CAREERS FOR ECONOMISTS

A Bachelor of Economics from The University of Queensland (UQ) School of Economics is recognised globally. It is your ticket to a diversity of domestic and international career opportunities—careers you may not even know exist.

You will also find yourself among the most highly paid graduates from business-related disciplines.

Following graduation, you could choose to be an analyst, policy advisor, consultant or economist in the public or private sectors. Alternatively, you might opt to be an investment banker, portfolio manager or (after completing a PhD) an academic researcher.

An economics degree can also lay the foundation for becoming a leader in business or government, a politician, United Nations official or entrepreneur.

Key employment sectors

- Banking, finance and insurance
- Government (treasury, transport, health, agriculture & environment)
- International development or foreign affairs
- Management
- Policy advising
- Academia
- Private consulting
- Emerging new fields include resources and defence

Graduate salaries

As a UQ economics graduate, you will find yourself among the most highly paid graduates from business-related disciplines.

Graduate salary ranges*, first year after graduation include:

- Economist: $46,200–$54,500
- Financial advisor/manager: $44,000–$60,000
- Intelligence/policy analyst: $45,000–$54,000
- Management/organisation analyst: $48,000–$65,000

*Figures taken from the Australian Graduate Survey 2008, for more information visit www.graduatecareers.com.au/

“Studying economics opens doors wider than just the stereotypical banking industry... UQ economists are hired worldwide for the way that they think and their ability to understand the real world. We can examine and break down the issues to challenge conventional ways of thinking.”

Nichola Kitson (pictured above), Bachelor of Economics and inaugural 2010 Centenary Scholarship winner
What is economics?

Economics is the science of decision-making. This field of social science facilitates our understanding of the ‘how’ and ‘why’ behind decisions as well as enabling us to predict the costs and benefits of choices.

It provides the critical framework for analysing and solving complex resource allocation and distribution issues, from formulating government policy to determining humanitarian aid, to solving environmental issues.

Economists influence almost every facet of our lives.

THE UQ CAREER ADVANTAGE

Studying economics at UQ gives you a career advantage.

You will learn life-long analytical skills vital to both the public and private sectors as well as graduating from a program that is internationally recognised.

UQ economics graduates are sought after by the big names in finance and banking – Deloitte, Ernst & Young, Macquarie Bank, the World Bank and the Reserve Bank of Australia – as well as by international development organisations such as the UN and the International Monetary Fund.

Other key employers include all levels of government.

What happens to UQ Economics graduates after graduation**

- Public Sector: 76%
- Working Abroad: 20%
- Private Sector: 17%
- Further Study: 10%
- Other: 10%

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“The skills that you develop at UQ Economics will equip you with the knowledge, skills and curiosity to succeed in the professional world.”

Jimmy Zeng (pictured above), UQ Bachelor of Economics/Bachelor of Engineering graduate