

Get the edge

Opportunities to enrich your student experience
at UQ and develop your employability





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When I started at UQ, I was passionate about my field - Science - but unsure of what it could look like as a career. It's easy to forget that you're part of a sea of graduates, and that's why I've really valued the experiences I've had through UQ. From developing my scientific research skills, to volunteering and giving back, focusing on my employability has developed me as a graduate and a person.

A personal highlight was participating in the Summer Research Program. Beyond being a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to spend three months on marine fieldwork, it helped me to develop project planning and execution skills and gave me confidence in my personal abilities. The work I did in the program also built a strong relationship with my supervisor and I'm now continuing on to postgraduate study with them!

I also participated in the Employability Award, which motivated me to get involved with my Faculty's employability offerings. I've been able to volunteer at induction days and mentor new Science students. It's a great feeling to give back to the UQ community, but it's also helped me articulate my university experiences and connect with further opportunities - I now work for the Faculty in a role that has seen me fly around the state!

Enrichment experiences

Complement your university study with enrichment activities designed to help you take your new knowledge outside of the classroom.

Career development learning

Connect with industry, find employment opportunities and get prepared to enter the job market.

The Career Development Learning (CDL) team, in partnership with your faculty, delivers careers information, workshops and support at different stages of your student life.

employability.uq.edu.au/find-a-job

Summer and Winter Research Programs

The Summer and Winter Research Programs offer an educational research experience that enables you to team up with some of the University's leading researchers to discover solutions to global challenges.

employability.uq.edu.au/research

Internships

Put your learning into practice and develop your employability while working on real-world problems with companies from all over the world.

Undertake an extra-curricular internship (domestic, global or virtual) with one of our approved partners.

employability.uq.edu.au/work-experience

Work Integrated Learning

As part of your studies you can undertake a Work Integrated Learning (WIL) activity, giving you the opportunity to integrate what you have learnt in your studies into real work situations.

employability.uq.edu.au/work-integrated-learning

DiversityHub

DiversityHub is an online portal where you can view jobs, employability support, mentoring and industry networking events.

Build connections with other students and employers and learn more about inclusion in the workplace while developing specific capabilities to help you succeed.

employability.uq.edu.au/diversityhub

Entrepreneurship

Ventures provides opportunities for the UQ community to build, practise and grow entrepreneurial behaviours and mindsets.

We provide space for curiosity and creativity to prepare you for an unknown future and to question and accelerate ideas that deliver impact. Programs and activities are open for students from all disciplines and study levels.

ventures.uq.edu.au

Global experiences

See the world and have a once in a lifetime experience that will open your mind to new cultures, new people and new places.

Semester-based exchange

Expand your worldview through a semester-based exchange at one of our partner universities around the world.

Immerse yourself in other cultures, make friends around the world and gain much sought-after international experience to enhance your employability.

employability.uq.edu.au/student-exchange

Short-term experiences

Want to have a global experience without spending an entire semester overseas? Discover the world and make the most out of your semester break through short-term experiences.

Virtual study experiences are also on offer with international institutions.

employability.uq.edu.au/short-term-experiences





Translate your experiences with the Employability Award

The Employability Award is designed to enhance your time at UQ by encouraging you to get involved in a range of enrichment activities outside the classroom. Through participation, you will develop the mindsets and capabilities to be effective in any path you choose.

employability.uq.edu.au/award

Partnership, leadership and community

Give yourself the edge by engaging with opportunities that help make you a well rounded graduate.

Student-Staff Partnerships

The Student-Staff Partnerships program empowers students and staff to collaborate as equal partners and mutual learners. Contribute your perspectives and connect with diverse students and staff members to effect change and enhance the University experience.

You can participate in three different streams: SSP Projects, Student Representation and Student Voice.

employability.uq.edu.au/student-staff-partnerships

Volunteering

Contribute to your community and capabilities through volunteering. There are opportunities to give back both on campus and in the wider community, with programs available University-wide, within your faculty and with external organisations.

employability.uq.edu.au/volunteering

Mentoring

Participate in a mentoring program as a Mentor or Mentee to build your connections. Mentors gain valuable leadership experience by helping fellow students settle into university life or tackle their studies. Mentees gain real industry perspective and practical advice to prepare for their future careers.

my.uq.edu.au/mentoring

Leadership programs

Gain personal insights and realise your leadership potential while developing international contacts and challenging yourself. Each year the University selects a small number of ambassadors to represent UQ at Australian and international events, including the National Student Leadership Forum, Council of International Students Australia National Education Conference and the UQ Embassy Internship Program.

employability.uq.edu.au/represent-uq

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Learn more about employability.

Learn how to maximise your experience to develop your employability, communicate your potential to an employer and make an impact throughout your career with this free, self-paced, online course.

edx.org/uqx/employability

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Find out more about how you can get the edge through these programs and more.



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