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Young Achievers Program

Parent handbook 2021





Welcome

Congratulations on your child being selected to be a part of the Young Achievers Program! The next two years will be a fun and rewarding journey for you all.

The Young Achievers Program (YAP) has been designed to support the tertiary study and career aspirations of talented secondary school students who might not otherwise have access to university as a post-school option. Funded by The University of Queensland and several generous donors, we share a passion for helping deserving students achieve a university education.

Developing community-minded role models who set a positive example for other students in their school is an important goal of the program. YAP provides a valuable support framework to help each student reach their full potential.

Benefits include:

- ongoing mentoring by UQ students
- university experiences, including residential camps
- information and assistance with study and career planning
- advice on university study options, pathways and application procedures
- financial support of:
 - \$1000 per year in Years 11 and 12
 - \$7000 per year for up to four years on full-time enrolment at UQ
- access to special transition and university orientation programs
- accommodation support and access to Young Achiever grants of up to \$11,000 per year
- five adjustment factors towards study at UQ.

This handbook contains important information to help your child make the most of their time as a Young Achiever.

Please read it carefully and contact program staff as soon as possible if you have any questions.

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Student mentors

Mentoring is a key component of YAP. Each year, a cohort of well-trained, passionate UQ students volunteer their time to mentor our Young Achievers.

UQ student mentors will be an inspiring and knowledgeable source of support throughout your child's senior years. Given the many benefits of mentoring, we encourage them to participate actively in this part of the program.

UQ student mentors serve as:

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

At your child's first residential camp, they will be introduced to two mentors, whom they will get to know well as they lead their group through a range of hands-on and interactive activities. One of their mentors will contact them on a monthly basis, primarily by telephone, to find out how they are going, answer any questions that come up, offer support, and provide helpful study tips that will come in handy throughout Years 11 and 12.

Community service and leadership

Throughout the program, we encourage Young Achievers to demonstrate service leadership and reflect on the importance of community. With this in mind, each Young Achiever undertakes a school or community volunteer project in Years 11 and 12.

We call this valuable service experience the 'Making a Difference (MAD) Challenge'. Your child will learn more about it at their first residential camp.

Our past Young Achievers have done us proud over recent years, volunteering their time to support worthy causes such as Lifeline, the Royal Flying Doctor Service, Homeless Connect, The Smith Family and Landcare Australia.

Young Achievers who transition to UQ on completing secondary school are invited to contribute as a volunteer to ensure the ongoing success of the program.



"Every mentor and coordinator has inspired me to keep fighting for what I believe in; to never give up and to overcome barriers, no matter how big or small. I thank them for their persistence and their dedication to my wellbeing."

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YAttributes

Throughout their time in the program, they will embrace the Young Achiever values and develop a unique and special set of characteristics or attributes we like to call YAttributes:



Being community-minded



Being committed to learning



Having a confident outlook



Being culturally aware

More information about these attributes will be provided at the Year 11 residential camp.

Get involved

Residential camps

Residential camps, held at UQ's St Lucia campus in Brisbane, are an important means of establishing mentoring relationships and understanding more about life as a university student. Closely supervised by UQ staff and student mentors, the camps provide a wonderful opportunity for your child to make new friends, hone their leadership and communication skills, set goals for the future, learn more about their post-school study options and, of course, have fun. For these reasons, attendance at residential camps in Years 11 and 12 is a mandatory program requirement.

All costs associated with meals, board, transport and program activities during the camps are met by UQ. Students travelling from regional and remote areas will have a dedicated travel day prior to the commencement of each camp.

Residential camp dates

Year 11 Residential Camp, UQ St Lucia

Camp will commence at 5pm on Monday 18 January 2021. Camp will conclude at 9pm on Thursday 21 January 2021.

Monday 18 and Friday 22 January 2021 will be travel days for regional students.

Year 12 Residential Camp, UQ St Lucia

Camp will commence at 5pm on Monday 10 January 2022. Camp will conclude at 9pm on Thursday 13 January 2022.

Monday 10 and Friday 14 January 2022 will be travel days for regional students.

Young Achievers who do not attend the annual camp will forfeit their place in the program.

UQ Open Days

Open Days, held annually each August, are a valuable learning experience for students and their families. They are a great opportunity to catch up with fellow Young Achievers, their student mentors and university staff while exploring all that UQ has to offer. Faculty staff and students are on hand during Open Days to provide advice on the various study options your child may be considering and possible careers these can lead to.

We strongly encourage you and your child to attend at least one UQ Open Day over the course of Years 11 and 12.

2021 UQ Open Day

St Lucia campus: Sunday 1 August

Gatton campus: Sunday 15 August

Pharmacy Australia Centre for Excellence: Sunday 15 August



Year 12 parent information sessions

In Year 12, you and your child will be invited to attend a parent information session in your hometown/region.

This event will provide you with the opportunity to find out more about their post-school options and will cover topics such as university entry requirements and pathways, degree choices, financial assistance, accommodation options, student support services and much more.

Celebration event

Towards the end of Year 12, you and your child will be invited to attend a special event to celebrate the achievements of our graduating Young Achievers.

Invitations to the event in your hometown/region will be emailed in Term 3 of Year 12.

Other learning opportunities

Additional opportunities that may be valuable in helping your child gain information about their options in Year 11 and 12 include:

- **Careers That Shape the World University Experience Day: June**
uq.edu.au/shape-your-world
- **Future Experiences in Agriculture, Science and Technology (FEAST): July**
science.uq.edu.au/feast
- **Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO): July**
careersevent.com/tsxpo
- **Young Scholars Program: November – December (open to Year 11 students)**
young-scholars.uq.edu.au
- **Enhanced Studies Program**
esp.uq.edu.au
- **Effective Thinking and Writing (WRIT1999)**
esp.uq.edu.au/effective-thinking-and-writing-writ1999
- **UQ Results Advice Night: December**
future-students.uq.edu.au/results-advice

Further information about dates and times for these events is available on the websites listed above and will also be provided to Young Achievers and their families throughout the year.



Support for students at UQ

The first steps of the university journey are critical. UQ's excellent support network of people, resources and services will help your child succeed.

Study support

Whether it's managing studies, navigating orientation or changing programs, our student support services provide advice and support to help students make the most of their time at UQ.

Student Services is on every campus and offers support in everything from study and learning assistance to exam prep and workshops. UQ also offers a number of mentoring programs that provide valuable guidance through all stages of university.

Personal support

UQ offers a range of personal support services, including disability support, health services, childcare,

the UQ Multi-Faith Chaplaincy, and the UQ Ally network for LGBTIAQ+ students.

Student Help on Campus (SHOC) is a free, independent, short-term support service that assists with education and equity, employment, gender and sexuality, legal services, migration and welfare.

You can also be sure your child is safe on campus with our 24-hour security patrols and UniSafe program, a free app that connects directly with UQ security officer or emergency services while on campus.

Our safety program is designed to improve safety for staff, students and visitors on campus, and includes an escort service at St Lucia and Gatton campuses to accompany people to public transport or parking after dark, and a safety bus service after 6pm at St Lucia.

Money matters

Paying fees, buying study materials and managing living expenses when your child starts university can seem like a lot to juggle, but knowing what to expect will help them to be better prepared.

Study expenses

Costs associated with studies include course fees and the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF), as well as textbooks and stationery, and equipment such as lab coats. Fees for 2021 are expected to be available from August 2020.

my.uq.edu.au/fee-schedules

Scholarships

With more than 200 scholarships on offer, fee relief and financial aid can make the UQ experience more affordable. There are university-wide academic, sporting and equity scholarships, as well as scholarships for specific study areas, for studying abroad, to assist regional and rural students, and career-specific scholarships.

Additional expenses

Your child will also need to budget for additional costs like accommodation (if they're moving away from home) and transport. Insider Guides provides a helpful online Cost of Living Calculator to estimate weekly, monthly and yearly living costs.

insiderguides.com.au/cost-of-living-calculator

Keeping costs down

- Centrelink offers financial support, including Austudy, Abstudy and Youth Allowance. humanservices.gov.au
- UQ Union offers a range of free and low-cost entertainment activities, such as Kampus Kitchen. uqu.com.au
- A range of retailers and institutions offer concessions and student discounts.

Admission pathways

If your child doesn't get into their dream program, they need not despair. There are many different paths to UQ, and we are here to help.

Tertiary study pathway

Students who need to improve their entry score can study a related program at UQ as a pathway. Depending on their academic performance, their new entry rank could be significantly higher than the previous rank. If they're missing a prerequisite, they can also include it in their pathway program to avoid the need for separate bridging studies.

Bridging study

Successfully completing an approved bridging program is another pathway to university study. Students can use a bridging program to:

- satisfy a subject prerequisite
- get an entry score
- gain foundational knowledge in a selected area, and
- prepare for future tertiary study.

Additional pathways for eligible students include the Associate Degree in Business, the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) and employment experience.

For more information on admission pathways, contact UQ Admissions.

(07) 3365 2203
admissions@uq.edu.au
bit.ly/admission-pathways

University can seem like a different world with a different language. Here are some terms you might come across.

ATAR

The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is the standard measure of overall school achievement used in all Australian states and territories (with the exception of Queensland). For 2021 admission, the ATAR will replace the Overall Position (OP) as the standard pathway to tertiary study for Queensland Year 12s.

Subject prerequisites

Providing appropriate foundation knowledge, these are subjects prospective students must pass before they can enrol in particular courses or programs.

Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC)

This is the centralised tertiary application service through which students apply for positions in a range of institutions. Students' preferred course selections and the order in which they are submitted are called 'preferences'. See qtac.edu.au

HECS-HELP

Eligible Australian students can defer payment of course fees through the Higher Education Contribution Scheme-Higher Education Loan Program. See studyassist.gov.au

Deferral

To defer is to delay the commencement of a program to a future semester. Undergraduate programs commencing in Semester 1 can be deferred for one year. Programs commencing in Semester 2 cannot be deferred.

Program

A sequence of study leading to the award of a qualification such as a bachelor's degree, graduate diploma or certificate.

Course

A component of study within a program, similar to a subject at high school.

Major

An area of specialised study within a program, e.g. history in an Arts program, or chemistry in Science, which may be optional or a formal requirement.

Minor

A field within a program, approximately half the value of a major.

Your questions answered

What can the bursary money be used for?

Our expectation is that the money will be put towards items for educational purposes. This might include textbooks, a laptop, educational experiences or other school-related items. They may also like to save up the bursary payments for when they go to university.

What if my child's school grades start to decline?

Satisfactory academic progress is a requirement for ongoing participation in the program. Students whose academic progress or commitment to the program is deemed to be less than satisfactory will be required to justify, in writing, why their participation in YAP should not be terminated. Unsatisfactory progress may include (but is not limited to) failing one or more subjects, receiving less than satisfactory results on the behaviour, homework and effort criteria, or poor attendance (unexplained absences) on their report card.

What if my child changes schools or we move interstate during Years 11 or 12?

If your child changes schools for whatever reason during Years 11 or 12, they will need to contact YAP staff immediately. The program is only offered to a select number of schools in Queensland and consequently, any move may mean that your child forfeits their place in the program.

What is the MAD Challenge?

Community service and leadership are highly valued and encouraged in the program. All students are required to complete a MAD Challenge in Years 11 and 12, which requires giving back to their school or community through volunteering. More details about this challenge will be provided at the residential camps.



As a parent/guardian, how can I support my Young Achiever?

Parents and guardians play an important role throughout their child's journey in the program. You can support your young person by:

- ensuring they attend all compulsory events
- informing program staff if you have any concerns – academic, health or wellbeing – about your child's ongoing participation in the program
- encouraging and supporting their school/ community project.

You may also wish to stress the importance for your child to:

- participate in all events and other opportunities that arise
- embrace the opportunity to make new friends
- be proactive
- step outside their comfort zone
- stay focused on their goals
- maintain regular contact with YAP staff and mentors
- be prompt with communication (responding to emails, event invitations etc).



Planning your child's future

We understand how diverse and complex post-school choices and the application processes can be. Please be assured that program staff will be on hand to guide and support your child throughout their time in the program, and that they will be provided with publications and other useful resources to assist with their future study and career planning.

UQ websites	Information for future students	Research UQ programs	future-students.uq.edu.au
	Accommodation	UQ accommodation services	uq.edu.au/student-services/accommodation
	Scholarships	Scholarships for school leavers	scholarships.uq.edu.au
	Information for parents	Information and advice for parents to help support your Young Achiever in the transition to university	future-students.uq.edu.au/parents
	UQ Employability	Maximise your student experience and enhance your employability	employability.uq.edu.au
Academic support	The Desk	Information and skills to cope with assessment, as well as academic advice	thedesk.org.au/about
Making a decision	My Future	Helping you discover career options and aligning them with your interests	myfuture.edu.au
	Job Guide	Information on job details, skills, training required and industry trends	education.gov.au/school-work-transitions
University options	QTAC	Information on tertiary study options and application processes	qtac.edu.au
	Tertiary Studies Expo	Information for students seeking to explore their study, training and career options	careersevent.com/event/brisbane-careers-event-2/
Financial assistance	Study Assist	Government information about HECS-HELP and Centrelink (Department of Human Services)	studyassist.gov.au
	Scholarships	An Australian website detailing a variety of scholarships	australia.gov.au/information-and-services/education-and-training/scholarships
Extra-curricular	Volunteering	Excellent opportunities to make connections and give back to the community	volunteer.com.au volunteeringqld.org.au dosomethingnearyou.com.au
	Research further opportunities to learn and extend yourself academically	UQ Young Scholars Program UQ Enhanced Studies Program UQ Future Experiences in Agriculture, Science and Technology Junior Physics Olympiad National Youth Science Forum YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament YWB Spark Engineering Camp	young-scholars.uq.edu.au esp.uq.edu.au science.uq.edu.au/feast smp.uq.edu.au/jpho nysf.edu.au ymcabrisbane.org/queensland-youth-parliament-home sparkengineeringcamp.ywb.com.au

Benefits to students



ON-CAMPUS experiences and activities



5 ADJUSTMENT FACTORS to assist with entry to UQ



VALUABLE family support



\$1000 Years 11 and 12 annual bursary

\$7000

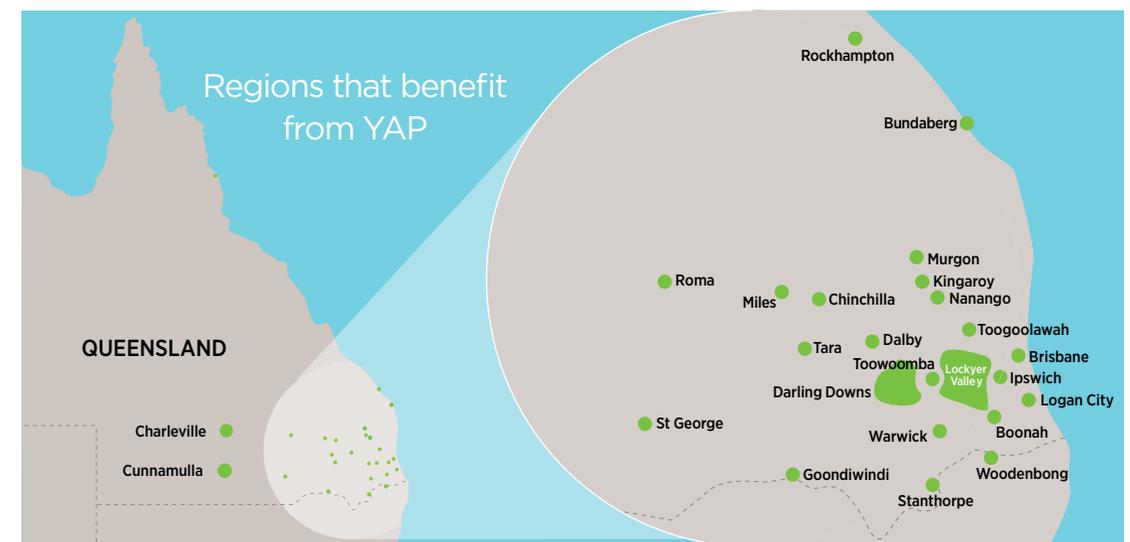
UQ student scholarship per year for up to 4 years



WRIT1999 effective thinking and writing



2 YEARS OF mentoring support from UQ students





Why choose UQ

In today's competitive job market, a university education is a passport to an exciting future.

With some of the most varied study options in Australia, at UQ your child can choose a degree to match their interests, passion or career goals.

The most prestigious and widely recognised rankings of world universities consistently place UQ among the world's top universities.

UQ has also won more national teaching awards than any other Australian university. This commitment to quality teaching will empower your child to create positive change for society.



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in Queensland
for graduate
employability

QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2020

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campuses

6

faculties

54,500+
students from

142
countries



#46

university in
world

QS World University Rankings 2021



more

national teaching awards than
any other Australian university



state-of-the-art
facilities



We're here to help

YAP staff are here to help. Please feel free to contact us by phone or email. We'd love to hear from you.



250+
YAPpers at UQ



150+
graduates



60+
schools across
Queensland

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