UQ YOUNG ACHIEVERS PROGRAM

SUPPORTING THE ASPIRATIONS OF DESERVING STUDENTS
WELCOME TO THE
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The UQ Young Achievers Program (UQYAP) is an exciting initiative which aims to support the tertiary study and career aspirations of senior secondary school students who might not otherwise have access to university as a post-school option.

The focus of the UQ Young Achievers Program is on nurturing and developing the educational ambitions of participants through mentoring, advice, financial assistance, and opportunities for personal growth.

Instilling a strong sense of civic responsibility in participants is an important goal of the Program. For this reason Young Achievers undertake school and community volunteer projects in Years 11 and 12.

The Program also aims to create student role models who will go on to build the aspirations of others by serving as mentors to future cohorts of Young Achievers.

Since its establishment in 2009, over 680 students from state secondary schools across Queensland have participated in the Program.

NOMINATION & SELECTION

Students are nominated in Year 10 by their School Principal as motivated young people with demonstrated potential to succeed at university. To be considered for the Program, students must undertake an OP-eligible pathway in Years 11 and 12 and consistently demonstrate a high level of commitment to their school studies. The full eligibility criteria are outlined in the Program Guidelines.
PROGRAM BENEFITS

The UQ Young Achievers Program provides a valuable support framework to enable participating students to realise their potential.

Students selected for the Program benefit from:
- Ongoing support and mentoring from current UQ students
- On-campus experiences, including residential camps at UQ’s St Lucia campus
- Financial assistance of $1000 per year in Years 11 and 12 to assist with education costs
- Scholarship support of $7000 per year for up to four years while enrolled at UQ
- Information and personalised assistance with study and career planning
- Advice on university study options, pathways and application procedures
- Opportunities for personal growth and leadership development
- Tailored transition advice and student support services
- Regular newsletters and updates from UQ

MENTOR PROGRAM

UQ Student Mentors play a vital role in the delivery and success of the Young Achievers Program by generously volunteering their time to inspire, inform and encourage the Young Achievers to pursue their educational ambitions.

This team of current UQ students support the Young Achievers in a variety of ways by serving as:
- a friendly and helpful source of information, motivation and support
- positive role models, who inspire the students and assist the development of leadership, interpersonal and communication skills

UQYAP provides an extraordinary and fulfilling opportunity for mentors and students alike.

“I love being a YAP mentor because I get to help all of these amazing students understand what university actually is and help them believe that university is a possibility for them. I also get to provide them with support during their final years of schooling and assist them as much as possible in their transition to university life.”

BRIANNA BECKETT-CASSON
UQ YAP Mentor
BECOME INVOLVED
- HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF TALENTED STUDENTS

Raising and supporting the tertiary aspirations of students from educationally disadvantaged backgrounds requires a long-term commitment.

The University welcomes support from individuals and organisations who share our ambition to improve educational outcomes for students from low-income families and would like to contribute to the success and sustainability of the Program. Your gift will provide much-needed assistance for these students as they embark on the journey to fulfil their educational and life ambitions.

The University of Queensland is committed to the long-term sustainability of this important initiative and the benefits it will bring, not only to participants, but also to their families, schools and communities.

Donors are encouraged to take advantage of opportunities to meet the Young Achievers. They gain much personal satisfaction in seeing these young people complete secondary school, thrive at university, and importantly, give back to the Program by helping others.

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“The Young Achievers Program provides an incredible opportunity to explore aspects of university life. Having a Student Mentor as a role model to help guide you through your senior high school years is phenomenal. The support of this Program has given me a real belief that university is now a real option for me”

JEREMY BOTT
UQ Young Achiever