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 debt
• be eligible for up to four credit points towards your Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)
• receive an adjustment of up to two 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 a part of the student community.

What can I study?
You can complete one or two units from a wide range of study areas, including:
• building and planning
• business
• creative practice, communication and design
• education
• engineering
• health and community
• information technology
• justice
• Mandarin
• science and mathematics.
Depending on what units you choose, you will study at either Gardens Point or Kelvin Grove campus. And if you aren’t able to study on campus, some education and justice units are offered externally.

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 classes, school and other commitments.

It’s important to consider whether you have enough free time to commit to START QUT in addition to your school work, extracurricular activities and part-time employment. As a guide, the majority of students will need to spend eight hours per week on university study, including going to classes, reading and preparing for assessment. Also consider travel time between school or home and uni.

A great head start
START QUT was an amazing experience. I quickly adjusted to the extra workload and travel time to attend classes. The program gave me a taste of uni life, a head start on my first year and made it much easier to choose a course for my QTAC application. And it was free!

Jarod Lam
Information technology and law student
A day in the life of START QUT student, Ali Lutz

Former START QUT student, currently studying a double degree in psychology and justice, majoring in criminology and policing.

6.30am Wake up, have breakfast and then organise everything I will need for the day.

8am Arrive at school, Kelvin Grove State College, and attend the Student Representative Council meeting to discuss and organise upcoming events.

8.30am I have a free period Thursday mornings so I’m able to catch the free QUT shuttle bus from Kelvin Grove to Gardens Point just in time for my lecture.

9am Attend my Policy, Governance and Justice lecture. We are learning about the necessary writing skills needed in order to work in government agencies.

10am Grab morning tea on campus—there are so many cafés to try!

10.45am Arrive back at school in time for the rest of my classes for the day.

3pm Quickly change out of my school uniform and head back to QUT.

4pm Attend my tutorial. This is a great chance for me to ask any clarifying questions to my tutor as well as engage in the content further with my peers.

5pm Head into QUT’s library to get ahead of next week’s readings and begin my 1500-word policy briefing assignment. Thankfully we brainstormed ideas in the tutorial.

6pm Head home, go for a walk or run to relax and clear my brain.

7pm Have dinner and spend time with my family.

8pm Work on school assignments.

9pm Begin to wind down for the night-watch Netflix, listen to a true crime podcast or read a book, then off to bed.

My tip for START QUT success: get involved and use everything on offer for you at QUT—whether that is joining a club or taking advantage of the extensive range of academic literature.

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 text books, transport and printing.

Am I eligible?

The START QUT program is open to Year 11 students in their second semester and Year 12 students.

For current Year 12 students, to be eligible you must:

• be a Year 12 student in the year you participate in the START QUT program
• be a Queensland-based student on an OP (or equivalent) or International Baccalaureate Diploma pathway
• have maintained a minimum of a B in English, English Extension or English for ESL Learners throughout your Year 11 studies
• have maintained a B average across a minimum of five OP (or equivalent) or International Baccalaureate Diploma subjects throughout your Year 11 studies.

For current Year 11 students, to be eligible you must:

• be a Year 11, Semester 2 student in the year you participate in the START QUT program
• be a Queensland-based student on an ATAR (or equivalent) or International Baccalaureate Diploma pathway
• have maintained a minimum of a B in English throughout your Year 10 studies
• have maintained a B average across all your Year 10 studies.

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 or guardians
• 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 (excluding external justice or education students).

How do I apply?

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

2. Submit your application with all of the required supporting documentation by the required date. To participate in Semester 1 START QUT, your application must be submitted by the end of October the year prior. Applications for Semester 2 will generally close in mid-May of the same year. Late applications will not be accepted.

For more information visit qut.edu.au/startqut email startqut@qut.edu.au or phone 07 3138 3181.