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Young Achievers Program

Program Guide





Welcome to the Young Achievers Program

The Young Achievers Program (YAP) empowers aspiring high school students to pursue their academic and career goals by providing comprehensive support to students in their final years of secondary school.

This support includes access to education, mentorship, financial support, opportunities for personal growth, and leadership development.

With this support we hope to equip students with the skills, knowledge and confidence to reach their potential and make a difference – for their families, schools and communities.

Benefits at high school

University experiences

The annual year 11 and 12 Residential camps held at a UQ college on the St Lucia campus is a highlight of the Young Achievers Program. This immersive experience provides students with an excellent opportunity to experience the university environment, forge meaningful connections with peers and mentors, and explore a variety of post-school study options during both year 11 and 12. By participating in these camps, Young Achievers can gain invaluable insights into the academic and social aspects of university life, which assists them to make informed decisions about their future career ambitions.



Attend on-campus experiences
Experience campus at year 11 and year 12 camp



\$1000
Annual bursary in year 11 and year 12



Mentoring support
Two years of support from UQ students



Five adjustment factors
Assist with entry to UQ

Community Ventures Project

The Community Ventures Project is an integral component of the Young Achievers Program. Each year, Young Achievers undertake a project that has a positive impact on their school or local community. At the end of the project, they present their achievements in the form of a poster, showcasing their impact and the skills they have developed throughout the process.

Access and support

Young Achiever students receive an annual bursary of \$1000 in year 11 and 12 to support their academic pursuits.

Students are also entitled to receive five adjustment factors in their QTAC application, supporting their application to their preferred program at UQ.

In addition, the Young Achievers Program provides comprehensive transition support to help them navigate the transition from high school to university.

“I am grateful for all that I have received from the YAP program, for without its support, I may not be where I am today.”

Opportunities to attend UQ experiences

The Young Achievers Program is committed to promoting academic excellence and growth by providing senior secondary school students with opportunities to attend events and programs at UQ. We understand that these experiences can be incredibly valuable for a student's growth and development, bursaries for experiences are available to ensure they are accessible for all students.

Your student mentors

Mentorship is a crucial aspect of the Young Achievers Program, our students receive dedicated support and guidance from a passionate and motivated cohort of UQ student mentors. These mentors play an instrumental role in helping our Young Achievers navigate their academic journey.

UQ student mentors serve as:

- friendly, helpful and accessible points of contact
- positive role models and a source of information, motivation and support
- activity facilitators during residential camps and Open Days, providing a safe environment for students to learn and grow.

Support from mentors:

- monthly phone calls throughout the senior years, provide a valuable opportunity for students to receive guidance on academic matters they may be facing.
- a social group chat comprised of their mentors and peers, providing a place for like-minded individuals to connect, share experiences, and support one another throughout their academic and personal journeys.

“This scholarship has taught me that anything is possible if you set your mind to it.”



Benefits at UQ

Scholarship

Upon commencing their studies at UQ, Young Achievers are eligible to receive a scholarship of \$7,000 per year for up to four years to support their academic studies.

Support during university

To ensure a smooth transition to university, the Young Achievers Program has dedicated staff and student mentors supporting our Young Achievers, linking them with established services. Our program organises regular catch-ups and events at UQ, giving students access to a wide range of support programs and activities offered by the University. Additionally, our students have the opportunity to network with other Young Achievers studying at UQ, fostering a sense of community during their academic journey.

Accommodation scholarships

The Young Achievers Program, in collaboration with UQ's residential colleges, aims to ease the challenges faced by students transitioning from high school to university. Students can apply for accommodation scholarships to on campus colleges and residences, providing them with a supportive living environment with access to a range of resources to enhance their academic and personal growth.

“Regardless of the challenges that life may throw at you, there is always support at UQ.”

Bowness Family Foundation Award

Upon completion of the program in year 12, students have the opportunity to receive the prestigious Bowness Family Foundation Award. In recognition of their outstanding academic achievements, demonstrated service leadership, and commitment to upholding the program's values.



Networking opportunity, workshop and events

- regular newsletters and updates from UQ
- Invitations to YAP exclusive events



Accommodation support and access to Young Achiever grants

up to \$11,000 per year



Ongoing support

YAP staff support if you commence study at UQ



\$7000

per year for up to four years if you choose to study at UQ



We're here to help

Young Achievers staff are here to help. Please feel free to contact us by phone or email.

For more information on our program, please visit our website.

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