

Female student 1:

"There has been a lot of interesting stalls; I actually do a business/law degree so it been really good talking to all the people

Male student 1:

"I have seen a lot of kiosks and that, so yeah"

Male student 2:

"This is exactly the kind of place I would like to be today yeah"

Female student 2:

"The more you see the more you are getting excited"

TEXT: "What is the Careers Fair?"

Dr Alan McAlpine, Manager of QUT Careers and Employment:

"The Careers fair is an opportunity for employers to come on campus and get to chat to a lot of the students face to face and likewise its an opportunity for our students to speak with those employers and find out what's behind those glossy brochures.

TEXT: "What is in it for employers?"

Helen Sotiriadis - Laing O'Rourke (Employer)

"Today is a great way to say promote the opportunities that we have in terms of cadetships, vac work and graduate recruitment."

George Bartrum - Lend Lease (Employer)

"We basically come to the Career Fair to to get in front of the clients ah the students and basically market ourselves in front of our competitors."

Angela Davison - Thiess (Employer)

"And that we are out there and um that we employ 80 - 90 graduates each year Australia wide."

Hayley Angell CPA Australia (Industry representative)

"We are enforcing our position as the delegation of choice for postgraduate accounting students."

Jodie Mason - Defence Force Recruiting (Employer)

"We are advertising tri service today so Army Navy and air force, and a myriad of jobs aswell."

Melissa Johnson - Ergon Energy

"Very successful I must say some of our favourite graduates are actually QUT Graduates."

Clare Broad - Suncorp (Employer)

"QUT has always been such a great student networking opportunity for our graduate program roles."

TEXT: How many employers?

Dr Alan McAlpine, Manager of QUT Careers and Employment:

"This is our largest career fair to date. This year we have over 160 employers on campus. Ranges from small to medium enterprises right up to international employers. We have a significant amount for international students here at QUT and It is a great opportunity for them to start touching base with some of those employers, that could actually potentially recruit them back into their home country."

What are you looking for?

Male student 3:

"Yeah well I basically am here just to get an idea because I am a first year and I wanted to know what companies are out there and see what the best options are for me for like work experience and later on in life."

Female student 3:

"I am a second year student anyway so I am looking forward to getting experience in any organisation now."

Female student 1:

"So I have just been talking to the employers see if they can provide me with what I am looking for, and see where my skill set fits well with companies."

TEXT: How should students prepare for work?

"Before they graduate QUT students should really be looking for some opportunities get some form of work place experience, so that it can go on their resume then they can better sell themselves and understand where their skills fit in the workplace of today."

Peter Horton - ARUP (Employer)

"We encourage students to do work experience with us."

George Bartrum - Lend Lease (Employer)

"We offer internships around the Christmas period."

Helen Sotiriadis - Laing O'Rourke (Employer)

"Firstly we have offered a scholarship at QUT and that is targeted specifically at second years."

Tanya Gregory - Alpharpharm (Employer)

"We are happy to have a chat with students even first and second years and give them some idea of what our business requires of a graduate within their course."

Matt Fernyhough - GHD (Employer)

"We would love to have third and four years come on board with us um to obviously for three months for the experience that they need and we love people to stay on."

Sharon Bellingham - Dept of Natural Resources and Water

"We have had a lot of first year students who have been exploring all of their options. And some final year students who have some very definite ideas of what they want to be doing in a graduate program."

Text: Who are you looking for?

Peter Horton - ARUP (Employer)

"We are looking for someone who is enthusiastic about what they want to do as a career."

Melissa Johnson - Ergon Energy

"Adaptability, independence and communications skills."

Helen Sotiriadis - Laing O'Rourke (Employer)

"We are looking at well rounded students with a willingness to learn."

George Bartrum - Lend Lease (Employer)

"They don't have to be hugely academically minded"

Clare Broad - Suncorp (Employer)

"The ability to prove their skills outside just normal study."

Phoebe Lynch - Pitcher Partners (Employer)

"Its is being able to work as part of a team. Having a bit of ambition and drive, to know that it is really give and take in the work environment."

Matt Fernyhough - GHD (Employer)

"Passion to be totally honest"

Angela Davison - Thiess (Employer)

"Motivated student, enthusiastic"

Jodie Mason - Defence Force Recruiting (Employer)

"An academic that can get on with most of the people most of the time."

So what now?

Dr Alan McAlpine, Manager of QUT Careers and Employment:

"I think it is an opportunity for those employers to really to get to know some of our students; to follow them up and encourage our students to apply for the positions that they have available."

Male Student 4:

"Got some good information about those companies, what they do, and what the opportunities are there, so I will be following a couple of the up them later and we will see how we go."

Male Student 2:

Yeah they have given me quite a lot , of what to expect when I start work, yeah it has been really interesting.

Female student 1:

"I really recommend other people to try it out, yeah um its really worth it."

Peter Horton - ARUP (Employer)

"I am a QUT student myself."

Angela Davison - Thiess (Employer)

"I am from QUT."

Interviewer:

"It works?"

Peter Horton - ARUP (Employer)

"It works, it does work"

Angela Davison - Thiess (Employer)

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