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*“Whether you think you can
or you think you can’t, you’re
right.”*

(Henry Ford)

Five Australian Universities Ranked in World's Top 50

Australia's universities continue to impress on the world stage, with five institutions ranked among the top 50 globally.

In June, the [QS Top Universities List 2021](#) was released. The QS is one of the top three most influential rankings lists in the world.

31	Australian National University
40	University of Sydney
41	University of Melbourne
44	University of New South Wales
45	University of Queensland

A further two Australian institutions, [Monash University](#) (55) and the [University of Western Australia](#) (92), cracked the top 100.

QTAC Key Dates 2020-21

OFFER ROUNDS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications open Tuesday 4 August 2020. • Applications and documents submitted by the dates below will be assessed in time. You can apply or submit documents after the due date but they may not be assessed in time. • You cannot change your preferences after the final date for the respective offer round. 		
Offer date	Due date to apply and submit documents	Final date to change preferences
Thursday 27 August	Thursday 20 August	
Thursday 1 October	Thursday 24 September	
Friday 20 November	Friday 13 November	
Wed 23 December	Wednesday 9 December	Mon 21 Dec 12pm
Thursday 14 January	Friday 11 December	Thur 7 Jan 12pm
Friday 22 January	Friday 11 December	
Friday 29 January	Thursday 21 January	
Tuesday 2 February	Monday 25 January	
Thursday 4 February	Thursday 28 January	
Tuesday 9 February	Tuesday 2 February	
Thursday 11 February	Thursday 4 February	
Friday 12 March	Friday 5 March	
Thursday 29 April	Thursday 22 April	
Thursday 20 May	Thursday 13 May	
Thursday 3 June	Thursday 27 May	Friday 28 May 11:59pm
Thursday 17 June	Thursday 10 June	
Tuesday 22 June	Tuesday 15 June	
Thursday 24 June	Thursday 17 June	

<https://www.qtac.edu.au/key-dates/>



Discover Your Path in an ADF Gap Year

Spend an exciting 12-months in the Navy, Army or Air Force, where you'll get paid for meaningful work while travelling around Australia, gaining skills for life, and making lifelong friends, [Find out more!](#)

DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITING REMAINS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Defence is continuing to offer exciting job roles and progressing applications. To see what jobs are available now, [click here](#).

In light of current events, Defence Force Recruiting is conducting all sessions virtually. [Find out more](#).

[Watch this YouTube clip](#) for an interesting snippet regarding ten jobs you might be interviewed for in 2050

Job Focus – Border Force Officer



As described by The Good Universities Guide, a Border Force officers job is to manage the security and integrity of Australia's borders. They mainly work at international airports, seaports or outposts along the Australian coastline. Border Force officers check passengers and crew before clearing them for entry into Australia. They check international mail, passenger luggage and other cargo of ships and aircraft to prevent the illegal entry into Australia of prohibited, quarantined or dutiable goods.

There are a number of entry pathways into the Border Force. This includes entering as a Border Force Recruit, a graduate trainee or through general recruitment

Have a closer look at the Facts and Requirements [Here](#)

Have you Considered Applying for a Scholarship?

Scholarships, Grants, and Bursaries - now is the time to start researching.

Furthering your education can be expensive. Often, the investment of money required to pursue your university or college education will be more than justified by the increased earning potential you'll have on graduation.

However, this doesn't take away from the fact that there are lots of initial expenses associated with continuing in education: tuition fees, accommodation fees, books, food etc. can all add up and for some people, these costs can put them off further study.

Luckily, there are many scholarships, grants, and bursaries that are available to students who find it difficult to meet the costs of continuing in education.



Where to find them

1. There are links and information on your School Careers Website under the "For Students" menu > Scholarships and the "Post School Options" menu > University > Information About Institutions and Courses > under each institution is a direct link to their Scholarships page.
2. There is an Activity in your Student Account (the Student Secure Area is also via the "For Students" menu) called "Scholarships - How to Find Them and Write Applications" that will help and guide you further and in more detail.

Application Tips

Applying for a scholarship, a bursary, or a grant, can be quite a daunting experience. Often there's quite a bit of paperwork involved and each application will require your focused attention to give you the best chances of being successful. Here is some helpful advice on completing your applications, to help you ensure you have given yourself the best chance of securing that all important funding.

Ensure You're Eligible - Before you apply, make sure you meet all the necessary criteria for applying. Don't waste time applying for something you aren't even eligible for.

Read Instructions Carefully - This might sound obvious, but it's worth restating. Pay very close attention to the application instructions to make sure you don't unwittingly disqualify yourself through carelessness.

Assess What They're Looking For - Look beyond the eligibility criteria to uncover exactly what it is the funding administrators are looking for. This will require you to do research. Find out what the aims, objectives, mission of those assessing your application. Can you find out about the background, qualifications, experience of previous recipients of the award, for example?

Show How You Meet the Requirements - Once you've uncovered what the administrators are looking for, you'll need to show to them how you meet these requirements. Do this by giving concrete examples of how you meet each of their criteria.

Don't Miss the Deadline - Again another one that may seem obvious, but you don't want to eliminate yourself from the running through failing to get your application in on time.

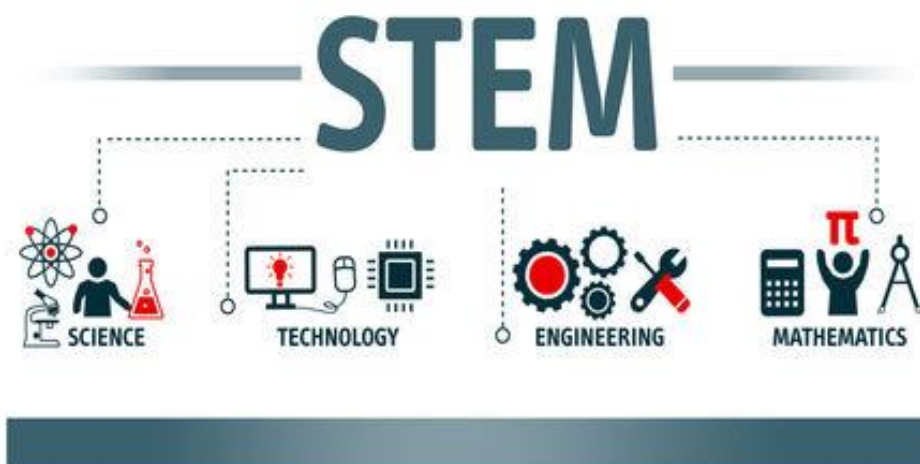
Avoid Telling a Sob Story - Don't go for the sympathy vote in your application, there will be lots of people in similar or even worse situations. Simply lay things out factually and show how you are doing your best to overcome the challenges facing you. Demonstrate how this funding will make a difference to your life and how it will help you achieve your goals.

CAREERSWITHSTEM

Careers with Stem have a few [quizzes](#) designed to help you find a degree that fits.

1. Which area of science should I study?
2. Which area of engineering should you study?
3. The ultimate maths careers quiz: Which area of maths should I study?

By all means don't make this your only source of investigation, but it could be an interesting way to narrow down your university preferences.





Debunking Myths around VET Pathways

University is the only pathway to a sustainable career. Apprenticeships and traineeships don't offer the same financial opportunities as other pathways. VET is too hard physically.

As parents, how many times have you thought or heard these statements?

The Australian Apprenticeships and Traineeships Information service (AATIS) have debunked these and other common myths around VET Pathways in this blog post. Mark Dean, Research and Data Officer at AATIS who has researched industry 4.0 and the future of work talks about how VET Pathways are a sustainable career choice of the future, and the various benefits of embarking on one. Read the complete post [here](#).

About the Australian Apprenticeships and Information Service (AATIS)

The Australian Apprenticeships and Traineeships Information Service (AATIS) offers pathway information to students, job hunters, career advisors and employers. Their Australian Apprenticeships website, app and resources are used and recommended by schools, parents, friends and other career-influencers. To learn more, visit their [website](#).

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2020 Open Days



2020 Open Days – are you ready?

You can access a list of [Open Days Here](#) (scroll down to your state) or better still visit your School Careers Website > Post School Options > University > Open Days / Virtual Tours for access to all institutions and their information as it is updated.

This year will look and feel somewhat different due to COVID-19 and Social Distancing rules. For this reason, 2020 Open Days are mostly virtual. It is beneficial for you to be ready and be organized.

1. **Have a list of open days** and choose which ones you need to attend and link to your calendar or diary.
2. **Pre-register and record login instructions** and any other required information. Remember to sign up for updates as things can change.
3. Before the event starts, **make sure you set yourself up** somewhere with good internet, privacy/minimal interruptions and have everything you might want at hand, like snacks, music and most importantly a list of questions. You will be able to talk to lecturers and current students, so make the most of it.
4. Uni's are going to great effort to make the day as engaging as possible, so be prepared and **have some fun exploring**.
5. Keep in mind you may not get straight on if the maximum number of users have logged on at that time. **Don't give up!** Just come back and try again later. If problems persist contact support on that institution's website.

The Rural Experience

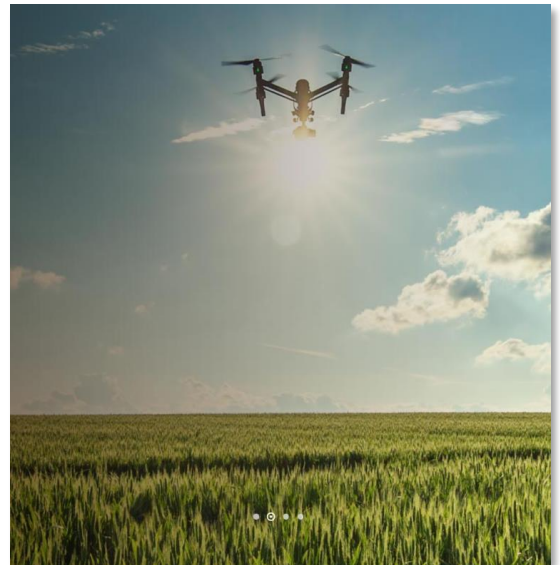
The Rural Experience learning program invites year 10-12 metropolitan students to spend a week in a rural community, experiencing life there and discovering the diverse career opportunities in regional Australia.

Get insights into topics including:

- Agriculture and agribusiness
- Regional business innovation
- Rural health care and social needs
- Regional tourism and hospitality

Their broader purpose is to help connect rural and city areas in ways that develop understanding and economic benefits for both sides and create future strength for Australia.

For more details visit <http://theruralexperience.org.au>



NIDA Applications now open for entry in 2021

The National Institute of Dramatic Art's (NIDA) Vocational Diplomas and Undergraduate Degrees - Applications close on 30 September 2020.

Specialisations in Bachelor of Fine Arts are:

Acting, Costume, Design for Performance, Properties and Objects, Scenic Construction and Technologies and Technical Theatre & Stage Management.

The Vocational Diplomas are in:

Live Production and Technical Services, Musical Theatre, Specialist Make-up Services and Stage and Screen performance.



For more information, visit the NIDA website at www.nida.edu.au

Don't forget to check out the "Calendar of Events" on our School Careers Website