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 job title 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, check newspaper/web adverts and articles, talk to people in the industry, do voluntary work, talk to your lecturers, 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.

Real-world Student

I started working as an undergraduate engineer at AECOM from my first year of study at QUT. This enabled me to apply my QUT Engineering knowledge and experience in a real-world environment. Even before obtaining my engineering qualification, I was exposed to large-scale projects including the Clem7 Tunnel, Gateway Bridge duplication and motorway upgrade project.

Luke Zaghini, Bachelor of Engineering (Civil)

Career help for...

Bachelor of Engineering

Where your course could lead:

Depending on your area of specialisation, your course may lead you to work in a broad variety of areas, including aerospace, electronics, communications, process control, instrument manufacture, project management, design, construction & property development, robotics, bio-engineering, manufacturing, transport, telecommunications or software development. QUT Engineering courses have professional accreditation from Engineers Australia, meaning graduates can work in various countries around the world.

Sample Employers

- Engineering Consulting Companies
- Power & Telecommunications Organisations
- Mining Companies
- Government Departments
- Manufacturing Companies
- Research Institutions
- Information Technology Companies

Where you could look for jobs

- www.careers.qut.edu.au (QUT CareerHub job list)
- www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au (Qld Govt. Jobs)
- www.seek.com.au (Australian job site)
- www.careerone.com.au (Australian job site)
- www.mycareer.com.au (Australian job site)

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Other useful websites

- www.engineersaustralia.org.au
- www.engineersaustralia.org.au/young-engineers-queensland
- www.apesma.com.au
- www.graduateopportunities.com
- www.consultaustralia.com.au
- www.jobsearch.gov.au
- www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

Resume tips for Engineering graduates


Download a QR code reader app and access the example Engineering resume from your smartphone!
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**: Resume and Cover Letter writing, Employment Seeking, Interviews etc.

**Work Experience Insurance**

**How to increase your employability...**

**Start of your degree (first year):**
- Start networking / information interviewing for information about positions and employers for graduates of your course
- Look into the benefits of joining organisations such as Young Engineers Qld, or Engineers Australia
- Attend the Careers Fairs and employer presentation sessions on campus
- Start looking for relevant work experience / voluntary work / work shadowing opportunities
- Start developing transferable skills (i.e. team work, time management, communication) through work experience and uni assessments.
- 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
- Gain some relevant work experience
- Assess which transferable skills you need to build on
- Attend the Careers Fairs and employer presentation sessions on campus

**Final Year (Year 4):**
- Prepare your unique professional resume for graduate work. You may also like to create a professional profile on LinkedIn
- Continue with networking, work experience and skill development
- Participate in the QUT Career Mentor Scheme
- Search for job opportunities through the networks you have made
- Search for job opportunities through advertised positions and job search websites. Remember that for many graduate programs applications close by April of your final year of study

Talk to people about working in your industry – your classmates, lecturers, tutors, and exhibitors at careers fairs and employer presentations. 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.