Why study START QUT?
START QUT is ideal if you are a high-achieving student who wants to extend your senior studies.

With the START QUT program you can:
• trial up to two different study areas to help you to decide on your future course and career options
• potentially receive advanced standing (credit) for up to two units towards a related bachelor degree, reducing future study costs
• be eligible for up to four credit points towards your Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)
• receive an adjustment of up to 2.00 QTAC selection ranks, one for each unit you successfully complete, towards entry to QUT
• prepare for uni by attending classes and undertaking assessment alongside first-year QUT students
• extend your knowledge in an area of interest and start working towards your dream career
• learn from world-class teachers who will support and inspire you
• immerse yourself in the university lifestyle and become part of the student community.

What can I study?
You can complete one or two units from a wide range of study areas including:
• business
• law
• creative industries
• education
• justice
• engineering
• health
• science.

How will START QUT fit in with my school studies?
Each START QUT unit has its own timetable with classes running both during and outside school hours. You’ll need to talk with your school and parents/guardians to work out a plan for managing your university studies, school and other commitments.

Depending on which unit you choose, you will study at either Gardens Point or Kelvin Grove campus or online.

Interested in STEM?
START QUT (STEM Intensive) is a two-week intensive study program where you complete a STEM unit in the January summer holidays before commencing Year 12. You’ll gain insight into STEM studies in a safe and supportive environment.

Applications must be submitted by 31 October while in Year 11.

Find out more at qut.edu.au/startqut

Lucas Ferreira
Information technology student

START QUT gave me the amazing opportunity to experience what it’s like to be a university student while still in high school. I was given the freedom to go to lectures and attend my classes on campus, which was a change from my usual school day. The START QUT program also allowed me to extend my high school studies and confirm computer science was the path for me.
A day in the life of a former START QUT student

Current creative writing student Tabitha Franklin recalls how she managed her START QUT studies alongside her school work and other commitments.

6.30am: Wake up, pack my bag with everything I need for the day, and have breakfast.

7.30am: Attend choir rehearsal at my school, Aspley State High.

8.30am: Start my classes for the day.

1.10pm: School finishes early for me on Thursdays. I’m on my learner licence, so my dad picks me up and I drive to QUT Kelvin Grove to get some practice in.

1.45pm: Arrive at uni early for my screenwriting workshop. A great chance to chat to my new uni mates.

2.00pm: Workshop starts. We’re learning about creating complex characters.

3.30pm: I stay back with a couple of other students after the workshop to ask questions and get help with our assessment. I also talk to my tutor about a story I’m writing in my spare time.

4.30pm: Walk to QUT Kelvin Grove busway station and take the bus to my local shopping centre. Dad picks me up and we drive home.

5.30pm: Unpack my bag, take a shower and eat dinner.

6.30pm: Study for my school subjects.

8.30pm: Wind down by writing in my journal and reading a book in bed.

How much does START QUT cost?
START QUT is a scholarship so you don’t need to pay tuition fees for your study. You will have to cover costs such as textbooks, transport and printing.

Am I eligible?
The START QUT program is open to Year 11 students in their second semester, and Year 12 students in their first semester or in the January summer holidays before commencing Year 12 (STEM Intensive only).

To be eligible you must be a Queensland or Northern New South Wales student on an ATAR or International Baccalaureate Diploma pathway and achieving well at school (B or higher for English, B average across other subjects). Check all entry requirements at qut.edu.au/startqut

In addition to the requirements above, you must also:
- be capable of undertaking university-level study on top of your Year 11 and 12 workload
- have the support of your parents
- have permission from your school to participate—a staff member (guidance officer, career counsellor, curriculum head, dean of studies, academic dean, gifted students coordinator, principal, deputy principal or other similar position) must approve your participation
- be able to attend classes at the designated QUT campus—Kelvin Grove or Gardens Point, or meet any online class/attendance requirements.

How do I apply?
1. Visit qut.edu.au/startqut to take a look at the units available and link to the application form. Check where your unit is based as you’ll need to make sure you can get to campus for classes.

   Semester 2 (Year 11): apply by 31 May in Year 11.

   STEM Intensive (summer holidays before Year 12): apply by 31 October in Year 11.

   Semester 1 (Year 12): apply by 31 October in Year 11.

2. Submit your application with all the required supporting documentation by the closing date.

Need more information?
To explore the units available, read about entry requirements and apply, visit qut.edu.au/startqut

For any further questions, phone 07 3138 2000 or enquire online or via chat at qut.edu.au/need-advice

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