



Careers Newsletter

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University of Sydney | Pathways to studying Law at Sydney

April 3, 2024

Did you know, there are many pathways to studying law at the University of Sydney? Hear from our panel of current students who have joined the law community at Sydney through alternate pathways, transferring or studying graduate entry law.

[Find out more](#)

Sydney Design School | Information Session

April 3, 2024

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.

Our sessions are also streamed live online via Zoom. Register to receive a link closer to the date of your Info Session.

[Find out more](#)

Notre Dame | Bachelor of Biomedical Science and Doctor of Medicine – Assured Pathway Webinar

April 3, 2024

Do you aspire to be a doctor? Join our School of Medicine to learn everything you need to know about our Assured Pathway to Medicine. The session is designed for year 11 and year 12 students from all around the world.

[Find out more](#)

UAC Digital | ATAR to Uni Success: Applying to Uni with Ease

April 3, 2024

Join our webinar to learn how to navigate the UAC application for uni entry in 2025.

Topics discussed include:

- ATAR calculation
- Application and offer timeline
- Explanation of 'Adjustment Factors' and 'Selection Ranks'
- How to effectively preference uni courses

Our expert speakers will equip you with the knowledge and strategies to enhance your application and maximise your chances for success. Don't miss out on this opportunity to get ahead with your university applications.

[Find out more](#)



University of Sydney | Year 12 Environmental Engineering Evening

April 4, 2024

Join us as we celebrate the debut of the University of Sydney's Bachelor of Engineering Honours (Environmental Engineering) degree.

Students presently in Year 12 will be granted exclusive access to our cutting-edge laboratories, where they can observe the transformative effects of environmental engineering through real-world demonstrations. They will have the privilege of engaging with experienced environmental engineers actively shaping the field. Attendees can delve deeper into our pioneering degree program, slated to commence in 2025.

[Find out more](#)

NIE | Simulated UCAT Day Workshop, Online

April 6, 2024

If you are in Years 10, 11, 12, or you may be older and considering sitting the UCAT in the future, then this program is for you. The Simulated UCAT Workshop program is ideal and often a necessary step towards effective and efficient preparation for the UCAT. The workshop is primarily designed to cover fundamental techniques in navigating all five sections of the UCAT test and also for participants to gain a better understanding of their own level of preparedness for the test.

[Find out more](#)

AIM | School Holiday Workshops

April 8, 2024

AIM's new school holiday workshop is designed for high school students interested in Music Performance and Songwriting. Created for students in Years 9-12, the workshops provide incredible opportunities to experience playing, performing, and writing music, mentored by AIM's own accomplished musicians and educators.

[Register for the Music Performance Workshop](#)

[Register for the Songwriting Workshop](#)

ACU | Talk with Innovative Teachers

April 9, 2024

Join us online to hear from ACU alumni about life after university. Take part in a Q&A session with our graduates and get an insider's perspective on the future of education.

[Find out more](#)

UniMelb | UniMelb 101: A webinar for NSW and ACT students

April 9, 2024

Always wondered what it's like to study at the University of Melbourne? Excited to live and learn in Australia's cultural capital?

If you're from New South Wales or the Australian Capital Territory, this is your chance to learn what life is like at UniMelb and how to navigate the move from interstate. In this specially designed information session we'll cover:

- How our Melbourne curriculum supports you to explore your passions, follow your curiosity and find your path through our wide range of majors and breadth subjects
- Our Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) Access Melbourne which takes into consideration your personal circumstances in your application – you may even be eligible for guaranteed entry
- The new Narrm Scholarship Program for eligible Access Melbourne recipients which offers a relocation allowance and tailored enrichment program to help you with the cost of moving and to build your connections and make the most of your time at Melbourne
- Our University Accommodation options and student life initiatives to support you in making Melbourne your new home and feeling welcomed by our community
- How you can take advantage of opportunities in and out of the classroom, such as concurrent diplomas, work-integrated learning and internships, exchange programs, and peer mentoring.



You'll also hear from some of our current students who have made the move from New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, and be able to ask them questions about their experience.

[Find out more](#)

ACU | Talk with Lawyers and Human Rights Advocates

April 10, 2024

Join us online to hear from ACU alumni about life after university. Take part in a Q&A session with our graduates and get an insider's perspective on working in law and human rights.

[Find out more](#)

WSU | Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Future Students Information Evenings

April 10 to April 11, 2024

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Future Students Information Evenings at Western Sydney University are an opportunity to hear about what programs are on offer and how Western can help you during your studies. Learn about the different pathways to study, the support services available, scholarships on offer and life on campus.

Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday 10 April | 4.00pm – 5.30pm
Campbelltown campus
- Thursday 11 April | 4.00pm – 5.30pm
Penrith (Kingswood) Campus

[Find out more](#)

Ocean Youth Summit

April 11 to April 12, 2024

We're super excited that the inaugural Ocean Youth Summit 2024 is just around the corner! The very first Ocean Youth Summit's primary aims are to:

1. Showcase and create youth-led stories and solutions for ocean health,
2. Build the capacity of the next generation to make and influence sustainable choices to reduce our impacts on the ocean and,
3. Have fun, meet like-minded people and get inspired to take positive action for our one and only blue home!

The Summit promises to be full of inspiration and motivation to save our ocean with Young Australian of the Year 2023 Lottie Dalziel, Sustainable Ocean Plan Taskforce member Jordan Dwyer, Ocean Youth Ambassador and Climate Week Program Manager Emily Rowland, Farmwall Founder Indiana Rhind, and Climate Advocate Kal Glanznig, just to name a few of our amazing youth ocean advocates and entrepreneurs. More speakers and panellists will be announced over the coming weeks.

Day 1 is about showcasing youth-led stories and solutions for our ocean. There'll be keynote talks, panel discussions with experts and thought leaders, and an afternoon of interactive workshops including making underwater films, learning about the microscopic critters in our harbour, creating a collaborative vision for the ocean we want, upcycling destructive fishing gear and more.

Day 2 is about creating youth-led stories and solutions for our ocean. Youth climate advocate Kal Glanznig will open up this session, sharing his insights from the COPs as well as how young people can show us all how it's done! We'll also be guided by the wonderful staff at Ocean Impact Organisation to create our own solutions to the wicked challenges our ocean faces.

[Find out more](#)

AIE | Industry Experience Day

April 11 to April 17, 2024

AIE's Industry Experience Day is a great opportunity for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to learn about the local and international game development, 3D animation and visual effects industries. Students will get the opportunity to learn about the different pathways to get into the industry, what should be in a portfolio and will be able to get creative in practical workshops using industry-standard 3D animation and game development tools.



The sessions are run by industry professionals who have worked on some blockbuster games and films. Everything is provided for you to participate in the hands-on workshops and you will be using the same software that is used in the industry.

[Find out more](#)

AIM | School Holiday HSC Masterclass

April 12, 2024

AIM's HSC Performance Workshop is designed exclusively for Year 12 Music 1 and 2 students who are interested in improving and polishing their performance works for their assessments, trial performances and HSC.

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle | Campus Tours

April 12, 2024

If you're thinking about study at the University of Newcastle, let our Student Ambassadors show you some of our must-see teaching and learning spaces. Not only will you get a personalised tour, but an opportunity to ask as many questions as you have about what uni life is really like!

Campus tour locations and times:

- Callaghan and Ourimbah: starting at 10:00am
- Central Coast Clinical School: starting at 12:00pm
- NUSpace: starting at 2:00pm
- Q Building: starting at 3:00pm

[Find out more](#)

Macquarie | Experience Days

April 16 to April 19, 2024

Make the most of the April school holidays by spending 'a day in the life' of a uni student!

Our Experience Macquarie Days give you the opportunity to attend information sessions and interactive workshops, tour our state-of-the-art facilities and learning spaces, and explore our campus with a Macquarie student guide. You'll have the flexibility to structure your day around your interests – the choice is yours. Whether you're certain about your future path or you're still exploring your options, these taster days will give you a feel for university life, connect you with students just like you, and maybe even get you thinking about fields of study that you're yet to consider.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Health Sciences at ACU North Sydney

April 16, 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.

Take part in hands-on workshops, tour our facilities and hear from current students about a rewarding career as a health professional.

[Find out more](#)

UOW | EmpowerHER STEM Summit

April 16 to April 17, 2024

The University of Wollongong is thrilled to announce the return of the EmpowerHER STEM Summit in 2024. This hand-on, two-day event, taking place during the April school holidays, is exclusively designed for fierce female students in Years 10, 11 & 12.

Brace yourself for an exciting experience as we raise the STEM-bar for girls and ignite their passion for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths (STEM)!

Students will journey through UOW's vibrant Wollongong Campus, the awe-inspiring Innovation Campus, and



mind blowing Bluescope site. Accompanied by faculty, current students, and industry professionals, this event promises an enriching, yet collaborative experience.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Teaching and Social Work at ACU Strathfield

April 17, 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.

Take part in hands-on workshops, tour our facilities and hear from current students about a rewarding career as a teacher or social worker.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW | Year 10 & 11 Experience Days

April 22 to April 24, 2024

Join us on campus for a day and discover what it's like to be a UNSW student. Find your dream degree by exploring study areas that interest you.

- Choose from +45 different workshops
- Connect with current students & experts
- Explore UNSW's vibrant campus lifestyle
- Enjoy a free lunch from our delicious food trucks

[Find out more](#)

WSU | School of Nursing & Midwifery - Immersion Days

April 30 to May 3, 2024

Join us at one of our campuses to learn about our undergraduate nursing and midwifery programs and the various entry pathways. You will also have the opportunity to explore our Clinical Practice Units, participate in interactive activities and take part in a guided campus tour.

Parramatta Campus

Tuesday 30th April 2024

10:00am – 12:30pm

Campbelltown Campus

Wednesday 1st May

10:00am – 12:30pm

Hawkesbury Campus

Thursday 2nd May

10:00am – 12:30pm

Liverpool Campus

Friday 3rd May

10:00am – 12:30pm

[Find out more](#)

UNE | Open Day 2024

May 3, 2024

Open Day is a great opportunity to visit our Armidale campus, chat with staff and students to learn more about the courses on offer, check out the facilities, attend talks and information sessions, and get taste of uni life.

Talk one-on-one with lecturers, unit coordinators and students about your study options and career pathways, and learn everything you need to know about applying to UNE, the Early Entry program, and scholarships from our friendly Future Students Team.

[Find out more](#)

ANU | Early Entry Application Q&A

May 7, 2024

An opportunity to get your last minute questions about our direct entry application answered by staff from admissions and accommodation before applications close on 13 May 2024. They will answer commonly asked questions, and there will be time for you to ask your own – come prepared with any questions you might have!

[Find out more](#)



BiG Day In, Parramatta

May 15, 2024

Join us on Wednesday 15 May for 2024 BiG Day In Parramatta. Bring your Year 9-12 students along to WSU CBD Campus to hear from presenters from Westpac, Microsoft, Google, Wisetech Global & more to come so they can learn where a STEM career can take them.

[Find out more](#)

Greater Western Sydney Careers Market 2024

May 22 to May 23, 2024

This event offers exhibitors the opportunity to speak to thousands of Greater Western Sydney high school students and careers advisers as these students explore career paths and further education options available to them.

Organisations such as Universities, Registered Training Organisations (RTO), Apprenticeship Centre's, Group training Organisations, Private Colleges, Professional Associations and Employers attend this event to inform students about everything they need to know, covering all questions about careers and educational options after high school.

[Find out more](#)

HSC and Careers Expo 2024

May 30 to June 1, 2024

The HSC and Careers Expo celebrates its 16th year in 2024!

Our exhibitors include:

- universities, TAFE colleges and training providers
- providers of HSC resources, information and services
- organisations with apprenticeship information and opportunities
- organisations with employment opportunities
- organisations with cadetship opportunities
- career advisers and student support services
- providers of tutoring services, lecture and study skills programs
- providers of international exchange and GAP year programs
- providers of youth services and programs

Attend seminars on topics including:

- HSC subjects
- Subject selection advice for Year 10 students
- Tertiary courses
- Careers & employment opportunities
- Study advice
- Gap year options

[Find out more](#)

Charles Sturt | EngFest 2024

June 3 to June 6, 2024

EngFest is Charles Sturt's annual celebration of civil engineering, with exhibitions and presentations of student works and research, school visits and information sessions, a careers expo, industry networking, professional development events and more.

It brings together students, cadet and professional civil engineers, researchers, representatives of Engineers Australia, interested members of the public and school students.

[Find out more](#)



YES (Young Entrepreneur Summit) Sydney

June 14, 2024

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

YES is a super high energy, action-packed event for Primary School and Secondary School students that features keynote presentations, panel discussions and interactive group workshops on a whole range of 'adulting skills' such as leadership, public speaking, financial literacy, ideation, collaboration and team work.

[Find out more](#)

ACPE | Open Day 2024

June 22, 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](#)

Ellison Scholars Programme

Opens: May 14, 2024

Closes: October 15, 2024

The Ellison Scholars programme features project-based learning with mentorship by world experts. The Scholars will work collaboratively with other Scholars and EIT Faculty to solve problems that matter to humankind. The Scholars programme fully funds course fees at the University of Oxford, and includes a generous stipend to cover all living expenses. It will prepare Scholars to become global technology innovators and leaders of the future.

[Find out more](#)

Non-Trivial Fellowship

Opens: February 1, 2024

Closes: June 9, 2024

An 8-week online fellowship for young people to start an impactful research, policy, or entrepreneurial project. With flexible participation options, the Fellowship can be completed part-time alongside other programs and schoolwork. The fellowship operates across all timezones. You'll work with your project group and conduct your 1:1 meetings at a time convenient to you.

[Find out more](#)

Harmony Day Short Film Competition 2024

Closes: April 12, 2024

The Harmony Day Short Film Competition is open to all Primary and Secondary School students in Australia. The theme for 2024 is "Harmony – what can we do?". Students can submit short films of 90 to 120 seconds in length.

[Find out more](#)

Harmony Day Song Writing Competition 2024

Closes: April 12, 2024

The Harmony Day Song Writing Competition is open to school students in all schools in Australia. Entries are based on the student's school year for 2024.

The theme for 2023 is "Harmony – what can we do?". Students must write an original 2 minute song about the theme. Students may write their own tune or use one of the two tunes provided.

[Find out more](#)

Harmony Day Poster Competition 2024

Closes: April 12, 2024

The Harmony Day Poster Competition is open to school students in all schools in Australia. Entries are based on the student's school year for 2024.



The theme for 2024 is “Harmony – what can we do?”. Students can submit an artwork in A3 size.

[Find out more](#)

2024 National History Challenge

Closes: August 23, 2024

The National History Challenge is a research-based competition for students. It gives students a chance to be historians, researching world history, examining Australia’s past, investigating their community or exploring their own roots.

The theme for 2024 is “Crisis and Response”.

[Find out more](#)

[How to choose the right international university for you](#)

Deciding to study at university is a huge step – and going overseas to do it is even bigger. With thousands of options out there, it can be hard to know where to start when it comes to choosing the right international university to study at. So where do you begin? We have some tips you might find helpful.

Think about what you want to study

Knowing what you want to study can help narrow down your options. Follow your heart and choose something you’re passionate about – but don’t forget to be realistic as well. Consider whether your dream job requires certain qualifications, if international qualifications are recognised in your home country, or if your qualification will be sufficient to help you find work if you want to stay after your study is finished.

Start researching locations

Chances are if you want to study overseas, you already have your heart set on a location. Do some research about the country or city you’d like to study in. What is it like to live there? What are living costs like? If you’re moving to a country with a different native language, do you feel comfortable speaking it (or are you willing to learn)? If you want to stay and work after finishing your studies, what are the career opportunities like in your chosen field?

Climate and weather can also be a big factor, including whether or not you’ll need to be prepared for natural disasters. Depending on how far you move, you might need to buy an entire new wardrobe of clothes!

You might also like to research a country’s laws and attitude towards certain communities, particularly if you’re a woman or LGBTQIA+, as you might find your rights and safety are different compared to your home country.

Take a look at universities

Now that you know what you want to study and where, you can start looking at universities. Check out university websites and see what kinds of courses they offer, or do some research into their [rankings and ratings](#). Carefully research their admissions process for international students, and see if you can read reviews from current or former students about their experience. Importantly, find out what language classes are taught in and if this will work for you.

Don’t forget to consider other factors too, like clubs, extra-curricular activities, student support services, accommodation options, and careers guidance.

You can also attend virtual open days and webinars to learn more and ask any questions you might have.

Do up a budget

Moving out of home and studying both come with a lot of expenses. Here are some things you’ll need to make sure you can cover:

- Tuition fees and study expenses (textbooks, etc.)
- Accommodation fees or rent
- Daily living expenses (food, essentials, luxuries)
- Flights to your destination
- If you’re bringing stuff with you, the cost of having things moved
- Visa or sponsorship costs



- Extra money set aside for emergencies

This is also a good time to research [scholarship](#) and funding opportunities that might be able to help cover some of these expenses.

You'll also need to consider how you're going to cover these costs on an ongoing basis – are you lucky enough to get funding from parents, or will you need to find part-time work while you study?

Make your move

Once you've done your research and feel confident, the final step is to apply! Or if you're still not quite sure, that's OK too – universities often have multiple intake dates, or you might like to look into similar options like [student exchange](#) instead.

Whatever your future holds, we wish you the best of luck, and hope these tips have helped you choose the right international university for you.

You can read more about your study options on our website [here](#).

What are my future options?

After you finish school, there's a whole wide world of future options out there for you. Maybe you want to study. Maybe you want to work. Maybe you want to travel. But how do you know what the right choice is for you? Well, you've got lots of options. And if one pathway doesn't quite fit, there's bound to be another. Let's take a look.

University

This is probably what most people think of when they're asked about what they want to do after school.

University is a great option if you have a career in mind, and know what you need to study to get there (for example, if you want to be a doctor, you're going to have to study medicine).

Many students finish high school and use their results to gain entry to university. But this is far from the only way. There are a ton of alternative pathways you can take if your first option doesn't work out.

You can find out more about applying to uni on our website [here](#).

Vocational education

Speaking of study, uni isn't your only option. Vocational education and training (or VET) is a great way to get skilled for work, often in a much shorter time frame than university. Most VET courses don't have any entry requirements either, so you don't need to stress about results.

And if you decide you do want to study at uni one day, you can use your VET qualification for entry.

You could even combine work and study by doing an [apprenticeship or traineeship](#).

Find out more about VET pathways and options [here](#).

Work

Maybe you don't want to do any more study, and that's OK too. There are lots of jobs out there that you don't need a qualification to jump into.

Or, you could start at the bottom and work your way up – maybe you've had your retail job for a while, and there's an opportunity to become manager. Even better, you might come up with the next big idea and start your own business.

You might even find that you can access some pathways you thought you'd need a degree for – but this will usually take lots and lots of time and experience.

Interested in the world of work? Take a look at our resources [here](#).

Gap year

Not quite sure what you want to do just yet? That's totally fine! You can always take some time off to evaluate your future options and spend time growing as a person.

Traditionally people take a gap year to travel, though this changed a bit thanks to COVID. Luckily, lots of travel and exchange programs are opening back up. You can combine your travel with work, or just get out there and have some great experiences.

Even if you don't want to travel, there's so much you can do – you could volunteer, pick up a new hobby, learn a new language, build your soft skills... The list is nearly endless.

Read more about your gap year options [here](#).



Combine your options

You might've already figured this out, but one of the best (and most common) things to do is combine your options.

While you're studying, you might like to get a casual or part-time job. If you want to work full-time, you could upskill with microprograms or short courses that won't take time out of your busy day. Pick up a job while you travel overseas. Get a VET qualification, then use it to get into uni. Take some time off to rest and relax, then start studying mid-year.

The options out there are nearly endless! And if you don't end up liking the pathway you've chosen? You can always try a different one. Even if it's after six months, or twenty years down the track.

Wherever you want to go, there's probably more than one pathway you can take to get there.

Want to find out more?

You can find heaps of resources to help you discover your future options on [Study Work Grow](#).

[How to become a Public Relations Professional](#)

Public relations professionals use their communication skills to build relationships between organisations and the public. They implement communication and marketing strategies that help people understand what organisations do and their role within the community, and help maintain the organisation's good reputation.

If you're a skilled communicator, confident with public speaking, and want a job that can take you almost anywhere in the world, becoming a public relations professional could be perfect for you.

What skills do I need as a public relations professional?

- Great communicator
- Can work well under pressure
- Excellent public speaker
- Confident & reliable
- Trustworthy & friendly
- Organised with good time management skills
- Adaptable & can think on your feet
- Works well in a team & independently

What tasks can I expect to do?

- Prepare and implement publicity campaigns and media strategies
- Speak to the media and public on behalf of an organisation
- Organise and attend special events for publicity
- Create crisis management plans to help maintain a good reputation
- Monitor press and media coverage about an organisation
- Advise management and executives on the public impact of their policies and decisions
- Collect and analyse data about public opinion
- Proof and approve external communications about an organisation

What industries do public relations professionals typically work in?

- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
- Public Administration and Safety
- Health Care and Social Assistance

What kind of lifestyle can I expect?

Part-time roles are relatively uncommon for public relations professionals, with most working full-time. There is also the chance that you will have to do some overtime or weekend work.

Most public relations professionals earn an average wage.

Most of your work will be done indoors, with lots of face-to-face and interpersonal communication. There is



often the opportunity for travel to attend conferences and events. You may be able to do some of your work remotely or from home, but often need to attend events and speak to stakeholders in person.

How to become a public relations professional

You typically need a bachelor's degree in public relations, communications, business, or a related field. Additionally, gaining experience through internships or entry-level positions is highly recommended. Continuing education and professional development courses can also enhance your skills and knowledge in the field.

If you're in high school now and are thinking of a career in public relations in the future, here are some steps you could take:

- Volunteer or find work experience somewhere you will have the chance to work with the public and build your communication skills and confidence.
- Learning another language can help you promote a business or organisation to a much wider audience, and boost your prospects with potential employers.
- Start thinking about which industries and businesses interest you the most and do some research into what they do. Building networks now can help you when looking for work in the future.

Find out more here:

- [Communication and Public Relations Australia](#)
- [The Public Relations Institute of New Zealand | Te Pūtahi Whakakakau Tūmatanui o Aotearoa](#)
- [Public Relations and Communications Association](#) (UK)
- [Public Relations Institute of Ireland](#)
- [Public Relations Society of America](#)
- [Canadian Public Relations Society | Société Canadienne des Relations Publiques](#)

Similar careers to public relations professional

- Journalist
- Advertising Agent
- Business Development Manager
- Brand Manager
- Social Media Manager
- Human Resources Manager
- Communications Officer
- Copywriter

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

[7 sweet jobs for chocolate lovers](#)

Are you an ultra sweet tooth, or perhaps fancy yourself the next [Chocolate Guy](#)? If you have a love for everything chocolate, we have some interesting jobs for you – take a look.

Chocolate Panning Machine Operator

If you've always wanted to know how chocolates are made behind-the-scenes, this could be the perfect job for you. Chocolate panning machines are used in commercial manufacturing to cover things with chocolate – you could be slathering chocolate on nearly anything, from nuts, coffee beans, and dried fruits to honeycomb, pretzels, and even rice cakes.

For this job, you'll need to be organised and efficient, as well as have good safety knowledge.

Chocolatier

This is probably the first job that comes to mind when people think of chocolate. Chocolatiers are the artisans who hand-create different types of sweet treats, typically in a gourmet or “premium” setting. They don't just make things like truffles and eggs – they even push the limits of chocolate and create mind-blowing sculptures and centrepieces.

Most chocolatiers learn their trade through an apprenticeship, and you'll need to have a steady hand and limitless creativity.



Chocolate Café Manager

If you prefer eating chocolate over making it, this job might be more up your alley. There are lots of cafés and patisseries that specialise in everything chocolate, and you could be the one running everything. You might be supervising other staff, keeping tabs on inventory, or coming up with new marketing promotions for the store. This job is suited to those with great communication, teamwork, and organisation skills.

Cocoa Research Engineer

Chocolate doesn't start out as bars – first, you need to grow the beans. As a cocoa research engineer, you'll be responsible for identifying the most efficient and highest quality cocoa growing and harvesting processes. This job is a mix of agriculture, science, engineering, and business – you won't just ensure that beans are plentiful, you'll also need to find ways of growing that are environmentally sustainable and ethical to the local community and workers.

Cocoa research engineers need to be inquisitive, analytical, and excellent problem-solvers. Here's an overview of what the job might involve at the [Hershey Company](#).

Chocolate Hotelier

Featuring all things chocolate-themed, from chocolate-inspired rooms and chocolate-laden menus, to on-site chocolate shops, specialist chefs, and even chocolate spa experiences, chocolate hotels have been around for a while. Maybe you'll come up with the next cocoa getaway...

Don't believe us? Chocolate hour at the [Movenpick Hotel in Melbourne](#) serves up "complimentary chocolate-themed sweets that change daily". Visit the [Hotel Casa Cacao in Girona](#) for chocolate themed breakfasts amongst other chocolatey treats. Or stay at Hotel Chocolat's [Rabot Hotel in St Lucia](#), built on a cacao farm, where (of course) in-house treats and experiences are available daily. Some hotels like the [Chocohotel in Perugia](#) have even gone one step further, offering edible chocolate accessories and furnishings in their suites. If you want to become a chocolate hotelier, you'll need to have good business sense, an eye for design, and great people skills.

Chocolate Maker

Not to be confused with chocolatiers, chocolate makers are the magicians who turn cocoa beans into chocolate. They start by finding the finest beans, then using specialist equipment, they ferment, roast, grind, mill, refine, conch, and temper them, and finally add a variety of ingredients to create the melt-in-your-mouth products we love.

To excel in this role, you'll need to be hands-on, precise, and dedicated (and be able to resist the temptation to eat all your product before it's finished).

Chocolate Taster

Dream job, anyone? Just like it sounds, a chocolate taster's job involves tasting chocolate, ensuring it's just right before it goes on sale. You won't just be checking for flavour; you'll also be testing smell, texture, mouth-feel, and even the noise it makes when you break a piece off. Curious to learn more? You can read about the life of chocolate taster Georg Bernardini in [this blog](#).

In this job, you'll need excellent taste, keen senses, and great communication skills.

Chocolate Courses

Now that you're thinking of chocolate jobs, you'll need the skills and knowledge to secure one. There are tons of different courses you can take – here are some we've found:

- [Bachelor of Culinary Arts](#) at the Culinary Arts Academy Switzerland
- [Bachelor of Chocolate/Confectionery & Entrepreneurship](#) at the Institut Culinaire de France
- Ecole Chocolat's [Professional Chocolatier Program](#)
- [The Science of Chocolate](#) at Utah State University
- [Chocolate Science and Processing](#) from the American Oil Chemists' Society
- Join the [MIT Laboratory for Chocolate Science](#) (you don't need to be a student)



- Take a course at the [International Institute of Chocolate and Cacao Tasting](#)
- [Growing Cocoa Course](#) from the Fine Cacao and Chocolate Institute

Want more?

We have heaps of other resources on work, jobs, and careers (even non-chocolate-related ones) on our website [here](#).

[Indigenous youth mentoring programs](#)

Mentoring programs are designed to help you get the most out of your education, support your wellbeing, or open up new and exciting opportunities. Mentors could help you achieve all that and more by working on building your confidence, providing inspiration, motivation, and support, and believing in your abilities. We've found some great mentoring programs tailored to Indigenous youth – see if there's one that interests you.

What is mentoring?

Mentors are people with experience and wisdom in a particular area or field who are happy to spend time sharing their knowledge with others who could benefit from it. They're not always old – even young people can make great mentors.

Mentors can provide guidance, motivation, emotional support, and role modelling. They could also help you with exploring careers, setting goals, developing contacts (networking), and identifying other useful resources you might like to engage with.

Indigenous youth mentoring programs that could suit you

Start off by speaking to someone at your school and see what programs or initiatives they already have on offer. If you know someone who has expertise or skills in an area you're interested in, then you could approach them directly and ask if they'd be willing to mentor you.

Or check out these Indigenous youth mentoring programs:

Aurora Education Foundation High School Program

This program provides you with academic, wellbeing, and cultural support over a 7-year period (from the start of Year 7 all the way through to graduation). Through the program, you and your family will be connected with Elders and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mentors through regular engagement activities. All mentors engaged in the program are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

You can read more about the program [here](#).

Strong Brother Strong Sister

Strong Brother Strong Sister's mentoring program is led and run by Aboriginal youth specialists and professionals who possess a deep understanding of the challenges faced by Aboriginal young people. It's designed to cater to the unique cultural, social, emotional, health, and wellbeing needs of each individual, and it provides 1:1 personalised support, group support, and social, emotional, health, and wellbeing support. Read more about the program [here](#).

The Smith Family

The [Smith Family](#) offers opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth living in remote communities. Their programs provide exposure to social and work experience you might not otherwise have access to.

There are a few programs you could sign up for, including [Girls at the Centre](#) and the [Indigenous Youth Leadership Program](#).

Karreeta Koornong Maar

This new and exciting program is for young people in the Heywood/Portland/Hamilton area. The program will support young people aged 12 – 25 with a three-year mentoring program which aims to connect them to culture, build leadership skills, and support their future goals.

You can find out more about the program [here](#).



Deadly Mentorz Saltwater Young Leaders Program

The Deadly Mentorz Saltwater Young Leaders Program is a cultural mentoring program for primary and high school students. It aims to empower youth across the community who may be at risk of disengaging. Participants will foster and grow their confidence as young leaders through hands-on cultural workshops that align with traditional First Peoples cultural practices, and through participation in peer/peer mentoring. See more about the program [here](#).

AIEF Mentoring Program

AIEF Scholarship Students are paired with an AIEF Mentor at the beginning of Year 10. You'll meet at school monthly and take part in group activities with other mentors and students twice a year. Mentors support students by listening, providing advice and guidance, and by acting as a sounding board for ideas and problems. Read more about the program [here](#).

Find out more

We have lots of other resources for [First Nations youth](#), or you might be keen to read about [study](#) and [work](#).

[5 reasons to apply for scholarships](#)

If you're planning on tertiary education next year, we've put together 5 reasons why you should apply for scholarships – there are lots of benefits you could enjoy.

Ease the financial burden

Of course, the financial benefits of scholarships are one of the top reasons students apply. They're a great way to help you pay for your education and leave you with less debt once you graduate. Look at applying for scholarships as an investment in yourself and your future.

Scholarships could cover the costs of one or many things, such as:

- Tuition fees
- Accommodation or other living expenses
- Books, technology, and other essential supplies
- Travel

Plus, you won't have to pay the money back (unlike other financial support options like student loans). Remember to always check the terms and conditions before signing up. You may have to fulfil certain obligations, such as maintaining a certain grade point average (GPA), writing a letter of thanks, or participating in certain programs. But otherwise, the money you receive is all yours.

Boost your study experience

There are academic benefits associated with many of the scholarships you could earn, especially the really prestigious ones. These are open things like mentoring or access to educational programs, which could help you achieve and maintain a higher GPA.

Some scholarships also include access to internships or other work experience programs, or even the chance to travel and study overseas. Any opportunities to expand your knowledge and experience beyond the classroom could help you to get the most out of your university experience (and boost your resume too).

The financial benefits of receiving a scholarship may mean you wouldn't have to get a part time job to support you while you study, or that you'd need to work fewer hours. This means you can dedicate more time to studying, writing assignments, signing up for additional programs, or looking for extracurricular opportunities.

Get an edge in the job market

The fact that you've applied for scholarships could show that you're forward thinking and proactive – two skills that are highly sought after by employers. Listing that you were the beneficiary of a scholarship on your resume could help to make you a more appealing candidate for potential employers too.

Scholarships that provide you with specific skills through some form of work experience, such as an internship, could make you a particularly desirable employee. If you're lucky and put in 100% during your internship, you



could even be rewarded with a job offer from the company.

Scholarships can also be a really great way to meet professionals and network with people already working in the field you're interested in. Spending time with industry leaders could even lead to a job offer or other opportunities.

Learn to believe in yourself and your abilities

Completing scholarship applications is a great exercise in developing an appreciation of your strengths and qualities, as well as teaching you how to sell yourself. It's a good opportunity to look back on all the great things you've done and achieved over the years and remind yourself of your capabilities.

By the time you've completed and submitted a few scholarship applications, you'll probably know yourself a lot better, and hopefully value yourself a whole lot more too.

Not all scholarships are based academic merit

There are literally *thousands* of scholarships on offer. While some of them are offered to students with outstanding academic achievements, there are plenty of other scholarships for different criteria such as:

- Elite athletes or performers
- Community service
- Leadership potential
- Disability
- Family/domestic violence
- Financial disadvantage
- First nations students
- LGBTQIA+
- Low ATAR
- Refugees
- Rural students
- Women

Don't let the misconception that scholarships are only for the academically gifted put you off finding and applying for scholarships – there are opportunities out there for everyone.

You have nothing to lose

Yes, applying for scholarships requires some of your valuable time and a bit of effort. But the rewards could make it all worthwhile; and if you don't apply, you'll never know if you could have been successful.

Plus, remember all the benefits associated with just applying:

- Learn (and appreciate) more about yourself
- Improve your researching skills
- Hone the art of creating great applications
- Practise skills that will be useful when applying for jobs

When you look at it that way, surely it's worth spending some time looking into your options or putting together some applications, right?

Need some more help?

If you need even more reasons to apply for scholarships or just want some money and budgeting tips, you can read more on our website [here](#). Or you might like to browse our [free money database](#) to kick off your search.