



# QUT YOUNG ACCELERATORS

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**Your career. Your future. Your choice.  
Making a decision about university.**

## CHECKLIST 1

### Exploring your career interests

We understand that having to choose a career path that makes the most of your skills and helps you realise your goals right now might feel a little daunting.

Embarking on the journey towards your future career—and considering whether you need to go to university to achieve it—is a big decision. It doesn't have to be an overwhelming one though.

This checklist will help you explore your interests and consider your future university education opportunities.

#### Who can use this checklist?

Anyone can use this checklist including:

- students considering post-school study and career options
- parent/carers having career conversations with their student
- teachers and guidance officers fostering career conversations in the classroom
- preparation before attending activities such as open days or events, and when asking questions of university staff.

# PLANNING FOR UNIVERSITY

This checklist has been designed as a means of providing you, as a future learner—or as the parent/guardian of a future student—with some key, thought-provoking questions to assist you with:

- exploration of your career interests
- furthering your education and possibly studying at university.

## Explore your career interests

**CHECK OUT THESE RESOURCES TO EXPLORE YOUR CAREER INTERESTS.** ADD NOTES UNDER THE 'RESPONSES' SECTION WITH YOUR KEY STRENGTHS, VALUES, INTERESTS, ETC.

- **Match My Skills** [match-my-skills.qut.edu.au](http://match-my-skills.qut.edu.au)
- **Job Outlook Skills Match** [joboutlook.gov.au/career-tools/skills-match](http://joboutlook.gov.au/career-tools/skills-match)
- **myfuture Careers Quiz and Careers Bullseyes** [myfuture.edu.au](http://myfuture.edu.au)
- **STEM Careers Guide** [gradaustralia.com.au/library/2020/sector-guide-stem](http://gradaustralia.com.au/library/2020/sector-guide-stem)
- **Good Careers Guide:** occupations and pathways [www.goodcareersguide.com.au](http://www.goodcareersguide.com.au)

ABOUT YOU	RESPONSES
What are your strengths?	
What are your personal values?	
What are you passionate about?	
What are your interests?	

# Explore possible careers that might suit you

**LET'S EXPLORE CAREERS. USE THE RESOURCES BELOW TO EXPLORE FUTURE JOBS AND CAREERS.**

- Complete **Job Outlook Explore Australia** activity [joboutlook.gov.au](http://joboutlook.gov.au)
- Explore the **Graduate Careers Australia**: a great guide to explore the careers you are likely to have with a university degree [graduatecareers.com.au](http://graduatecareers.com.au)
- Explore the **Good Careers Guide**: occupations and pathways [www.goodcareersguide.com.au](http://www.goodcareersguide.com.au)
- Explore the **Australian Jobs Guide** [nationalskillscommission.gov.au/australian-jobs-report](http://nationalskillscommission.gov.au/australian-jobs-report)
- Explore the **Grad Connections/Jobs** [gradconnection.com](http://gradconnection.com)

## AS A SCHOOL LEAVER:

What are your favourite subjects?

What are your strongest subjects at school?

What do you see yourself doing in the future?

## AS A NON-SCHOOL LEAVER:

Why are you interested in further study?

What do you see yourself doing in the future?

If you are considering future study, what skills do you bring?

What possible careers came up in your search?

# Where would you need to study your preferred course?

## USE THESE RESOURCES TO HELP YOU EXPLORE YOUR STUDY OPTIONS.

- **Match My Skills** [match-my-skills.qut.edu.au](http://match-my-skills.qut.edu.au)
- **QUT Young Accelerators Careers in STEM**  
[qut.edu.au/study/career-advisers-and-teachers/young-accelerators/careers-in-stem](http://qut.edu.au/study/career-advisers-and-teachers/young-accelerators/careers-in-stem)
- **The 2020-2021 STEM Careers Handbook**  
[qut.edu.au/study/career-advisers-and-teachers/young-accelerators/careers-in-stem](http://qut.edu.au/study/career-advisers-and-teachers/young-accelerators/careers-in-stem)
- **myfuture Careers Bullseyes** [myfuture.edu.au](http://myfuture.edu.au)
- **STEM Guide** [gradaustralia.com.au/library/2020/sector-guide-stem](http://gradaustralia.com.au/library/2020/sector-guide-stem)
- **Quality Indicators of Learning and Teaching** [qilt.edu.au](http://qilt.edu.au)
- **Good University Guide** [gooduniversitiesguide.com.au](http://gooduniversitiesguide.com.au)

What are you interested in studying?

What are the future outcomes of the occupation/job that interests you?

What kind of jobs are available?

What is the predicted growth of these jobs/ occupations?

What are the career/job prospects?

What are the salary ranges?

What skills do you require for the job?

Does your occupation require registration (i.e. nurse, lawyer)?

What do you see yourself doing in the future?

Why are you interested in further study?

## Stay connected

Keep exploring and keep up to date with more information and events at [qut.edu.au/young-accelerators](http://qut.edu.au/young-accelerators)

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