses and midwives. Take part in a Q&A session with our graduates and learn what it is like working on the frontline and using your skills to help people when they need it the most.

Find out more: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2022/october/talk-with-nurses-and-midwives>

## SCU | Q & A Webinar

Tuesday 11 October 2022, 6:00 pm

Online

Join our Q & A webinar. We will walk you through the process of applying, accepting your offer and enrolling to study at Southern Cross. You will hear from study experts and current students about popular pathways into university, Southern Cross Model, student support, studying online and graduate employment outcomes.

Find out more: <https://www.scu.edu.au/info-sessions/>

## NIE | UCAT and Pathways into Medicine Webinar

Wednesday 12 October 2022, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Online

Are you currently studying in years 10, 11 or 12? Are you considering a career in medicine or dentistry? If you have answered yes, then you may need to sit a compulsory entry exam known as UCAT (Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test) before you can apply to certain universities.

The National Institute of Education (NIE) is proud to present the free information seminar all about UCAT and the undergraduate pathways into medicine, dentistry, and some other health science programs. This is not a sales/advertising/promotional seminar. The session is packed with invaluable information during which we will be covering the following topics and more.

This forum is an excellent opportunity for teachers, students, and parents to find out about the UCAT and to have their questions answered by an expert who has been working in the field since 1999.

- What is UCAT? UCAT scores? UCAT Sub-tests?
- The Undergraduate Selection Criteria
- Application process into universities for medicine and dentistry
- When and who can sit the UCAT
- UCAT vs GAMSAT – How is UCAT different?
- Can you prepare for the UCAT?
- Undergraduate medical school interview explained and medical school interview preparation advice
- Gap Year
- Alternative degrees and career choices
- Q & A

Find out more: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_1GnR3yDOTbSCXkWqdzhs8A](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1GnR3yDOTbSCXkWqdzhs8A)

## Workshops and Courses

### UNE | Science @ Central

Wednesday 17 August 2022, 2:00 pm - Saturday 20 August 2022, 2:00 pm

Armidale Central

National Science week is Australia's annual celebration of Science and Technology. Running each year in August, it features more than 1000 events around Australia.

This year's National Science Week theme is "Glass: More Than Meets the Eye". Join the UNE Discovery team during National Science Week for some hands-on science play!

Come and look at the world a little differently through one of our microscopes or magnifying glasses. Explore our biological, ecological and geological specimens.

Have you ever wondered where rainbows come from? Come and create one with our glass prisms. Or become a light bender with some glass lenses. And while you're at it, why not make glass sing! There will be short activities, science experts to answer your questions, and most importantly, some National Science Week fun.

Find out more: <https://www.une.edu.au/connect/events/events/science-@-central>

### Indigenous Science Experience at Redfern

Saturday 20 August 2022, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Redfern Community Centre

What can Aboriginal astronomy tell us about the night sky? How is our native flora used in bush medicine? How do Indigenous Australians make axes from stone? What can we learn about sustainable living from 60,000+ years of Indigenous culture? Find out the answers to these questions and more at the Indigenous Science Experience.

This free, community open event is a celebration of Indigenous and Western science and highlights the relevance of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) to our everyday lives.

Come along to get hands-on with a diverse range of interactive science activities accessible to all ages. Activities will include: yarning with Elders on bush foods and medicines, Indigenous astronomy, maths puzzles, making Aboriginal tools, physics and chemistry activities, and much more. You will also meet Indigenous Elders and student leaders from the National Indigenous Science Education Program who will be assisting in demonstrating the activities.

Find out more: <https://www.scienceweek.net.au/event/indigenous-science-experience-at-redfern-2/redfern/>

### WSU | Free HSC Study Sessions

Monday 26 September 2022, 9:30 am - Friday 30 September 2022, 4:30 pm

Online

From 26-30 September 2022, Western Sydney University is offering a range of online study sessions to assist Year 12 students in their preparations for the HSC.

Delivered by highly qualified senior teachers, 26 free sessions across 14 key HSC subject areas, the sessions will include content analysis, tips and strategies, and a detailed exploration of key syllabus and curriculum areas. Students will also have the opportunity to sit a practice exam and deconstruction, with feedback and advice from experts.

Find out more: <https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/student-life/events/free-hsc-study-sessions>

## Scholarships

### ACU Accommodation Award for High Achievers

Value: 20% accommodation fee remission

Open/Closing Dates: August 1, 2022 – March 1, 2023

This accommodation scholarship supports high-achieving students undertaking undergraduate studies at ACU.

[Find out more](#)

### UOW the Illawarra Centenary of ANZAC Scholarship

Value: \$5,000 AUD per year

Open/Closing Dates: July 21, 2022 – December 9, 2022

The Illawarra ANZAC Scholarship is offered to assist students from the Illawarra (Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama) with their academic goals whilst undertaking studies at UOW. Applicants must have a connection to the Australian Defence Force, with either themselves, a parent or grandparent having served in an operational or peacekeeping role. Operational service with the Army Reserve qualifies.

[Find out more](#)

### UNSW Yiu-Cheung Medical Gateway Scholarship

Value: \$10,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: July 14, 2022 – September 30, 2022

The purpose of the Scholarship is to award a scholarship to a student enrolled through the Gateway Medicine Pathway or any successor scholarship scheme at UNSW for students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

[Find out more](#)

### Macquarie Business School Academic Excellence Scholarship

Value: Up to \$10,000 AUD per year

Open/Closing Dates: April 4, 2022 – February 3, 2023

The Macquarie Business School Academic Excellence Scholarship will recognise your potential and provide you with financial support as you study business at Macquarie University.

[Find out more](#)

### Elevate: Boosting women in STEM scholarships

Value: Up to \$82,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: July 29, 2022 – September 30, 2022

In addition to providing financial support, the program aims to address gender inequities in STEM through fostering more women-led industry-academia collaborations in applied research and business, growing professional skills of women in STEM and by propelling women into leadership.

[Find out more](#)



## Competitions

### Maths Modelling Challenge 2022

Ever wondered the maths behind how a pandemic spreads? Or the environmental impact of getting a lift to school? Or do you want to find out the link between climate change and your WhatsApp messages? Put your analytic brains to the test, working in small groups students have 3 real world mathematics challenges to choose and work through. Celebrating mathematics and the spirit of competition, this event aims to help high school students develop positive attitudes towards analytical thinking and mathematics that can assist in future careers.

The challenge is open to years 7 – 12 with entries welcome from all teams across year levels. There are no minimum team requirements per school entry. Enter a class in all year levels or just one, whatever works for you!

Join in and explore how mathematical modelling can show us not only how the world around us works – but how it can help to change it.

**Entries close 26 August.**

Find out more: <https://mielab.edu.au/mie-events/maths-modelling-challenge-2022/>

### BUFTA

The Bond University Film & Television Awards (BUFTA) is one of the premier film competitions for High School students around Australia. BUFTA gives Year 11 and 12 students the chance to win a full scholarship to study a Bachelor of Film and Television at Bond University.

There are no themes to adhere to, no objects you must use, no-one else's message to relay, simply let your imagination and ambition be your guide. There are eight categories that can be entered into, so grab your camera and go.

**Entries are open until 15 September.**

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.bufta.com.au/>

### Anthology Magazine Poetry Prize 2022

Established to recognise and encourage excellence in the craft of poetry writing and to provide a platform for publication, the Poetry Award is open to original and previously unpublished poems in the English language.

Entries are invited from poets of all nationalities, living anywhere in the world. Poems submitted must be on the theme of 'Dreams' and should not exceed 40 lines. There is no limit to entries per person.

The winner will receive a €500 cash prize and the chance to see their work published in a future issue of *Anthology*. The winner will also receive a one-year subscription to *Anthology* magazine.

**Entries close 31 October 2022.**

Find out more: <https://anthology-magazine.com/awards-awards/awards/poetry-award-anthology/>

## Work Experience

### goIT Girls – Virtual Work Experience Program

The goIT Girls program is a week-long work experience program aimed at female students in Years 10 and 11. At TCS, we are empowering Australian students with the skills they need to be ready for the workplace of the future.

Participants will meet senior executives from our company and from our client organisations. These executives will provide insight into the various STEM roles that exist across the business spectrum, with the hope of inspiring a new generation of innovators, problem solvers and technology professionals. The aim is to provide insight into the existence of gender occupational stereotypes in the technology industry in order to challenge and eventually overcome them.

goIT Girls has four areas of focus:

- Provide insight into the technology industry, and the application of technology in business.
- Challenge gender stereotypes by showcasing women in STEM as role models
- Build technical skills by and applying technology to solve business problems
- Enhance confidence and employability skills

### Eligibility

This is a free program for students in years 10-11 enrolled in Australian schools. The program is aimed at young women who are curious about a career in technology. Students do not need any prior experience with technology to participate.

**Program dates for 2022** (held online from 9:30am – 1:30pm AEST):

- 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022 – 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022
- 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022
- 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022
- 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022
- 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022

[Learn more](#)

### Grandshake Virtual Work Experiences

Grandshake offers a ton of awesome Virtual Work Experience programs for young people across Australia aged 14-19. These programs are a great way to get a taste of your dream career, all from your own home. And they help you learn some valuable skills along the way as well.

The programs run all year, during school and the holidays, so you can sign up to start at any time. The programs typically run for four weeks, with a 2-4 hour commitment per week. Best of all, they're totally free.

Take a look at some of the programs you can explore:

- [Communication and Sustainability Cadet](#)
- [Junior Environmental Planner](#)
- [Civil Construction Cadet](#)
- [Systems and Signals Operator](#)
- [Junior Digital Engineer](#)
- [Drone Pilot](#)
- [Electrical Technician](#)

[Learn more](#)

## Careers & Jobs

### Top 5 Jobs for Night Owls

Do you dread waking up at the break of dawn? Think working from 9 to 5 might not be for you? Don't worry – there are plenty of jobs out there for those who are more active at night. We've listed our top 5 below.

#### 1. Security Guard

A job as a security guard often means you'll be staying up late, protecting places like nightclubs and business while they're closed, as well as going over security footage.

You'll need to be fit and strong for this job, and be okay with working on your own for long periods of time.

Want to know more about becoming a security guard? Take a look at our [Security Industry Job Spotlight](#).

#### 2. Nurse or Paramedic

Health emergencies can occur at any time of the day or night, so nurses and paramedics need to be on call at all times.

Although this can be a physically and emotionally draining job, it's also extremely rewarding, and best suited to those passionate about helping others.

Find out more about becoming a paramedic in our [Job Spotlight](#).

#### 3. Call Centre Agent

A job as a call centre agent is easy to start with no qualifications required. Call centres are often open all hours, ready to receive calls from clients from around the world.

You'll need to be patient and a great communicator.

Interested? Check out our [Call Centre Agent Job Spotlight](#).

#### 4. Freelance Writer

Although writers might not have to work at night, the flexibility to choose your own hours can be a great bonus. Writing is also a varied career, with options in journalism, copywriting, or even creative writing.

Though having flexible work hours is nice, you'll need to be disciplined and stick to your schedule.

You can find out about career pathways in writing in this [Job Spotlight](#).

#### 5. Air Traffic Controller

Just like most of the things on this list, air travel doesn't stop at night. As an air traffic controller, you could be called in to work shifts overnight.

If you're focused and a quick-thinker, looking for a job that can take you anywhere in the world, this could be perfect for you.

Read more about a career in Air Traffic Control in our [Job Spotlight](#).

## Further Learning

### Study Overseas – information from the Australian Government

The Australian Government has put together some information for students planning to Study Overseas – there are lots of useful tips, advice and links to resources that could help you to make it all happen.

Read more – <https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/before-you-go/activities/studying>

### What you need to know about Co-op Scholarships

Successfully applying for a co-op scholarship could do much more for you than simply covering your costs.

#### Premium scholarships with extra value

[Scholarships](#) are generally sums of money donated to applicants who meet the eligibility requirements specific to that scholarship. There are thousands available in Australia.

They could really make a difference to your tertiary education experience by removing financial pressure and other barriers that could otherwise prevent you from achieving your goals. Or they could help you start your working life with less debt than you'd otherwise have.

How great is that?

Co-op Scholarships go the extra mile. Not only do they provide some financial benefit (or in some cases **a lot**), they could also provide you with amazing extras such as:

- Mentoring
- Leadership and development programs
- Work experience
- Paid internships
- Tuition fees paid
- Guaranteed accommodation
- Access to workshops and special events
- Networking

#### Who can apply for a Co-op Scholarship?

Each scholarship is unique to the institution or provider, so you'll have to check that you'll meet the eligibility requirements before you spend time applying.

Co-op scholarships are generally open to high achievers. If you think that doesn't sound like you, it's still worth checking – merit isn't just given for amazing academic results, although it is often a pre-requisite. Some scholarships will accept applications from people who've been recommended by their school for their outstanding contributions. Others want to reward individuals who've worked hard and made a difference with community involvement, or perhaps have shown great potential with their leadership abilities.

#### Competitive but worth the rewards

These esteemed scholarships are highly sought after, so the applications can be highly competitive – but they are definitely worth your time applying.

Many of these programs have a 100% success rate for employment upon graduation.

You might receive an income while you're still studying at uni, as some internships are salaried.

If you don't leave university with a job already lined up, the fact that you received a Co-op Scholarship will look fantastic on your resume, could appeal to potential employers, and may have provided you with relevant work experience and useful industry contacts.

In other words, you'll definitely be ahead of the pack.

## There are benefits to just applying for a co-op scholarship

Putting yourself forward for Co-op Scholarships and completing the application will give you invaluable experience in completing intricate applications and doing well at interviews.

Your confidence could receive a little boost knowing that you're considered eligible, that your application was considered, and that you put yourself outside your comfort zone and survived intact.

In some cases, if your application isn't successful but the panel were impressed by your application, they could suggest alternative scholarships and programs to apply for.

Even if you don't exactly meet the eligibility requirements but you're close, you've excelled in some areas and your application really stands out, providers might just bend the rules for an outstanding candidate...it could be you.

## So what's the catch?

If you're granted one of these highly prized Co-op Scholarships you'll be expected to take your studies seriously.

You'll have to make sure you stay on track and achieve your predicted ATAR results (or better).

Once you've enrolled at university and started your course, you'll have to maintain the required GPA in order to keep the scholarship. You might even have to comply with other requirements, e.g.:

- Help out at orientation week
- Commit to helping out on campus
- Active involvement within your chosen department
- Attending all additional programs and events that you're entitled to

## Get help finding out more about Co-op Scholarship programs

At Study Work Grow we've done the research for you and put it all in one easy to read place; our updated guide contains:

- Institutions and providers who are offering this specific kind of co-op scholarship
- Scholarship values and inclusions
- Eligibility criteria
- Application process
- Key dates

You can find all of this information and more in our [Co-op Scholarships Guide](#).

## Frequently asked questions (FAQs) about Co-op Scholarships

### What ATAR do I need to be eligible for a co-op scholarship?

It really depends on the institution. For example, at [UNSW](#) you'll need a predicted ATAR of 96 or above to apply, whereas at [Federation Uni](#) if you have a predicted ATAR of 80 you could be eligible.

Some programs don't even specify an ATAR.

### How are co-op scholars selected?

The application process for each scholarship varies, but you'll often have to:

- Meet all the eligibility requirement
- Complete a special application form available from the institutions before the closing date
- Provide supporting evidence and recommendations
- Complete a personal statement, answer some questions, or prepare a video or other element of the application
- Attend and interview to be assessed

You should carefully read all of the application details for the Co-op Scholarship you're interested in applying for to make sure you know exactly what to do.

## Can I defer my Co-op Scholarship?

Some scholarships allow you to defer, but it's unlikely Co-op Scholarships will because they are so competitive and sought after – you'll need to check with the individual provider to confirm this though. If you are successful in receiving a scholarship and then need to defer your enrolment, you might have to complete another application and go through the entire process the following year (if the institution allows for that).

## Applying to University in the UK from Australia

If you'd like to study in the UK, there are a few things that you'll need to know.

### Step 1 – Find out about Student Visa requirements

It's a great idea to start by looking at the [UKCISA \(UK Council for International Student Affairs\)](#) website. They specialise in providing advice and information to international students.

You'll have to make sure that you meet the [requirements for a Student Visa](#) and are eligible before you apply.

Make sure that you only take advice about your student visa from lawyers authorised by a designated professional body (for example, barristers, solicitors and legal executives) or advisers regulated by the [Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner](#) (OISC).

### Step 2 – Will your Australian results qualify you to apply?

As a general guide, universities look for qualifications that are equivalent to the British high school A-levels. This usually means finishing Year 12 and receiving your high school certificate.

Each university you apply to will look at your results (including ATAR and individual subject results) and use them to determine the equivalent UK results. For example, the [London School of Economics](#) considers an ATAR of 96 to be equivalent to an A-level grade of AAB.

Similar to universities here, some degrees might also have pre-requisite subjects (such as Biology for medicine).

A portfolio may also be required for some art and design courses.

### Step 3 – Make sure your studies will be officially recognised

Check if the University you'd like to study at provides officially recognised degrees on the gov.uk website here: <https://www.gov.uk/check-university-award-degree>.

### Step 4 – Apply

The UK has a centralised applications system over there that's a little like our TACs here in Australia (UAC, VTAC, QTAC, SATAC, TISC). It's called [UCAS](#) (the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) and is generally the easiest way for you to get into a UK-based institution.

You can apply for up to a maximum of five universities through this one online portal.

You can read a detailed guide on how to apply through UCAS here:

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/filling-your-ucas-undergraduate-application>

### Writing a personal statement

If you're applying through UCAS, you'll need to include a personal statement as part of your application. The personal statement is one of (if not the most) important parts of your university application in the UK.

It's a chance for you to tell the unis about yourself and why you should study with them. Keep in mind that you will only submit one statement that goes to all the unis you apply to.

See some tips on writing a personal statement here: <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/writing-personal-statement/how-write-personal-statement>

## Getting a reference

You'll also need to include a reference in your application. This is a written recommendation from a teacher, careers adviser, or professional who knows you academically. Everyone needs a reference unless you get permission from your chosen universities and colleges.

Find out more about references here: <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/how-get-ucas-undergraduate-reference>

## Your exam results

Because Australian schools run on a different schedule to schools in the UK (their academic year begins in September and ends in June/July), you'll need to manually submit your results to the universities once you receive them. Some universities will ask for your results as soon as you submit your application, while others may conduct a preliminary assessment before asking for proof of your results.

If you haven't received your results yet, you'll need to supply predicted results instead.

## You might be asked to attend an interview

Part of your application might include attending an interview. This is an important step in the process, so being prepared is crucial.

You can find out more about the interview process here: <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/undergraduate-interview-invitations>

## Make sure you apply before the [2023 entry application deadlines](#)

Like here in Australia, you'll need to get your applications in on time. Late applications aren't accepted, so if you miss out you're going to have to wait until next year (which isn't the end of the world as you'll be able to take your time choosing subjects, work to save up some money, or take a Gap Year).

- **Applications are open now for 2023 study** – they opened on 17 May this year.
- **15 October 2022 at 18:00 (UK time) early applications close** for 2023 entry to any course at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, or for most courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science, and dentistry. You can add choices with a different deadline later, but don't forget you can only have five choices in total.
- **25 January 2023 at 18:00 (UK time) equal consideration applications close** for 2023 entry to the majority of courses.
- **30 June 2023 at 18.00 (UK time)** is the last chance for you to have your applications sent to the university of your choice. Any applications received after this date will go through the clearing system (see below).
- **21 September 2023 at 18.00 (UK time)** is the final deadline for applications to 2023 courses.

Once you've submitted your UCAS application, you can track your progress here:

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/tracking-your-ucas-application>

## Types of offers

Once your application has been processed by the university, they will send you an offer. It can either be conditional (you need to meet extra requirements before it becomes certain), unconditional (you're in as soon as you accept), or unsuccessful (unfortunately you didn't get in during this round of applications).

Find out more about the different types of offers: <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/ucas-undergraduate-types-offer>

### **Step 6: If you don't get an offer you can still apply though Clearing**

If you didn't get an offer from any universities, all is not lost. UCAS has a process known as Clearing – a way for universities to fill any spots they have remaining after offers have been sent.

Once Clearing applications open (usually around July) search on the UCAS website for any courses available in Clearing, then either express your interest or contact the university directly to discuss your options.

Find out more about Clearing: <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/results-confirmation-and-clearing/what-clearing>

### **Step 7: Research and apply for any Scholarships, grants, and bursaries for international students**

Just like here in Australia, universities and other providers in the UK offer a variety of scholarships and grants to help you fund your studies.

To find scholarships, the best place to look is on the website of the university you're interested in or contact them directly.

See more about scholarships and financial support: <https://www.ucas.com/finance/scholarships-grants-and-bursaries/scholarships-grants-and-bursaries-eu-and-international-students>

### **Step 8: Plan where you'll be living**

If you get into a uni in the UK, the next thing you'll need to do is find accommodation. Like here in Australia, you can choose between on-campus accommodation at the university, or private accommodation somewhere else.

UCAS has lots of great resources on finding accommodation here: <https://accommodation.ucas.com/>

### **Virtual Open Days and Expos**

Before you start your applications, attending open days is a great way to get a feel for a university and ask any lingering questions you might have. Even if you're on the other side of the world, you can always attend a virtual open day from the comfort of home.

Find open day events in the UK (including virtual) here: <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/events-and-open-days>

### **You can apply directly to universities as well**

The same as here, in the UK lots of universities allow you to apply directly as well. If you know where you'd like to study, hop onto the uni website and look for their applications pages or head for the international students' pages.

Contact them for more details about the process and what you'll need to do to apply. They're there to help you and will often have students who've been through the process to advise you.

### **Other resources**

Get tips and advice from other Australian Students who've studied in the UK from the British Council on their website: <https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/>

Lots of universities have their own international student teams who you can contact for more help and advice.

You can also use services like [AUG](#) to find out more information; for a fee they can help you to apply as well.



## Resources

### Student Exchange Programs

Have you always dreamed of travelling overseas and experiencing new things? Through a Student Exchange Program, you could have the opportunity to study and live in another country.

#### What is Student Exchange?

As the name suggests, Student Exchange gives you the opportunity to travel to another country and attend school there – and in return, a student from the country you’re visiting will live and study in Australia.

You’ll attend school and learn just like the other students, and experience life with a host family. You can study overseas from as little as four weeks all the way up to an entire year.

#### Where can I go?

There are lots of countries you can choose from – you’ll need to check with your school or private provider. The most popular destination countries for Australian and New Zealand students include USA, UK, Germany, France, Japan, Italy, Canada, Belgium, Spain and Argentina.

#### Am I eligible?

If you’d like to participate in a Student Exchange program, you generally need to be between the ages of 15-18 (in Year 9-12), and an Australian or New Zealand citizen or permanent resident. Some schools and States might have additional specific eligibility criteria, including minimum academic requirements, so make sure to check first.

You’ll also need to be prepared to travel away from your friends and family, feel comfortable in an unfamiliar place, and potentially meet language requirements (depending on where you’d like to travel).

#### How can I organise a placement?

You’ll need to speak to your school or find a registered provider in order to organise your exchange. If you’re organising exchange through a private provider, make sure they are registered to provide programs in your State or Territory – this means the provider is safe and reliable, meaning you can travel with less stress.

You should start organising your placement as soon as possible, as you’ll generally need to apply quite early and there may be caps on how many students can go on exchange each year.

#### Where can I find out more?

Find out more about Student Exchange in your State or Territory:

- [New South Wales](#)
- [Victoria](#)
- [Queensland](#)
- [Australian Capital Territory](#)
- [South Australia](#)
- [Western Australia](#)
- [Northern Territory](#)
- [Tasmania](#)
- [New Zealand](#)

## National Science Week 2022

This year, National Science Week will take place from Saturday 13 to Sunday 21 August.

All around Australia there will be a huge variety of live online events, virtual tours, competitions and fun activities to participate in and grow your STEM knowledge.

Take a look at what's on and find a whole bunch of resources here: <https://www.scienceweek.net.au/>

## Three ways you'll use your history skills at work

Ever wondered what the point is in learning all about the things that have been and gone? History has a lot to teach us about where we come from and where we might go in the future, and you'll need the skills you gain from studying history throughout your life.

The study of history helps us understand what has happened, and teaches us the skills to critically reflect on the evidence to reach a decision about what took place.

Read more here: <https://whywestudy.com/three-ways-youll-use-your-history-skills-at-work/>

## Job Spotlight

### How to become a Fitter

Fitters are qualified tradespeople who shape, assemble, and fit machinery parts (generally made of metal). You might be putting together brand new parts as a Fitter and Turner, or repairing and maintaining old parts as a Maintenance Fitter.

If you like to work with your hands and have a mind for maths, this could be the perfect job for you.

#### About you:

- Excellent problem solver
- Fit and active
- Good with your hands
- Great maths skills
- Precise and analytical
- Safety minded
- Quick thinking
- Works well under pressure

#### The job:

- Reviewing plans, drawings, and blueprints
- Choosing appropriate materials and machining methods
- Using tools to cut, file, plane, bore and drill metal
- Fitting and assembling fabricated parts
- Checking accuracy and fit of parts
- Diagnosing issues with parts and repairing them
- Performing general maintenance on machines
- Ensuring WHS rules are strictly followed

### Lifestyle Impact: Moderate

- Part Time opportunities: Very low – only around 6% of Fitters work part-time (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- Average hours for full-time workers: 51 hours a week, which is above average (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- Fitters' salary (average) \$80,000\* per year (source: seek.com.au). \*Salaries vary depending on your skills and experience.
- Future career growth: Stable (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- You'll be doing most of your work indoors in manufacturing plants and workshops, as well as some work out in the field.

### Fitters are most in demand in these locations:

Around 62,200 people worked as Fitters in Australia in 2021 (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).

There is huge demand for Fitters in Western Australia and Queensland. Most Fitters work in the Mining, Manufacturing, and Construction industries.

### How to become a Fitter in Australia

To become a Fitter in Australia you will need to complete a relevant VET course, usually as part of an apprenticeship.

Step 1 – Complete Year 10 with a focus on English and Maths.

Step 2 – Find an employer willing to take you on as an apprentice, or consider a school-based apprenticeship.

Step 3 – Complete your VET qualification, usually a [Certificate III in Engineering – Mechanical Trade](#), while getting on-the-job experience.

Step 4 – Once you've completed your apprenticeship, start working as a fully qualified Fitter.

Step 5 – Consider specialising with further training.

Find out more here –

<http://manufacturingaustralia.com.au/>

### Similar Careers to Fitter

Joiner

Carpenter

Surveyor

Engineer

Mechanic

Plumber

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

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### **What do Fitters do?**

Fitters are responsible for manufacturing and fitting machine parts.

### **Which industries employ Fitters?**

Fitters are mostly employed in the Mining, Manufacturing, and Construction industries.

### **What options are there for career progression?**

You can start out with a basic qualification, before choosing to specialise in a particular area, including Diesel and Heavy Machinery, Marine, Mining, Construction, and more.

### **Do I need to go to university to become a Fitter?**

No, but you will need to complete a VET qualification and get some hands-on experience, preferably through an apprenticeship.

### **Where do Fitters work?**

Fitters usually work for private businesses, but can also work for local councils and government bodies. With enough experience, you might even like to consider starting your own business.

### **What are 3 things I can do right now to help me become a Fitter?**

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

1. Get hands-on wherever you can – take a woodworking or shop class at school, offer to fix your mate's broken bike, or even put together your own computer at home.
2. See if you can find work experience in manufacturing or a related field. This will help you see if you might enjoy the work, and can help you start building important contacts for the future.
3. Talk to a Fitter to see what a day in their life is like. If you don't know anyone, see if you can watch videos or documentaries about a career in construction or manufacturing.

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