



# QUT YOUNG ACCELERATORS

Accelerate your STEM future at QUT!

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

## CHECKLIST 2 Career and study exploration

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:

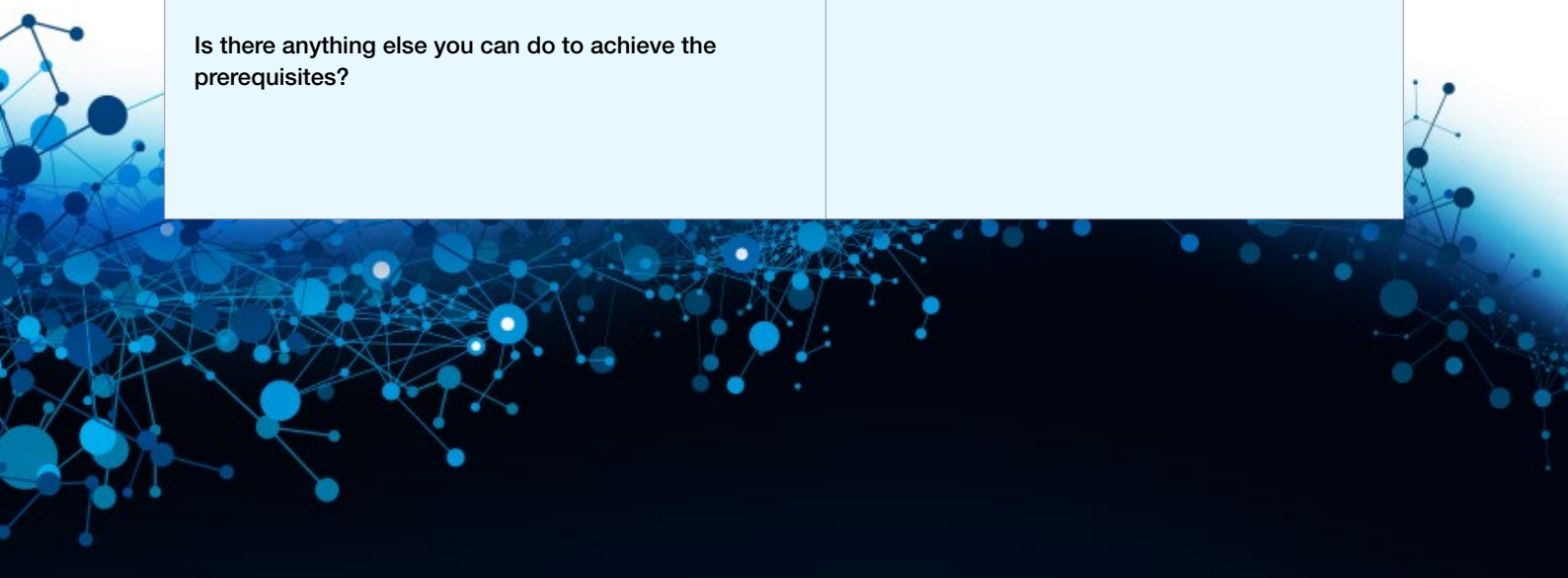
- exploration of your career interests
- furthering your education and possibly studying at university.

QUESTIONS	RESPONSES
<b>WHY UNIVERSITY?</b>	
<b>Why do you want to come to university?</b> Is it to gain technical knowledge in a particular industry, upskill, pursue a dream or goal, follow a passion?	
<b>What are some of the occupations you are considering? Do they require you to have a university degree?</b>	
<b>Have you considered a graduate employment program after graduation?</b> Gradconnection showcases hundreds of employers offering internships and graduate programs. <a href="http://au.gradconnection.com">au.gradconnection.com</a>	
Employers often require minimum qualifications for roles outlined in the Australian Qualifications framework. Take a look at Level 7 (bachelor degree) in <a href="http://aqf.edu.au/aqf-levels">aqf.edu.au/aqf-levels</a> It is useful to know that many employers will focus on the skills as much as the degree, so that is why you can study a variety of degrees and end up in some great graduate jobs/programs.	



QUESTIONS	RESPONSES
<b>WHAT DEGREE/S ARE YOU CONSIDERING?</b>	
As part of your degree exploration for QUT, complete the Match My Skills survey at <a href="http://match-my-skills.qut.edu.au">match-my-skills.qut.edu.au</a>	
What degree/s did the survey direct you to?	
Do you agree that the study option results are of interest to you? If so, what area of study is of most interest?	
Explore QUT degrees in more detail by visiting QUT Study at <a href="http://www.qut.edu.au/study">www.qut.edu.au/study</a> , select a degree of interest and then answer the following questions:	
What is the name of the degree?	
Why have you chosen this degree?	
How passionate are you about doing this degree?	
How long will the degree take? Full time? Part time?	
How is the degree delivered—full time/part time/online?	
Does your degree require you to complete placements or internships/work experience? What strategies would you put in place to manage placements or internships/work experience?	
What are the degree outcomes for this occupation/job? What are the job outcomes upon gaining this qualification?	
Check out the degree structure. What are the subjects you will be studying in this degree? Know what subjects you will be studying. Talk to advisers or other students about the expectations. Do they match your skills or interests?	
Are there any majors you are interested in? What would be the benefit of a double major?	

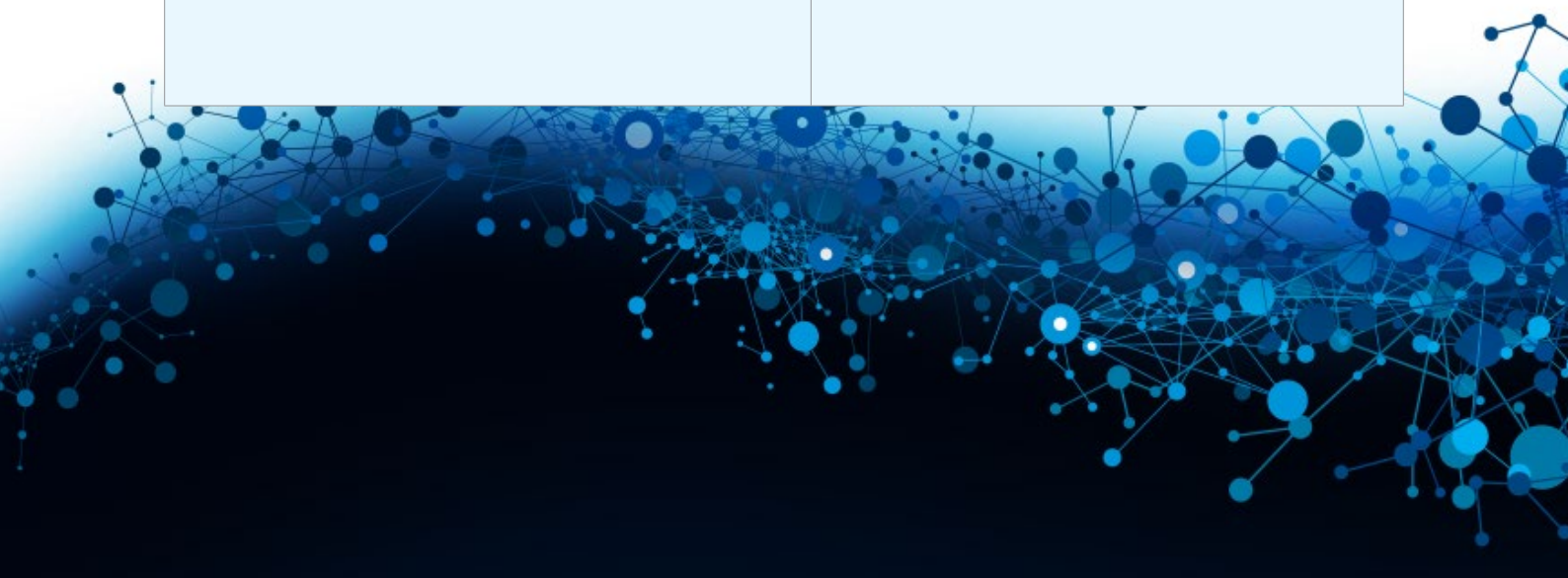
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<b>WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?</b>	
Explore QUT entry and admissions at <a href="http://qut.edu.au/study">qut.edu.au/study</a>	
<p><b>You can undertake university studies at many levels.</b> Find where you fit below then read about our students' journeys.</p> <p><a href="http://qut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-study">qut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-study</a> <a href="http://qut.edu.au/study/applying/undergraduate-applying">qut.edu.au/study/applying/undergraduate-applying</a></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Currently in high school  <input type="checkbox"/> Have not completed high school  <input type="checkbox"/> Completed VET study  <input type="checkbox"/> Have work experience  <input type="checkbox"/> Returning to university  <input type="checkbox"/> Wanting to switch to QUT</p>	
<p>What did you learn by completing this exercise?</p>	
<p><b>Prerequisites</b> are entry requirements (i.e. audition, senior subjects, portfolios) you must complete/meet before you are considered for entry. Subject prerequisites are subjects you must complete and achieve a specified result in before you are considered for entry.</p> <p><a href="http://qut.edu.au/study/applying/assumed-knowledge-and-prerequisites">qut.edu.au/study/applying/assumed-knowledge-and-prerequisites</a></p>	
<p><b>Do you meet the English language prerequisites?</b> What are the other prerequisites (e.g. auditions, questionnaires, etc)? Do you meet the other subject prerequisites?</p>	
<p>Is there anything else you can do to achieve the prerequisites?</p>	



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<b>WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?</b>	
<p><b>Assumed knowledge/recommended study</b> are subjects you should complete and achieve a specified result before you start your degree. If you don't have the assumed knowledge for your degree you can still apply, but you may wish to consider bridging studies to gain the knowledge.  <a href="http://qut.edu.au/study/applying/assumed-knowledge-and-prerequisites">qut.edu.au/study/applying/assumed-knowledge-and-prerequisites</a></p>	
<p>What are the assumed knowledge recommendations for your degree choices?            How confident do you feel about your prior knowledge?</p>	
<p>Is there a bridging/preparation program as a pathway if you don't have the assumed knowledge for this course? If so, what is it?</p>	
<p><b>Selection rank</b> is derived from other studies (International Baccalaureate, interstate Year 12, TAFE students, applicants with tertiary studies).</p>	
<p>What is the selection rank required?</p>	
<p>Do you think you will meet the required selection rank?            What might hinder you from achieving that selection rank?</p>	
<p>Are there alternative pathways if you don't think you will achieve the required selection rank?            What are these options?</p>	
<p><b>PREPARATION PROGRAMS</b></p> <p>We provide bridging programs for subjects in physics, chemistry and maths  <a href="http://qut.edu.au/study/bridging-programs">qut.edu.au/study/bridging-programs</a></p> <p>Alternatively, search QTAC for bridging and tertiary preparation programs  <a href="http://qtac.edu.au/enabling-programs-and-bridging-studies">qtac.edu.au/enabling-programs-and-bridging-studies</a></p> <p>Find out about START QUT by getting ahead in Year 11/12  <a href="http://qut.edu.au/study/options/start-qt">qut.edu.au/study/options/start-qt</a></p>	

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<b>APPLYING</b>	
<p><b>Explore the application process for:</b>  <b>QUT:</b> <a href="http://qut.edu.au/study/applying/undergraduate-guide">qut.edu.au/study/applying/undergraduate-guide</a>  <b>Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC):</b> <a href="http://qtac.edu.au">qtac.edu.au</a> and find out about application processes and dates, search courses and make an application.</p>	
<p>What is the application process for your degree?</p>	
<p>Are there requirements for essays, auditions, portfolios, interviews, questionnaires, etc as part of the application process?</p>	
<p>Are there any cut-off dates you need to be aware of?</p>	
<p>Are you eligible for early entry?</p>	
<p>Are there adjustment schemes you should apply for?</p>	
<p>What six degree preferences are you considering?            Watch this video about ordering preferences to help you with compiling your list.  <a href="http://qtac.edu.au/preferences">qtac.edu.au/preferences</a></p>	1.
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<b>FINANCING YOUR STUDY</b>	
<p>You can find information about financing your study at QUT at <a href="http://qut.edu.au/study">qut.edu.au/study</a> And visit the Study Assist (Government website) at <a href="http://studyassist.gov.au">studyassist.gov.au</a></p>	
<p>What are the fees for your degree?</p>	
<p>How will you plan to pay for your studies? What do you know about HECS-Help? <a href="http://qut.edu.au/study/fees-and-scholarships/government-loans">qut.edu.au/study/fees-and-scholarships/government-loans</a></p>	
<p>What scholarship/s might you consider?</p>	
<p>Have you looked at the Educational Assistance Scheme through QTAC? <a href="http://qtac.edu.au/educational-access-scheme">qtac.edu.au/educational-access-scheme</a></p>	
<p>Are you eligible for Centrelink payments to study?</p>	
<p>What are some ways you can support yourself financially during your study?</p>	



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<b>GETTING MORE INFORMATION</b>	
<p>Is there a careers fair or open day you may be able to attend? <a href="http://qut.edu.au/study/events">qut.edu.au/study/events</a></p>	
<p>Is there any more support you need to find out more about studying at QUT?</p>	
<p>Need more help deciding? <a href="http://qut.edu.au/study/need-advice">qut.edu.au/study/need-advice</a></p>	
<p><b>GOALS/ACTION PLAN</b> Think about what you can do next to obtain any additional information that will help you make your decision. This might include talking to someone who works in a job similar to the one that interests you, undertaking some informational interviewing or doing some career research by watching videos or searching online, etc.</p>	
ACTION	BY WHAT DATE

## 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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