Get a head start on your career now!

A Career Counsellor’s Advice

Don’t get too stressed if you don’t have a specific career pathway in mind while you’re studying. Keep your options open – but don’t just wait and hope that things will work out by the time you finish your degree!

Make the most of any opportunity to explore career possibilities while you’re studying. Research occupations and further study options and requirements, check newspaper/web adverts and articles, talk to people in the industry, do voluntary work, talk to your lecturers, tutors, and fellow students, and see a career counsellor – get active!

Taking a proactive approach to your career development means that you’ll learn more about yourself and the opportunities out there in the world of work – and be much better placed to obtain the job you want when you finish.

Career help for...
Bachelor of Biomedical Science

Employment Options - graduate/direct pathway:
1. Biomedical Research: Research Assistant / Officer
2. Laboratory Technician
3. Clinical Measurement Scientist
4. Government Scientific Analyst
5. Safety Officer
6. Medical and Pharmaceutical Sales / Marketing
7. Scientific Communications and Education

Sample Employers
1. Universities
2. Private research institutes e.g. QIMR, Mater Medical Research Institute
3. Qld Health
4. CSIRO
5. Government Departments
6. Pharmaceutical Companies

Common Further Study Options:
1. Postgraduate Medicine
2. Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Honours), Masters in Research, and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
3. Postgraduate Dentistry
4. Graduate Entry Physiotherapy
5. Masters in Sonography

Course Outcomes
As a Biomedical Scientist, you will be qualified for opportunities in biomedical research, clinical science and scientific laboratory fields. Specialisations include anatomical science, cell and molecular biotechnology, human biochemistry, human physiology, and infectious diseases. During your course you will have the opportunity to undertake work integrated learning units and gain the value of voluntary work during your degree (e.g. in research laboratories). Depending on the units selected in your final year, you will be eligible for membership with one or more of the relevant professional associations.

Real Student
Skin conditions such as eczema and dermatitis pose an itchy problem for many sufferers worldwide but QUT biomedical science researcher, Simon de Veer, is investigating how tiny proteins that are found in sunflowers may help soothe the problem. In 2013 Simon was awarded an eight-month fellowship to travel to Paris and continue his investigation alongside one of the world’s leading researchers in genetic, clinical and therapeutic skin disease.

Resume tips for students
QUT Careers & Employment can help YOU prepare for and find the graduate job you want!

We provide a huge range of FREE services and resources to help QUT students and recent graduates with employment preparation and job seeking strategies. Check them out at www.careers.qut.edu.au.

QUT CareerHub: job and employer listings
Careers Fairs: network with prospective employers on campus
Career Development Programs: online modules on Resume & Cover Letter Writing, Information Interviewing and Seeking Work Placement or Graduate Opportunities
Resume Feedback: Our career counsellors can provide constructive feedback on your resume, cover letter and application documents. Email your documents to careers@qut.edu.au and feedback will be returned within five working days
Employer Presentations: meet prospective employers on campus
Workshops on Accessing the Workforce, Resume Writing, Interviews and more - the schedule is available on QUT CareerHub under events
Career Counselling: course and career planning and direction
Career Mentor Scheme: connect with an industry professional in your field of interest
Info sheets: Writing Resumes, Cover Letters, and Selection Criteria responses, Employment Seeking & Interview tips etc.
Work Experience Insurance

How to increase your employability...

Start of your degree (first year):
- Start researching organisations you might like to work for, and look into further study or research options. Make contacts in your area/s of interest to gather information about career pathways for graduates of your course
- Attend career and networking events in your area of interest, e.g. Careers Fairs and other industry events.
- Begin looking for relevant work experience / voluntary work / work shadowing / research opportunities
- Start thinking about where you want to end up when you finish your degree (what’s your dream job and what steps can you take to get there?)

Middle of your degree (Years 2 / 3):
- Continue to build your professional network - e.g. join student clubs in your field
- Gain some relevant work experience
- Work on developing your transferable skills (i.e. team work, time management, communication) through work experience and uni assessments
- Attend the Careers Fairs and employer presentation sessions on campus

Final Year (Year 3 / 4):
- Prepare your unique professional resume & portfolio for graduate work, and create your professional profile on LinkedIn
- Continue with networking, work experience and skill development
- Participate in the QUT Career Mentor Scheme
- Search for work opportunities through the networks you have made
- Search for job opportunities through advertised positions and job search websites.

Talk to people about working in your industry – your classmates, lecturers, tutors, other faculty staff, and professionals you meet on work placements. You can also use websites such as LinkedIn to research job roles and employers. Find out what kind of job you might want to aim for.