

CAREERS NEWSLETTER 21 JULY, 2026



INVITATION TO JOIN JOB JUMP

We warmly encourage all **parents and students** to register for **Job Jump**, an excellent careers platform that supports young people as they explore future pathways.

Job Jump provides:

Up-to-date information on tertiary study options, ATARs, apprenticeships, and TAFE pathways.

Tools to create a resume, helping students present their strengths professionally.

Customised news alerts so families stay informed about important deadlines and opportunities.

Both parents and students can benefit from clear guidance and timely updates as they plan— whether that's choosing senior subjects, exploring university courses, or considering vocational training.

To register, simply visit:

<https://www.jobjump.com.au/register> and visit Careers 2026 on Canvas to access sign up details.

We hope you find Job Jump a valuable resource in supporting informed and confident career decision-making.

To contact Ms. Hall please email chall@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au or call 9414 4733.

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



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

ACU Guarantee Early Offer and Pathways Webinar (NSW/ACT/QLD)

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: July 22, 2026

Learn about ACU's entry and pathway options, including the ACU Guarantee early offer program, key dates and how to apply. Plus, hear from current students about their journeys.

This webinar is for NSW, ACT and Queensland Year 12 students and their parents.

[Find out more](#)

Clean Energy: Why It Matters and What Comes Next – Discover Lecture Series with Macquarie

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus

Date: July 23, 2026

Clean energy systems such as solar, wind, and biomass are often presented as the answer to climate change. While they aim to reduce pollution, they must also deliver reliable and affordable energy for everyday life, powering homes, transport, and industry without disruption. If clean energy is so promising, why haven't we fully switched to it yet? The answer lies in the practical challenges of performance, safety, and scale that must be solved before new energy technologies can replace the systems we rely on today.

In this talk, Associate Professor Fatemeh Salehi explores how engineering helps address these challenges, turning clean energy ideas into real-world solutions. This talk explains how understanding what affects performance, and identifying safety issues early, can make clean energy systems work at large scale. Through this lens, she provides insight into how research supports the transition from promising concepts to energy solutions that can meet future needs.

This event is part of Macquarie's [Discover Lecture Series](#), monthly talks suitable for ages 10 and up that offer inspiring insights and a glimpse into the technological advancements shaping our future.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Open Day 2026, Blacktown

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, Blacktown Campus

Date: July 25, 2026

Open Day gives you the opportunity to ask our teaching staff any questions you might have about your dream course, the application process, pathway options, entry schemes and more.

Chat to current students and discover the facilities your new campus has to offer. And sit in on information sessions from each of the faculties to find out more about the courses you're interested in.

[Find out more](#)

UOW Open Day 2026, Liverpool

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: University of Wollongong, Liverpool Campus

Date: July 25, 2026

Chat with course experts, find your dream degree, and get a taste of uni right in the heart of

Liverpool. There will be plenty of opportunities to get all your questions answered and ensure you're



making a confident decision about your studies in 2027.

Whether you are looking at your next steps after Year 12, or you finished school some time ago and are looking for a pathway into university, Open Day is for you.

[Find out more](#)

UTAS Open Day 2026, Sydney

Organisation: University of Tasmania

Location: University of Tasmania, Rozelle Campus

Date: July 26, 2026

Going to university is an exciting time. Understanding what to expect and how to navigate this new environment can help you make the most of your experience.

You will have the opportunity to explore our campus, discuss your study options, and discover how studying at the University of Tasmania could be the perfect fit for you.

[Find out more](#)

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Discover Western Webinar – Uni Life and Making the Most of Your Time at Uni

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: Online

Date: July 28, 2026

University is not all about study! Western has over 130 different clubs and societies you can join to make friends and meet like-minded people. Join our webinar to learn about university life at Western, including clubs and societies, overseas study opportunities, Jobs on Campus, and more.

[Find out more](#)

Parramatta & Hills District Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo 2026

Organisation: Brett Carter Events

Location: Wenty Leagues

Date: July 28, 2026

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

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

[Find out more](#)

Becoming a Protective Service Officer with the AFP – Online Information Session

Organisation: Australian Federal Police

Location: Online

Date: July 28, 2026

Gain insights into the role of a protective service officer (PSO), hear first-hand experiences, and discover what it means to do legendary work in the Australian Federal Police (AFP).

[Find out more](#)

Notre Dame Information Night, Liverpool

Organisation: University of Notre Dame Australia



Location: All Saints Catholic College

Date: July 28, 2026

Join us at the Parent and Student Information Session at our Liverpool Student Support Centre to explore how the University of Notre Dame Australia can support your journey into higher education. You'll hear about Notre Dame's Early Offer program, scholarships and fees, alternate entry pathways, student experience and a faculty overview of new programs.

[Find out more](#)

Scholarships at Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: July 29, 2026

At the University of Sydney, we offer over \$135 million worth of scholarships every year. We're dedicated to supporting you throughout your time at university and offer a variety of scholarships for domestic undergraduate students. To make the process easier and more accessible, we've created a centralised form where you can be considered for a scholarship through one simple application.

Additionally, some of our scholarships require no application at all! In this webinar you will learn about the scholarships we offer, find out about your eligibility, get tips on writing a strong scholarship application and have your questions answered by our team.

[Find out more](#)

The Coolest Careers in Finance You've Never Heard Of Panel Event

Organisation: INCO Academy

Location: Canva Space, Surry Hills & Online

Date: July 29, 2026

INCO Academy is hosting a free hybrid careers event for young people who think finance is all spreadsheets and suits, and are ready to be proven wrong. It brings together professionals whose careers span everything from shaping city skylines and funding the green transition to building start-ups and driving innovation in banking. They'll share what their jobs really involve, how they got there, and the advice they wish they'd had early on.

It's designed for young people still at school, studying at TAFE or university, or simply figuring out what's next, and it's a chance to discover career paths they never knew existed. The evening includes a panel chat, a relaxed Q&A, snacks, and time to network with speakers and other young people exploring similar paths.

INCO Academy runs the event as part of [EnterFinance](#), a free career exploration program which supports young people to explore pathways in financial services, opening doors to a side of the industry most people never see.

[Find out more](#)

ATAR, Bonus Points, & Uni Entry Explained with ADHD – Webinar for Year 12 Students & Parents

Organisation: Claire Pech Careers

Location: Online

Date: July 30, 2026

Join our webinar designed for Yr 12 students and parents, navigating university admissions with ADHD, which can impact these processes.

We'll cover:

- The ATAR - explained



- What the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) is and who qualifies
- How to apply for EAS and what you will need
- Other bonus points (adjustment factors) on offer
- Important dates and deadlines
- University preference strategies that work
- Early entry options and their benefits

Hosted by [Claire Pech](#), CICA-Accredited Careers Practitioner, and [Amanda Krulis](#), endorsed Organisational Psychologist.

View the [full series of webinars](#) for the ADHD community on all things careers, schooling and the workforce.

[Find out more](#)

FUTURE EVENTS

Architecture and the Built Environment at Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: August 5, 2026

Join us to find out how Sydney can be your first step towards building a career in architecture and built environment.

[Find out more](#)

Applying to the University of Melbourne through VTAC – Online Session for Future Students

Organisation: University of Melbourne

Location: Online

Date: August 5, 2026

Planning on applying to the University of Melbourne, but a little unsure of the steps involved through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)? Join us to discover everything you need to know about VTAC and answer all your application questions.

You'll be guided through the process by our Future Students team and a VTAC representative, so you can apply for your preferred Melbourne undergraduate course in 2026 with confidence.

[Find out more](#)

STEM + X: Careers in Agriculture – Webinar for Students, Teachers & Parents

Organisation: Careers with STEM

Location: Online

Date: August 5, 2026

Careers in agriculture go far beyond the farm, spanning areas like biotechnology, environmental management, data science, policy, agribusiness, and global development. People with skills in these fields are now in high demand to help grow sustainable, nutritious and resilient food systems that improve the health of communities and the environment.

Join us for a free STEM + X career webinar, supported by The University of Queensland to hear from agriculture science students, graduates and lecturers who making an impact.

[Find out more](#)

AFTRS Open Day 2026

Organisation: Australian Film Television and Radio School

Location: Australian Film Television and Radio School

Date: August 8, 2026

Discover your place in screen and audio storytelling at AFTRS, Australia's national screen and audio



school. Join us at our purpose-built campus to explore everything you need to know about studying at AFTRS.

Open Day is designed to give you clear, practical answers as you plan your next steps. Find out more about the application process, scholarships, and career outcomes, and gain insight into where an AFTRS qualification can take you.

On the day, you will be able to explore our campus and experience our facilities firsthand, from industry-standard studios and the tech store to the prop room and Australia's premier audio and screen library. You can also connect with current students and alumni, and speak with our staff for guidance on preparing a strong application.

[Find out more](#)

CSU Open Day 2026, Wagga Wagga

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga Campus

Date: August 9, 2026

Discover what uni life is like! Whether you're in high school, looking to upskill, want to change careers, or are a parent, teacher or carer – there's something for everyone.

- Jump on a campus tour – explore our facilities and accommodation.
- Get detailed info about courses.
- Chat to current students about Charles Sturt life.
- Be inspired by our expert teaching staff.
- Discover the social side of life at Charles Sturt.
- Enjoy live entertainment, giveaways, competitions and free food!

Plus, you can explore our expo, info, and career and skills hubs. Chat to our friendly teams about our support services, early offer programs and how to boost your hiring potential.

[Find out more](#)

UOW Future Talk for Parents – Financial Considerations, Scholarships, Accommodation, Wellbeing & Support Services

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: Online

Date: August 10, 2026

Year 12 can be a stressful time for students and for the parents and carers supporting them. With big post-school decisions ahead, these sessions are designed to provide clarity, reassurance and practical advice to help you navigate the year with confidence.

Across the program, you'll gain insights into:

- Supporting students through the HSC and common challenges
- Understanding UOW degrees, pathways and study options
- How AI and emerging technologies are shaping degrees, careers and the future workforce
- Navigating university applications, Early Admission and UAC
- Financial planning for university, including scholarships, budgeting and accommodation
- Accessing UOW support services for a smooth transition to university
- Connecting with other parents and carers in a supportive environment

You'll also receive regular emails with practical tips, resources and expert advice to help you and

your young person feel informed, prepared and supported throughout Year 12 and beyond.

[Find out more](#)

Why Study Business at the University of Sydney? Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney



Location: Online

Date: August 12, 2026

Discover how our commerce degree prepares you for the future of work and a wide range of career opportunities. You will learn about the range of study areas (or majors) available – such as marketing, finance, or innovation and entrepreneurship - and the many ways in which you can combine your interests, with over 100 study areas to select from our shared pools of majors and minors.

Find out more about internships, industry-focused experiences, and global mobility opportunities on offer to our Bachelor of Commerce students.

[Find out more](#)

Macquarie University Open Day 2026

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus

Date: August 15, 2026

Open Day is your opportunity to discover everything a Macquarie University education can offer you.

We get to share with you why we're the #1 university in Sydney for teaching quality, as well as showcase our future-focused degrees, cutting-edge facilities, collaborative spaces for learning and leisure, and our stunning green campus.

Come along and find out firsthand how we can help you achieve your career – and your life – aspirations.

What you can do on Open Day:

- Attend info sessions
- Speak 1:1 with our academics
- Learn about our scholarships, adjustment factors, pathways, and RPL (recognition of prior learning) if you've studied before
- Chat to current students
- Join campus and faculty tours
- Engage in faculty-led workshops
- Alumni are welcome back to be a part of Alumni Reunion Day
- Participate in hands-on activities
- Enjoy entertainment and giveaways

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Open Day 2026, Newcastle

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: University of Newcastle, Callaghan & City Campuses

Date: August 15, 2026

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

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

[Find out more](#)

ACAP Open Day 2026, Sydney

Organisation: ACAP University College

Location: ACAP University College, Sydney Campus

Date: August 15, 2026

Ready to turn your passion into a purpose-driven career? ACAP Open Day is your opportunity to



discover how our practical, people-focused courses can help you make a real difference – in your community and your life.

Join us on campus this August and experience what makes ACAP different. Whether you're considering counselling, psychology, social work, criminology, law or business, you'll get a firsthand look at the learning, support, and outcomes that set our students up for success.

From expert-led masterclasses and career panels to course advice and campus tours, Open Day is designed to give you the insight and inspiration to take the next step.

[Find out more](#)

SAE Open Day 2026, Sydney

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: SAE University College, Sydney Campus

Date: August 15, 2026

Whether you're still exploring your study options or you're ready to apply, SAE Open Day is the perfect place to get inspired, get informed, and get hands-on with your creative future.

Join us on campus this August to tour our studios, meet your future mentors, and experience what it's like to study at SAE – the University College built for creators and tech innovators.

Explore your study and career pathways across animation, audio, design, film, games, music, VFX and more. Connect with current students, industry-experienced lecturers, and alumni who've turned their ideas into careers.

[Find out more](#)

AIM August Open Day, Sydney

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music

Location: Australian Institute of Music, Sydney Campus

Date: August 15, 2026

Discover where your creativity can take you at the Australian Institute of Music's Sydney August Open Day.

Immerse yourself in our vibrant campus community, explore our studios and performance spaces, and see firsthand how AIM supports the growth of future artists and industry leaders.

Throughout the day, you'll have plenty of opportunities to meet our academics, hear from current students and alumni, and join interactive workshops covering our variety of courses.

You'll walk away with a strong understanding of our courses, the career paths they lead to, and how AIM's hands-on approach gives students real industry experience from day one.

Whether you're exploring your options or set on making your start in music, Sydney Open Day is your chance to discover how AIM can turn your passion into a lifelong career.

[Find out more](#)

ADFA Open Day 2026

Organisation: Australian Defence Force Academy

Location: ADFA Canberra Campus & Online

Date: August 15, 2026

ADFA Open Day is run each year in August. Join us online or in person to:

- Explore world-class UNSW degrees, with information sessions about Business, Arts, Science, Engineering, Computing and Cyber Security.
- Learn about military training, studying and life on campus from current ADFA Trainee Officers.
- Watch a variety of exciting displays, take a virtual tour, and much more



[Find out more](#)



ACU Open Day 2026, Strathfield

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, Strathfield Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

Open Day gives you the opportunity to ask our teaching staff any questions you might have about your dream course, the application process, pathway options, entry schemes and more.

Chat to current students and discover the facilities your new campus has to offer. And sit in on information sessions from each of the faculties to find out more about the courses you're interested in.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Western Webinar – Scholarships

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: Online

Date: August 18, 2026

If you're applying to study at university in 2027, you will also want to apply for Scholarships! This webinar will go through the different types of Scholarships available, as well as the application process, and give you tips for writing your Personal Statement.

[Find out more](#)

Why the Honey Bee is Smarter than ChatGPT – Discover Lecture Series with Macquarie

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus

Date: August 18, 2026

How smart is the honey bee really? This lecture considers the biological marvel that is the honey bee brain, and the bee mind it supports.

Bees' brains incorporate rapid feedback on their actions, and can quickly learn different types of art, recognise abstract concepts and learn to navigate for kilometres around their hives. Professor Andrew Barron argues the honey bee is significantly smarter than ChatGPT and surpasses the best that contemporary AI has to offer. He will discuss what lessons AI and robotics developers could learn from consideration of the humble bee.

This event is part of Macquarie's [Discover Lecture Series](#), monthly talks suitable for ages 10 and up that offer inspiring insights and a glimpse into the technological advancements shaping our future.

[Find out more](#)

Quantum Future Talent: From Curiosity to Career

Organisation: Sydney Quantum Academy

Location: The Concourse Chatswood

Date: August 18, 2026

Quantum is shaping the future of technology – from computing to cybersecurity – and it's opening new career pathways across a range of industries.

At Quantum Future Talent: From Curiosity to Career, you'll hear directly from people working in the

industry and gain a clear understanding of what quantum is, why it matters, and how you could be part of this exciting and rapidly growing field.

This accessible introduction to quantum includes:

- Talks from industry professionals sharing their career journeys and insights
- An overview of study options and pathways into the field



- Opportunities to connect with universities (Macquarie, UNSW Sydney, University of Sydney and UTS)
- Interactive demonstrations and displays
- Time to ask questions and seek honest advice.

Whether you're considering subject selection options, exploring study pathways, or planning for future careers, this event offers practical insight into emerging opportunities in quantum.

Open to students in Years 8–12, as well as parents, teachers, and career advisors.

[Find out more](#)

Explore Geosciences at Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: August 19, 2026

Explore geosciences, from Earth to oceans, and discover how these fields address climate, energy and sustainability challenges.

[Find out more](#)

Le Cordon Bleu Sydney Open Day 2026

Organisation: Le Cordon Bleu Australia

Location: Le Cordon Bleu, Sydney Campus

Date: August 22, 2026

Now is your chance to discover how Le Cordon Bleu Australia can help kickstart your career in cuisine, pâtisserie, hotel management, restaurant management or business.

Marvel at our chef lecturers who will host cooking demonstrations in cuisine and pâtisserie and see first-hand why our culinary courses are elite.

There will also be information seminars which will provide you with a Le Cordon Bleu overview, as well as our program content and structure. Plus, you'll get to chat with our sales representatives and discover how our Industry Engagement team assists you with your learning, every step of the way.

[Find out more](#)

Collarts Open Day 2026, Sydney

Organisation: Australian College of the Arts

Location: Collarts, Sydney Campus

Date: August 22, 2026

At Collarts, our Open Day is all about making this process simple and hands-on. Information sessions, workshops and the chance to chat with students, teachers and leaders are an important part of learning more about what sets us apart from the rest.

We invite you to come and experience life at Collarts: from our passion for creativity, close community, industry-level facilities, expert faculty, and more.

From guided tours to live demonstrations, here are some of the activities you can catch at the next Collarts Open Day:

- **Guided tours:** Experience our campuses firsthand with guided tours led by our enthusiastic Student Ambassadors.
- **Info hubs:** Our info hubs provide convenient drop-in spaces where you can have direct conversations with Program Leaders, Academics, and students about your desired course.
- **Demonstrations:** Demonstrations are your chance to see our course content come to life. They allow you to be actively involved in projects and see our cutting-edge equipment in action, so you can get a firsthand preview of what studying at Collarts is really like.



- **Displays:** Our campus displays are positioned throughout different areas of our campuses, offering a showcase of our community's achievements and journeys.

If you have specific accessibility needs or require additional assistance, please contact Collarts in advance, and they will do their best to assist you.

[Find out more](#)

CSU Open Day 2026, Bathurst

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Charles Sturt University, Bathurst Campus

Date: August 23, 2026

Discover what uni life is like! Whether you're in high school, looking to upskill, want to change careers, or are a parent, teacher or carer – there's something for everyone.

- Jump on a campus tour – explore our facilities and accommodation.
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- Chat to current students about Charles Sturt life.
- Be inspired by our expert teaching staff.
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Plus, you can explore our expo, info, and career and skills hubs. Chat to our friendly teams about our support services, early offer programs and how to boost your hiring potential.

[Find out more](#)

CQU Education Open Day Webinar

Organisation: CQUniversity

Location: Online

Date: August 24, 2026

With [courses](#) available across early childhood, primary and secondary teaching, our friendly education academics will explain what it's really like to study at CQU. You'll learn about our strong local networks, the [support services](#) that help you succeed, and how CQU prepares you for a rewarding career in the classroom.

[Find out more](#)

South Western Sydney & Macarthur Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo 2026

Organisation: Brett Carter Events

Location: Liverpool Catholic Club

Date: August 25, 2026

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

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

[Find out more](#)

Future Choices Expo for Young People with Disability, Central Coast

Organisation: Career Links

Location: Mingara Recreational Club

Date: August 27, 2026

Transitioning from school to adult life can bring unique challenges - and exciting new opportunities -



for young people living with disability. The Future Choices Expos are here to help make that journey easier.

As the only events of their kind in the region, the expos bring together over 120 exhibitors, including:

- Employment services
- Employers
- Education and training providers
- Disability service organisations
- Government agencies

These expos are designed to connect school leavers with the support, information, and opportunities they need to make confident decisions about their future. Whether you're a student, parent, carer, or educator, the Future Choices Expo is your opportunity to discover the pathways, programs, and services that can make a real difference.

[Find out more](#)

Say Yes to the Trades Expo

Organisation: Superior Training Centre

Location: Entertainment Park, Bankstown Aerodrome

Date: August 27, 2026

Say Yes to the Trades Expo is a trade-focused event designed for high school students who are curious about hands-on careers and the opportunities available in Australia's growing trade industries. The event brings together training providers, employers, and industry professionals to give students a practical introduction to careers in trades such as electrical, air conditioning and refrigeration, and metal fabrication.

Students attending the event can explore different career pathways, speak directly with employers and industry representatives, and gain a better understanding of what it's like to work in a skilled trade. Exhibitors will showcase tools, equipment, and technologies used in the industry, helping students see how these careers operate in the real world.

In addition to learning about training and employment opportunities, attendees will also be able to enjoy the entertainment facilities at the venue, making the day both informative and fun. The event is designed to inspire students, answer questions about entering the trades, and help them take their first steps toward a practical and rewarding career.

If you're considering a future in the trades or simply want to explore your options, Say Yes to the Trades is the perfect place to start.

[Find out more](#)

Wodonga TAFE Careers & Futures Expo

Organisation: Wodonga TAFE

Location: Wodonga TAFE

Date: August 27, 2026

Thinking about the future? Whatever stage of the journey you're at, the Careers & Futures Expo can provide you with important information to help guide you on your path.

- **Meet with teachers:** Explore your future study options and experience what it's really like to be a TAFE student.
- **Connect with industry:** Discover real job outcomes and career pathways through industry experts and employers.
- **Chat with students:** Hear their stories and learn how TAFE can take you all the way to university and beyond.



- **Explore our facilities:** Join tours and interactive activities for a taster of the hands-on training we deliver, and what awaits beyond.

[Find out more](#)

Sydney West Careers & Employment Expo 2026

Organisation: Kym Jones Exhibitions

Location: Sydney Showground

Date: August 28 to August 29, 2025

The Sydney West Careers & Employment Expo will be at the Sydney Showground - Hall 4. The Expo will showcase over 80 organisations and employers with career opportunities for all ages. Entry is free.

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

The Expo is packed with free advice, where you can:

- Talk with over 80 training organisations and employers
- Gain free career advice
- Discover jobs of the future
- Talk with leading organisations about training and apprenticeships
- Experience the free career seminars
- Learn how to write a winning resume

If you're looking for a job, career change, or course, or you're a school student looking for a career path, you can't afford to miss the Expo.

[Find out more](#)

Torrens University Open Day 2026, Sydney

Organisation: Torrens University Australia

Location: Torrens University, Surry Hills Campus

Date: August 29, 2026

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

- Talk to our academics and Future Student Advisors about choosing courses, scholarships and the application process.
- Embark on a guided tour of our campus facilities and get a feel of our recreational spaces, teaching spaces and more.
- Meet our current students and find out what their experiences studying at Torrens University is like.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney Open Day 2026

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: University of Sydney, Camperdown Campus

Date: August 29, 2026

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

[Find out more](#)

UTS Open Day 2026

Organisation: University of Technology Sydney



Location: University of Technology Sydney, City Campus

Date: August 29, 2026

Discover UTS. What you can expect at Open Day:

- Ask questions about admissions, pathways and study options
- Attend course information sessions
- Speak with academics and current students
- Explore labs and learning spaces
- Learn about scholarships, accommodation and support services
- Join guided campus and facility tours
- Discover clubs, societies and student communities

[Find out more](#)

Notre Dame Open Day 2026, Sydney

Organisation: University of Notre Dame Australia

Location: University of Notre Dame, Sydney Campus

Date: August 29, 2026

Notre Dame's Open Day is your chance to explore what university life is all about! You'll discover study options, career pathways and our student support services. Plus, you'll experience an exciting program filled with activities for future students.

Whether you're in Year 10, 11 or 12, or a graduate thinking about postgrad study, our Open Day is open to everyone – including pathways and international students, who can chat with our dedicated team. Learn about scholarships and financial assistance to make your journey affordable.

[Find out more](#)

CSU Open Day 2026, Orange

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Charles Sturt University, Orange Campus

Date: August 30, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

Torrens University Virtual Open Day 2026

Organisation: Torrens University Australia

Location: Online

Date: September 1 to September 2, 2026

Ready for the next step on your career journey? Join us online as our academics talk you through the

courses on offer and how you can get the most out of studying with us. Learn about scholarships, study pathways, our industry partnerships with global brands and what sets us apart from other universities.



- Business, Education, Health, Hospitality, Technology and Higher Degrees by Research:
Tuesday 1 September - 6pm - 7pm (AEST)
- Design: Wednesday 2 September - 6pm - 7pm (AEST)

[Find out more](#)

Sutherland Shire Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo 2026

Organisation: Brett Carter Events

Location: Tradies Gynea

Date: September 1, 2026

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

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

[Find out more](#)

Avondale Sydney Nursing Open Day 2026

Organisation: Avondale University

Location: Avondale University, Sydney Campus

Date: September 2, 2026

Find out why our Nursing degree is ranked #1 in Australia for overall experience by Good Universities Guide in 2026 and why we are the #1 University for graduate employment.

What to expect:

- Experience interactive campus tours of our state of the art facilities
- Chat to current students about community, social life, sport and clubs
- Learn all about our courses and how to apply from our awesome staff who are here to help you reach your dreams
- Live entertainment, giveaways and of course free food!

[Find out more](#)

Study Biomedical Engineering at Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: September 2, 2026

Discover how biomedical engineers improve lives by designing technologies and explore how to make a real-world difference.

[Find out more](#)

Rural Health Pathways Showcase for High School Students, Teachers & Parents

Organisation: Rural Doctors Network

Location: ICC Darling Harbour

Date: September 3, 2026

High school students, careers advisers, teachers and parents are invited to RDN's Rural Health Pathways Showcase. Learn about study pathways and careers in medicine, nursing, midwifery, allied

health, Aboriginal health and administration.

Attendees will have a chance to:



- Speak with representatives from universities, vocational education and training providers, peak bodies and health employers about study pathways and career opportunities
- Connect one-on-one with and be inspired by health students, recent graduates and health professionals about their education and career journeys
- Participate in hands-on activities offering an immersive "day-in-the-life" perspective of various health careers

[Find out more](#)

National Art School Open Day 2026

Organisation: National Art School

Location: National Art School

Date: September 5, 2026

The National Art School is Australia's leading independent fine art school, with a hands-on studio-based teaching model that has delivered a rich tradition of art practice and world-renowned alumni for over 100 years. On the frontier of arts education, NAS provides a progressive and holistic approach to study, and we invite the public to join us on Open Day to share in our creative community.

Discover what life is like for students at the National Art School by participating in studio demonstrations, meeting with academic staff, visiting the NAS Gallery and student exhibition spaces across campus.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Open Day 2026, North Sydney

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, North Sydney Campus

Date: September 5, 2026

Open Day gives you the opportunity to ask our teaching staff any questions you might have about your dream course, the application process, pathway options, entry schemes and more.

Chat to current students and discover the facilities your new campus has to offer. And sit in on information sessions from each of the faculties to find out more about the courses you're interested in.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Open Day 2026

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: University of New South Wales, Kensington Campus

Date: September 5, 2026

Open Day is an opportunity for future students, family, alumni and community members to explore everything a university has to offer, so they can make an informed decision about their future. Whether you're starting uni soon, considering postgraduate studies or just curious, UNSW Open Day is a chance to discover UNSW and find out everything the University has to offer. At UNSW Open Day, we'll help you find your unique path to uni, and you'll discover the progress you could make as one of Australia's most employable graduates.

There will be more than 200 sessions available to help you explore your study options, tour our buzzing campuses, enjoy the free food – you'll get expert advice and have fun while you're at it.

[Find out more](#)



ACU Year 12 HSC Revision Webinars

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: September 7 to September 10, 2026

Worried about your Year 12 exams? You're not alone.

Join our free online webinars from 7 - 10 September 2026. They are live, expert-led sessions designed to help you walk into your exams feeling prepared.

Can't attend live? Register anyway – recordings are available to registered attendees for one week after each webinar.

[Find out more](#)

Western Sydney Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo 2026

Organisation: Brett Carter Events

Location: Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre

Date: September 8, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

Exploring Oral Health at Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: September 9, 2026

Discover the University of Sydney's Bachelor of Oral Health and the rewarding careers it leads to. Learn about course structure, entry pathways, and professional outcomes. Explore a first-in-Australia initiative supporting Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander students to pursue careers in oral health.

[Find out more](#)

Macquarie [EX]plore Science Extension Conference

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus

Date: September 14, 2026

Macquarie University is hosting a full-day conference showcasing the research of Year 12 HSC Science Extension students Monday 14 September.

Designed as an authentic research experience, the event brings together school students, undergraduates and PhD researchers to share a passion for science through presentations, posters, networking opportunities and Faculty of Science lab tours. Prizes will be awarded for outstanding presentations.

Year 12 students can register independently and will present their work at the conference (applications close 21 August), while Year 10 and 11 students must be registered by a teacher.

[Find out more](#)



Prepare for the Future of Work with Sydney's Bachelor of Arts – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: September 16, 2026

Discover how the Bachelor of Arts at the University of Sydney can set you up for success. Learn how this flexible degree equips you with the critical thinking, creativity and communication skills needed to thrive in a rapidly changing workforce. Explore your interests, build in-demand capabilities, and prepare for a future full of opportunities in arts and social sciences.

[Find out more](#)

Sydney Design School Open Day

Organisation: Sydney Design School

Location: Sydney Design School

Date: September 19, 2026

Step inside our world of design and get to know us. Explore our studios, check out amazing student work, meet the inspiring team, get creative making a mood board.

[Find out more](#)

Coding With Care: The Power of Compassion in the Classroom – Discover Lecture Series with Macquarie

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus

Date: September 22, 2026

When people think about programming, compassion is not one of the first words that comes to mind. Yet for Lecturer Charanya Ramakrishnan, it has become the most powerful tool in her teaching practices.

Charanya will share how she has integrated care and empathy into introductory computing units, a space often defined by logic and precision rather than human connection. By embedding a deeper level of care and empathy into her practice, Charanya creates classrooms where students feel supported, valued, and confident to take risks.

This talk will explore how small, intentional changes can significantly impact not only student success but also the establishment of a culture of trust and belonging within classrooms.

This event is part of Macquarie's [Discover Lecture Series](#), monthly talks suitable for ages 10 and up that offer inspiring insights and a glimpse into the technological advancements shaping our future.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Sport & Exercise at UTS

Organisation: University of Technology Sydney

Location: University of Technology Sydney, Moore Park Campus

Date: September 22, 2026

Join us for an exclusive evening at the UTS Moore Park campus and discover where a degree in sport and exercise can take you.

Hear from leading academics and current students, explore exciting study pathways and career opportunities, and experience the cutting-edge facilities shaping the next generation of sport professionals.

Whether you're interested in performance, health, or the science behind sport, this is your chance to see what's possible. Places are limited, so secure your spot early.

[Find out more](#)



AIM Music Theatre Audition Workshop, Sydney

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music

Location: Australian Institute of Music, Sydney Campus

Date: September 29 to September 30, 2026

If the stage is where you're headed, this is how you get there.

AIM's Sydney Music Theatre Audition Workshop is an immersive two-day experience for high school students who are serious about turning their passion into a career.

Working directly with the industry professionals who teach our Bachelor of Music Theatre, you'll build your skills, refine your repertoire, and walk away with the confidence and feedback you need to nail your audition.

[Find out more](#)

Create for a Day at SAE Sydney

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: SAE University College, Sydney Campus

Date: October 3, 2026

This October school holidays, SAE University College Sydney is opening its doors for Create for a Day: a one-day, hands-on experience where you'll step into the studio, lab or production space and start creating.

Choose from:

- Animation
- Audio
- Computer Science
- Design
- Film
- Games
- Songwriting & Electronic Music Production
- VFX

Create for a Day lets you skip the textbooks and jump straight into building, recording, designing, coding or filming, all guided by lecturers who work in the industry.

By the end of the day, you'll walk away with your own finished project and a certificate of participation, plus a clearer idea of what studying at SAE is really like and where your skills could take you in the future.

Open to students in Years 10-12 and young creatives up to age 21.

[Find out more](#)

HSC Workshop: Visual Arts Induction, Marrickville

Organisation: Inner West Council Libraries

Location: Marrickville Library and Pavilion

Date: October 18, 2026

An essential presentation for students in Year 11 beginning the HSC Visual Arts Course in Term 4. Visual Arts teachers are also welcome!

This session unpacks the dual role students will play as both artist and critic, offering a clear understanding of what lies ahead - from developing the HSC Body of Work to preparing for the HSC Written Exam, with practical advice on how to navigate course content, Case Studies, time management in preparing for school-based assessments and external exams. This induction equips students with tools to start strong and stay on track throughout the HSC Visual Arts journey.

Visual Arts teachers are welcome to attend and bring a group of students or come along for their own professional development.



BYO pens, highlighters, clipboard, notebook and water bottle. A workbook will be provided.

[Find out more](#)

SCU Future Leaders Workshop, Coffs Harbour

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: Southern Cross University, Coffs Harbour Campus

Date: October 21, 2026

Join us for Future Leaders, a free full-day workshop facilitated by world record-breaking pilot and leadership development speaker, Lachie Smart. With engaging content, practical activities, and a supportive environment, the event aims to inspire students to unlock their potential, lead with confidence, and make a positive impact in their schools and communities.

This event is for Year 11 and 12 students; specifically student representatives, aspiring school leaders and anyone wanting to enhance their confidence and resilience in leadership.

- Explore our campus and experience our state-of-the-art campus facilities.
- Through interactive activities, develop strategic plans and acquire essential leadership skills.
- Meet current Southern Cross University students and network with us throughout the day.
- Enjoy a catered morning tea and lunch on us.

School staff can register online through the university's event page by filling out the registration form, indicating the number of students attending from your school and selecting the desired campus.

[Find out more](#)

Scholarships

UOW Sutherland Shire Principal's Recommendation Scholarship

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: New South Wales

Value: \$5,000 AUD

Open Date: June 15, 2026

Close Date: August 7, 2026

[Find out more](#)

UNSW School Of Mathematics & Statistics Undergraduate Scholarships

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: New South Wales

Value: \$5,000 AUD

Open Date: July 1, 2026

Close Date: September 30, 2026

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Gail Kelly Young Women Leaders Scholarship

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: New South Wales

Value: AU\$10,000 per year for up to 4 years

Open Date: July 1, 2026

Close Date: September 30, 2026

[Find out more](#)



UNSW Women in Engineering Scholarship Program

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: New South Wales

Value: Up to AU\$12,000 per year

Open Date: July 1, 2026

Close Date: September 30, 2026

[Find out more](#)

UOW Macarthur Undergraduate Scholarship

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: New South Wales

Value: \$5,000 AUD

Open Date: June 15, 2026

Close Date: August 7, 2026

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Jillian Segal Scientia Scholarship

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: New South Wales

Value: AU\$12,000

Open Date: July 2, 2026

Close Date: September 30, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Competitions

Young Geographer of the Year Competition 2026

Organisation: Royal Geographical Society

Location: All

Value: See details

Close Date: October 2, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Head On Photo Awards

Organisation: Head On Foundation

Location: All

Value: \$80,000 AUD prize pool

Close Date: August 16, 2026

[Find out more](#)

ACMF National Songwriting Competition for Students

Organisation: Australian Children's Music Foundation

Location: Australia

Value: See details

Close Date: September 21, 2026

[Find out more](#)



Matific Olympiad for primary students in Australia and New Zealand

Organisation: Matific

Location: Australia, New Zealand

Value: See details

Close Date: August 9, 2026

[Find out more](#)

The Dobell Drawing Prize

Organisation: National Art School

Location: Australia

Value: AU\$30,000

Close Date: September 14, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Better Read Kids Writing Competition for ages 6-17

Organisation: Better Read Kids

Location: Australia

Value: See details

Close Date: August 1, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Save the Frogs year round art contest

Organisation: Save the Frogs

Location: All

Value: See details

Close Date: November 1, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Children's Week Poster Competition for Under 18s

Organisation: Children's Week Council of Australia

Location: Australia

Value: See details

Close Date: November 26, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Experiences

Work Experience for people with disabilities with Help

Organisation: Help

Location: New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria

[Find out more](#)

Weekly Posts

JOB SPOTLIGHTS

How to become a Radiographer

Radiographers use medical imaging technology to produce high-quality images of the inside of the body, helping doctors and other health professionals diagnose and treat a wide range of conditions.



Working with equipment such as X-ray, MRI, and CT scanners, they play a central role in the diagnostic process across hospitals and medical imaging services.

If you're drawn to both healthcare and technology, enjoy working closely with people, and want a role where precision genuinely matters, this career is worth exploring.

What skills do I need as a Radiographer?

- Precise & detail-oriented
- Strong communicator
- Empathetic & patient
- Analytical thinker
- Safety conscious
- Calm under pressure
- Team player & independent worker
- Committed to continuous learning

What do Radiographers do?

Much of your day begins with receiving imaging requests from doctors and specialists. You'll review each request, prepare the imaging room and equipment, and make sure everything is calibrated correctly before a patient arrives. Keeping accurate records and maintaining a well-organised workflow is important, particularly in busy hospital settings where multiple patients move through throughout the day.

When a patient arrives, your role is as much about people as it is about technology. You'll explain the procedure clearly, answer any questions, and help the patient feel as comfortable as possible before and during the scan. Positioning matters enormously in medical imaging, and you'll guide patients carefully to capture the clearest possible image. Throughout the process, you'll monitor radiation levels and follow strict safety protocols to protect both the patient and yourself.

Once imaging is complete, you'll review the images for quality, document your findings, and forward results to the referring clinician. In some settings, particularly with more experience, Radiographers may also contribute to image interpretation or work alongside radiologists on complex cases. Some develop areas of focus over time, such as MRI, CT, or radiation therapy, building deeper technical expertise within the field.

What kind of lifestyle could I expect?

Radiographers work primarily in hospitals and private medical imaging clinics, though some roles exist in specialist centres, research settings, and rural or remote health services. Because diagnostic imaging is needed around the clock in hospital environments, shift work including evenings, weekends, and public holidays is common. Radiographers in private clinics tend to work more predictable hours.

The role is largely indoor and clinic-based, as the specialised equipment used cannot be relocated. You'll spend most of your time on your feet, moving between patients and equipment, and the work can be physically and emotionally demanding at times, particularly in acute care settings.

Salaries for Radiographers are above average, and the profession offers strong job security given ongoing demand for diagnostic imaging services. The ageing population and continued advances in medical technology mean the outlook for this field remains positive, with opportunities available in metropolitan areas and increasing demand in regional and rural settings.

How to become a Radiographer

- **Complete the right subjects at school** A strong foundation in biology, chemistry, physics, and mathematics is important preparation for university-level study in medical imaging.
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- These subjects underpin both the scientific knowledge and the technical understanding you'll need in the role.
- **Earn an approved degree** You'll need to complete a bachelor's degree in medical imaging, radiation therapy, or a related field from an approved provider. These programs combine academic study with clinical placements, giving you hands-on experience in real healthcare settings before you graduate.
- **Register with the relevant board** Before you can practise as a Radiographer, you'll need to register with the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia. This process involves meeting qualification requirements and may include criminal history checks.
- **Maintain your registration through ongoing learning** Radiography is a continually evolving field, and staying registered requires ongoing professional development. This keeps your clinical knowledge and technical skills current as imaging technology advances.

From here, you could progress into senior or lead radiographer roles, move into medical imaging management, or develop expertise in a particular imaging modality. Some Radiographers also move into education, research, or policy work within the health sector.

What can I do right now?

If you're in high school and interested in working as a Radiographer, here are some practical steps:

- Focus on science subjects, particularly biology, chemistry, and physics, as these are typically prerequisites for medical imaging degrees and will give you a genuine head start in your studies.
- Look for work experience or volunteering opportunities in healthcare settings such as hospitals, aged care facilities, or community health centres to get a feel for working in clinical environments and with patients.
- Research the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia and professional bodies such as the Australian Society of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy (ASMIRT) to understand what registration involves and what the profession looks like in practice.

Find out more about alternative careers on [our Job Spotlights page](#).

SKILLS FOR WORK

Build career confidence with these free skills

Imagine scrolling through job ads and spotting the perfect role. The pay looks good, the hours suit you, it matches your [Cluster](#), and the work sounds interesting. Then you read the requirements list and your stomach drops. "Confident using AI tools." "Strong typing speed." "Excellent written communication." You start wondering if you're missing something everyone else already has. Thankfully, these skills (along with many others) don't cost a cent to learn. You can start building them today, using free tools and a bit of daily practice. They'll help you at work, but also in everyday life, whether you're writing an assignment, sorting out your finances, or just trying to get things done.

Get comfortable with AI tools

AI is now part of most workplaces, from writing emails to checking data. Employers aren't expecting you to be an expert and they won't want you to use AI to do the job. They just want people who can use these tools sensibly and know their limits. Try using free tools like ChatGPT or Google Gemini to help plan a project, summarise an article, or brainstorm ideas. Always check the results yourself rather than trusting them blindly.

Sharpen your typing and keyboard skills

Fast, accurate typing is still one of the quickest wins for career confidence. It speeds up everything



from emails to assignments. Sites like [TypingClub](#) or [Keybr](#) offer free lessons and if you only practise for fifteen minutes a day, you'll soon see the improvements. Try touch typing (without looking at the keys), and copying paragraphs from books or news articles, transcribe your favourite song lyrics, or type along as you listen to your favourite podcast. You could even incorporate it as part of your study habits and digitise hand written notes, or start condensing course notes ready for revision.

Master time management and organisation

Employers love people who can juggle several tasks without dropping the ball. This skill separates the good employees from the great ones, and you can practise right now with schoolwork. Use a free tool like [Google Calendar](#) or [Todoist](#) to plan your week, or try the [Pomodoro Technique](#) for focused study sessions. Track how long tasks actually take compared to what you expected, and you'll get better at planning over time. You could even volunteer to coordinate school events or group projects and gain even more experience.

Easily distracted? Try apps like [Stay Focused](#) or [PawBlock](#) to minimise distractions and help you master your scheduling.

Build basic financial literacy

[Understanding budgets and simple maths around money](#) will help you in almost any job from retail to engineering, and in life generally. Try creating a simple budget spreadsheet, start comparing prices at the supermarket, or working out which phone plan gives the best value. Khan Academy offers a [free personal finance course](#) if you want something more structured, there are also plenty of others available.

Practise professional communication

[Clear, polite writing builds trust](#), share ideas effectively, resolve conflict, and helps get things done faster. Practise by emailing teachers with specific questions about assignments, writing thank-you notes after work experience placements, or by joining a debate club or public speaking group. Get in the habit of reading your message aloud before sending, it's simple but catches most mistakes.

Strengthen your research and fact-checking skills

With so much information online, including plenty generated by AI, knowing what to trust matters more than ever. Practise checking news stories against two or three reliable sources before believing or resharing them. Learn to spot when a source might be biased, and use tools like [Google Fact Check Explorer](#), or [FactCheck](#), to verify claims that seem too surprising to be true. Not sure where to start? You can find free training and resources online, for example [International Fact-Checking Network \(IFCN\) short course and tools](#).

Learn basic design and presentation skills

You don't need to be a designer to benefit from knowing the basics of layout, colour, and clear visuals. [Canva](#) is free and a good place to start, with lots of mini tutorials and templates to explore. Try making an infographic for a class project or a poster for a cause you care about.

Grow your people skills

As more routine tasks get handed to computers, the ability to listen well, stay calm under pressure, and treat people with respect becomes even more valuable. Part-time work in retail or hospitality is a great training ground. Volunteering at community events also puts you in front of people from different backgrounds, which builds patience and perspective.

Small efforts add up over time

These skills reinforce each other. Good organisation makes research easier. Clear communication



improves how you work with AI tools. Confidence with people helps in almost every job you'll ever do.

You don't need to master everything at once. Pick one or two skills that interest you most, and set aside fifteen minutes a day. By the time you finish school, you'll have built a genuinely useful set of skills, all for free.

Ready to build your skills?

Head over to our [Skills for Work section](#) for more free guides and tools to help you get future-ready.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Finding relevant and impactful work experience

Work experience is one of the best ways to work out what you want to do with your future. It lets you try a job before you commit to it, and it helps you build skills you can't learn from a textbook. But how do you find work experience that aligns with your interests and career aspirations? Spaces can be limited, some industries are hard to access, and not every student has the same amount of support behind them. The good news is that a formal placement is just one route in.

There are lots of ways to gain real, valuable experience, whatever your situation. We'll help guide you through the process.

Start with what interests you

Before you go looking, it helps to know what you're looking for. Are you someone who loves connecting people with the help they need? Or do you get a buzz from building and inventing new things? Working out your strengths and interests, by identifying your [Career Cluster](#) can provide a valuable starting point for your search. It means you can search for opportunities that actually suit you, rather than applying for anything and everything, potentially wasting your time.

Researching Opportunities

Once you have a good idea of what you want, it's time to research opportunities. You might like to use our [Work Experience Database](#) as a starting point for finding placements or giving you ideas about what to look for and where to apply. If there's a specific company you're interested, head to their website to see if they offer work experience programs, give them a call, or even pop in and see them.

Don't forget to leverage your personal network as well. Teachers, family friends, and even your peers may have local connections or suggestions that could lead to work experience opportunities.

When a placement is hard to come by

Finding a traditional placement has become tougher in recent years. That means competition for the placements that do exist is high, and many students miss out through no fault of their own. It might be particularly hard if you live in a rural or remote location, or if you are disadvantaged in other ways. If this sounds familiar, don't be discouraged. A placement is not the only way to learn about careers and grow your skills.

Other ways to build real experience

Virtual work experience

Many organisations now run virtual work experience programmes and insight days. These let you complete real tasks, listen to talks from employees, and sometimes even take part in projects, all from your own laptop. They're brilliant if you live somewhere with fewer local employers, or if getting to a workplace each day just isn't practical.



Micro-placements and shadowing

Not every experience needs to last a week. Ask if you can shadow someone for a single day, or even just a couple of hours. Short bursts of exposure to a workplace can still teach you a huge amount, and busy employers are often more willing to say yes to a smaller ask.

Volunteering

Volunteering, whether in person or online, builds many of the same skills as paid work experience like teamwork, communication, and responsibility. It also shows employers that you're proactive and community-minded, which counts for a lot.

Part-time and casual jobs

A part-time job in a shop, café, or leisure centre might not match your dream career exactly, but it still teaches you punctuality, customer service, and how to work as part of a team. These are skills every employer values, whatever the industry.

Personal projects

If you can't get inside a workplace, bring the workplace to you. Start a blog, build a small app, design a poster for a local charity, or run a social media account for a cause you care about. Projects like these show initiative and give you something concrete to talk about in interviews.

Networking

Talk to people. Ask teachers, family friends, or family members if they know anyone working in a field you're curious about. A short phone call or coffee chat with someone in the industry, sometimes called an informational interview, can offer insights you won't find online, and might even lead to an opportunity further down the line.

School based opportunities

The things you do in school count too. If your school offers leadership opportunities, volunteering or mentoring roles, has a school newspaper or journal, or runs events, see how you can get involved. Just because it's at school, doesn't make it any less valid or valuable.

Gaining experience if you have additional needs

Every student deserves the chance to build experience, and if you have a disability or additional needs, there are options designed with you in mind.

Many virtual work experience programmes are built to be flexible, which makes them an accessible starting point if travel, energy levels, or sensory environments make in-person placements difficult. It's also worth contacting organisations directly and asking what adjustments they can offer, such as flexible hours, remote tasks, or extra support on the day. Most employers are more willing to help than you'd expect, but they can only do so if they know what you need.

Disability organisations and your local careers service can point you towards inclusive programmes and employers who actively welcome students with additional needs. Your school's careers advisor, as always, is your best first stop as they may know of local employers with experience supporting diverse students.

Don't be afraid to ask for what you need. Requesting an adjustment isn't a weakness, it's simply how you make sure an opportunity works for you.

Aligning Work Experience with Emerging Trends

As you're researching opportunities, keep an eye on emerging trends in the job market. Websites like [Jobs and Skills](#) can provide valuable insights into the skills that employers are looking for and the job titles that are growing fastest. Choosing work experience that helps you develop skills in these



areas could give you a competitive edge when you enter the job market.

Preparing Your Application

Whichever route you choose, you'll usually need to apply for it, so a short cover letter or resume is worth having ready. Tailor each application by highlighting any relevant skills, even ones from school projects, hobbies, or sport. Explain why you're interested in the role and what you're hoping to learn. Keep it honest and specific, rather than generic, as this is what helps you stand out.

Ready to start exploring?

Whether you land a full placement, a virtual internship, or a single afternoon of shadowing, every bit of experience adds to your story. Head to our [Work Experience hub](#) to search for opportunities and options that fit your circumstances.

STUDY

Quantum computing careers and skills

Two years ago, scientists talked about machines that could solve problems too difficult for even the biggest supercomputers, but most of it stayed in the lab. That's changed. Quantum computing has moved from theory towards something you can actually study, work in, and build a career around. If you've ever wondered what the future of computers looks like, what's new, or what it could mean for you, then this blog is for you. Let's dive into the world of quantum computing and see what all the buzz is about.

What is quantum computing?

Quantum computing is like traditional computing but on steroids. Traditional computers store information as [bits](#), tiny switches that are either 0 or 1. Quantum computers use something different: [qubits](#). A qubit can be 0, 1, or a mix of both at once, a property called [superposition](#). Qubits can also be linked together through entanglement, meaning what happens to one instantly affects another, even at a distance.

Put these properties together, and you get a machine that can process massive amounts of information at the same time, exploring many possible answers to a problem at once, rather than checking them one by one like an ordinary computer does.

The big update

The hardest part of building a quantum computer was never about adding more qubits. It was keeping them stable. Qubits are delicate, and even tiny disturbances, like heat, vibration, or stray radiation, can cause errors.

[Google's Willow chip](#) changed all that with increasing qubits halving the error rate instead of climbing. It sounds technical, but it solved a problem researchers had been chasing since the 1990s. And with [Google estimating that Willow could solve a theoretical problem in five minutes which would take the world's current fastest super computers 10 septillion - or 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 - years to complete](#), it's also a big reason employers are taking quantum computing seriously now, not just physicists.

Why should you care about quantum computing?

Quantum computers could revolutionise everything from medicine to climate change. Imagine discovering new medicines in days instead of years, or creating unbreakable encryption to keep your data safe. These are just a few ways quantum computing could totally change our world.

How does that matter for careers?



The quantum computing industry is still small, but it's growing quickly and becoming better defined. Industry tracking body QED-C reported that the [global quantum workforce reached close to 16,500 people in 2025, up by 14% from 2024](#).

New job titles have appeared that barely existed a few years ago:

- **Quantum software engineers** write programs for quantum hardware, usually using frameworks like Qiskit (IBM) or Cirq (Google)
- **Quantum hardware engineers** build and maintain the physical machines, working with lasers, superconductors, or supercooled chambers
- **Quantum error correction specialists** detect and correct errors, focus on keeping qubits stable to protect quantum information
- **Quantum-safe cybersecurity specialists** design encryption strong enough to withstand future quantum-powered code-breaking, a growing concern as the technology matures
- **Quantum computing researchers** [work at the intersection of quantum mechanics and computer science](#) working on theory as well as hands-on experimenting and testing

You don't need to be a physicist to get involved. Universities, including the University of Chicago and Stanford, have started adding hybrid quantum-classical computing modules into existing courses rather than requiring a brand-new degree. And here in Australia the [University of Melbourne](#), [University of Queensland](#), [University of Western Australia](#), [University of Technology Sydney](#), and [Deakin University](#) are some of the institutions offering modules and courses. The field draws on maths, computer science, engineering, and physics, so there are several ways in, depending on your strengths.

Skills worth building now

If anything you've read so far sounds like your kind of challenge, here's where you could start:

- **Programming basics, especially Python.** Most quantum frameworks are built on it, so it's a useful foundation regardless of where you end up.
- **Knowledge of quantum mechanics.** Understanding the particles that make up our universe and the way they work is essential foundation work for anything quantum.
- [Qiskit](#) or [Microsoft Azure](#). These are free, beginner-friendly platforms from IBM and Google that let you run real quantum programs, even from an ordinary laptop.
- **Linear algebra and probability.** The maths behind superposition and entanglement is more approachable than it sounds once you've covered the basics.
- **Machine Learning.** Helping adapt pre-trained models to new tasks in the quantum arena.
- **Algorithms.** Learning what works and what doesn't, and why. Try experimenting with Shor's algorithm, Grover's algorithm, and the Quantum Fourier Transform.
- **An interest in hybrid systems.** Most real-world quantum computing today works alongside classical computers rather than replacing them, so understanding both sides is genuinely useful.

The future of quantum computing

In the next 10-20 years, quantum computing could transform industries. We might see breakthroughs in artificial intelligence, renewable energy, and even space exploration. If you're excited about technology, quantum computing is definitely something to watch.

Getting started

You don't need to wait until university to explore quantum computing. Access IBM Quantum and play around with coding on real quantum hardware for free. See what platforms like Coursera and edX offer in beginner courses covering the basics. Contributing to open-source quantum projects is another way to build experience that recruiters will notice, even before you've finished school.

Rhian Lett the Head of Technology Strategy at Investec shares her career path and thoughts about



quantum computing, the transformation work needed to get us there, and the skills you'll need to get started.

Her top tips are:

- Don't prepare for a single, specific profession, build qualities and skills that will transfer well across multiple industries
- Start before you feel ready
- Be comfortable with change
- Learn how to tell a story
- Be resilient
- Stay creative
- Work on problem solving

Ready to explore quantum computing?

Quantum computing sits at the junction of physics, computer science, and engineering, if that mix appeals to you, it's worth testing the waters before committing to a full degree. Have a browse of our [short courses and microcredentials](#) page for more ideas of the kinds of things you can do that could help you start building useful skills now.

Curious to learn more? There are plenty of resources online to get you started. Websites like [IBM Quantum Experience](#) and reputable educational platforms such as [Coursera](#) offering courses on quantum computing.

UNIVERSITY

Finding a university course that fits you

Choosing a university course can feel like a huge decision, and in some ways, it is. But it doesn't have to be stressful. With a bit of research and an open mind, you can find courses and universities that suit your interests, your strengths, and your life.

Best of all, nothing you choose now is set in stone. You have far more freedom and flexibility than you might think.

Start with what you enjoy, not just what pays well

If you are already certain about your careers goals and know what qualifications you need, then your decision making is going to be a bit easier and you can skip right to exploring universities and their offerings, to find the best match for you.

If you're 100% sure what you want to do for a career yet (that's totally normal by the way), it might be tempting to pick a course based on what you've heard about salaries or job security. Those are important factors to consider, but you'll do better in a course, and afterwards in a career, if you actually enjoy the subject. Think about which classes you look forward to at school. Think about what you read about in your spare time, causes that motivate you, or what you'd happily talk about for hours.

Once you have a shortlist of subjects, look at the different universities offerings and look into what each course entails, don't assume all courses with the same name are identical. One university's psychology degree might focus heavily on research and statistics. Another might lean more towards clinical practice. Small differences could have a big impact on how much you enjoy your studies.

Check the entry requirements carefully

Every course has entry requirements, and these can vary a lot between universities, even for the same subject. Look up the grades, subjects, and any extra requirements like portfolios, interviews, or admissions tests. Happy with everything and confident you'll meet the requirements? Great, keep it on your short list. A little unsure, perhaps add it to the maybe or dream pile for now. If you haven't



studied one of the prerequisite subjects before, or you think the grades might be unachievable even

after applying yourself in school more, you could look at similar courses with different requirements, consider alternative pathways, or revisit this idea down the track as a post graduate option.

University websites usually list all this information clearly, but if you're unsure, contact the future students or admissions team directly. They answer these questions every day and would rather help you now than have you apply for the wrong course.

Remember, you're allowed more than one option

You don't have to pick just one course or one university. Most application systems let you list several choices (preferences), so use that to your advantage. Or if you're applying directly to universities, remember you can apply to as many as you want - just make sure you have enough time and bear in mind any application fees.

A good approach is to pick a dream course, one that excites you even if the entry requirements are high, alongside a couple of more realistic options. This way, you're not putting all your hopes on a single outcome. If you don't receive an offer for your dream course, you'll still have solid choices lined up.

You can change your mind later

Students sometimes treat their university choice like a final decision, but that's simply not true. You can always change your mind after submitting your application, and many people do. You can even change your mind after you've enrolled and started on a course.

Universities are used to students switching courses, transferring to different institutions, or taking a break partway through. None of this ruins your future. If a course isn't what you expected, or your interests shift, there are usually options to move sideways, defer, or restart on a path that suits you better.

Not sure about university? That's fine too

If you're feeling unsure about university altogether, or you don't receive the offer you were hoping for, don't stress - you still have plenty of choices. [Alternative pathways](#), [gap years](#), [apprenticeships](#), [traineeships](#), and other learning options are all valid ways to build your future.

Some people take a gap year to work, travel, or simply figure out what they want. Others start with a vocational course, apprenticeship, or start working straight away and move into university study later, once they know exactly what they want to study. There's no single correct order to do things in, and taking a different route doesn't necessarily hold you back as you'll still be learning, building skills, and gaining valuable life experience that's recognised by education institutions as well as employers.

Where to start your research

A good first step is to look up [open days](#), whether in person or virtual, for universities you're interested in. These give you a feel for campus life, teaching styles, facilities, and student support services, things you can't fully judge from a website alone. Talk to current students if you get the chance, they'll usually give you the most honest picture of what a course is really like.

It also helps to make a simple list for each course you're considering including what you'd study, the entry requirements, the location, and anything that stands out as a bonus or a drawback. Comparing these side by side can really help with decision making rather than trying to hold it all in your head (it's also easier to show parents and carers why how and why you're making those choices).

Ready to start exploring?

Researching universities and courses takes time, but it's time well spent. Focus on what genuinely



interests you, keep your options open by choosing a mix of ambitious and realistic courses, and remember that nothing is set in stone. This is your path and you get to decide what's right for you.

Head over to our [university section](#) for more information or use [Course Seeker](#) to start researching courses today.

FEES & SCHOLARSHIPS

How industry-specific scholarships can fund your future

Scholarships are one of the best ways to fund your future studies. Most people know about the general kind, where organisations provide financial support based on your grades or your family's income for example. But there's another type that can provide significant help, they're industry-specific scholarships. These are funded by companies, government agencies, or industry bodies that want to encourage and support students from all walks of life who are heading into their field. In addition to the funding, they often offer something extra too, like mentoring, work placements, or a direct line into the sector once you graduate.

Let's dive into how you can find and apply for these industry-specific scholarships.

What makes a scholarship industry-specific

An industry-specific scholarship is tied to a particular sector, rather than to a subject or a university. Think engineering, agriculture, defence, healthcare, or technology. These scholarships aim to attract and support talented students who could contribute to the industry's future. They might be facing a skills shortage, or trying to bring more diversity into their workforce. Either way, they benefit from you succeeding, so they tend to offer more than just money. Mentoring, networking events, and industry placements are common extras, and these can matter just as much as the cash.

How to find and apply for one

You'll need to be proactive here, start by thinking about the industries that interest you. Here are some strategies to help you in your search:

- **Identify Your Interests:** Start by identifying the industries that align with your career interests and aspirations. Are you interested in healthcare, technology, agriculture, or perhaps the arts? Once you have identified your areas of interest, you can focus your scholarship search on those industries.
- **Research Industry Bodies and Companies:** Look for industry bodies, associations, and companies within your chosen field. Many of these organisations offer scholarships to support students entering their industry. Check their websites or contact them directly to inquire about any available scholarships.
- **Use Scholarship Search Platforms:** Online scholarship platforms can be a valuable resource. The Study Work Grow [Scholarships Database](#) could be a great starting point.
- **Leverage Your School's Resources:** Your school's career advisor or guidance officer may have information on industry-specific scholarships. They can also provide advice on your application.

Once you've found a scholarship that aligns with your career interests, read the criteria carefully. Some ask for strong grades, others care more about your interest and commitment to the field. Tailor your application to show genuine enthusiasm, not just eligibility. Where you can, back this up with real examples, whether that's a school project, work experience, or volunteering related to the industry. A letter of recommendation from a teacher or mentor can help too, especially if they can speak to your skills and interest directly.

Industry-backed scholarships in Australia and New Zealand



Here are a couple of examples of industry scholarships, so you can get an idea for what you're looking for and what's included. The Elevate program, run by the [Australian Academy of Technological Sciences & Engineering](#), awards scholarships to women and non-binary students in

STEM fields. It's backed by government departments and companies including Snowy Hydro, and it comes with mentoring, workshops, and round-the-clock wellbeing support, not just funding. Another comes from the [Playford Trust in South Australia](#). Its Resources Engineering Scholarships are worth \$10,000 each, funded jointly by the South Australian Government and companies including BHP, Santos, and Iluka Resources. They're aimed at engineering students specialising in mining or energy resources, and they come with the chance of a paid work placement with one of the supporting companies. It's a good example of how state governments and local industries team up to grow the workforce they need, while giving students real experience alongside their funding. New Zealand has a strong tradition of industry scholarships too, particularly in agriculture and food. Fonterra, in partnership with Massey University, offers undergraduate scholarships for [Pasifika](#) and [Maori](#) students worth \$5,000 a year for students starting a degree in Science or Technology. It also includes paid summer internships at Fonterra's Research and Development Centre in Palmerston North, giving students hands-on experience in the industry well before they graduate.

Ready to start your search?

Industry-specific scholarships offering monetary support are a great opportunity to help you study and reduce your debts. But they could also open doors to work experience, mentoring, networking, and a genuine foothold in your chosen field, whether that's submarine engineering in Australia or sustainable farming in New Zealand. Head to our [scholarships database](#) to start exploring options that match your interests, and get one step closer to funding the career you want.

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