Agriculturist Johnny Ramos came to UQ from the Philippines thanks to an AusAID scholarship.

After graduating with a Graduate Diploma in Rural Systems Management in 2006, he began work as the Project Development Officer of the Planning Division with the Provincial Agriculture Office of Agusan del Sur in the Philippines. Johnny received his scholarship through the Philippines-Australia Human Resource Development Facility (PAHRDF).

“When I received the information from AusAID that I’d be studying at UQ, I just felt so proud to be going to a university that belongs to Universitas 21 and the Group of Eight,” he said.

Johnny studied at UQ’s Centre for Rural and Regional Innovation – Queensland (CRRIQ).

“With CRRIQ’s courses and facilities, we learned so much while also experiencing different cultures,” he said.

His work with the Provincial Agriculture Office of Agusan del Sur involves preparing, critiquing and reviewing project proposals, feasibility studies and development plans for the agriculture and fisheries sector.

“I also facilitate monthly meetings with the municipal agriculturists and other stakeholders such as private seed companies and the line agencies of the Department of Agriculture,” he said.

“I represent our office on several inter-agency forums and occasionally give lectures on rural systems management.”

Johnny was a member of UQ’s Philippine International Students’ Organisation and the Gatton International Students Association.

“Even though I only stayed at UQ for a year, I can say that UQ is not just world-class university but a world in itself,” he said.
AGRICULTURE, ANIMALS, FOOD & ENVIRONMENT

With strengths in disciplines associated with Agriculture, Animals, Food and Environment, UQ is internationally recognised as Australia’s premier education and research centre in these fields. From campuses at Gatton and St Lucia in subtropical, Southeast Queensland, UQ offers a wide range of study programs that can be tailored to your career aspirations. Complementing these studies, students undertake related work with government and private sector employers, providing industry experience and valuable networking opportunities. Further opportunities exist for students to undertake overseas work experience, study tours and exchange programs at international universities.

UQ has a distinguished reputation for the excellence of its graduates. They are people with the right mix of technical knowledge, practical experience and ability to succeed in their chosen fields. Many students secure jobs even before graduation and many of our graduates have progressed to positions of leadership in industry, science and the community in Australia and across the world.

UQ is also committed to providing the best education and research resources, as well as demonstrating our confidence in the future of the Agriculture, Animals, Food and Environment sectors. As evidence of this dedication, UQ has invested $30 million enhancing those resources, including:

- a 1000-hectare commercial farm (dry-land and irrigated) including broad-acre crops, fruit, vegetables, flowers, a feedlot, piggery, poultry, high-tech dairy, deer, sheep and goat herds
- a seven-hectare wildlife study centre
- Small Animal Clinic and Veterinary Teaching Hospital with high-tech X-ray, ultrasound, CT-scanning, scintigraphy, intensive care, cardiology, ophthalmic surgery and intensive care facilities
- pastoral veterinary centre and affiliated veterinary practices
- modern food processing plant and new food-technology laboratories
- Australian stockhorse stud with comprehensive stables, yards, equitation areas and equine-breeding complex complete with embryo-transfer laboratory
- state-of-the-art laboratories for chemistry, microbiology, genetic engineering, nutrition, physiology and performance evaluation research
- nursery, greenhouses and tissue-culture facilities
- a wind tunnel for conducting spray application and irrigation system research
- post-harvest facilities including a packing shed and cold rooms, and modern plant and machinery.

These facilities are being further bolstered with the planned multi-million-dollar relocation of UQ’s School of Veterinary Science to the Gatton campus and the establishment of a $33 million Centre for Advanced Animal Science at UQ Gatton in partnership with Queensland’s Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries.

Why choose UQ for studies in Agriculture, Animals, Food & Environment?

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Career opportunities in this discipline

Agriculture, Animals, Food and Environment are growth sectors providing excellent career prospects. Covering a broad range of industries, issues and challenges, there are enormous opportunities within all these sectors that can be as exciting and as rewarding as you make them. Given the global community’s reliance on food, fibre and a sustainable environment, there’s also the opportunity to make a real contribution to the world in which we live.

UQ graduates with qualifications in these fields are in high demand from public and private sector employers in areas such as:

- agribusiness
- animal production
- animal health and welfare
- banking and finance
- commodity trading
- crop and pasture production
- economics
- ecotourism
- education and teaching
- environmental management and rehabilitation
- environmental science
- extension services
- farming
- food and fibre production
- food processing and service
- food science and technology
- genetics
- industry organisations and agripolitics
- land management
- livestock management
- marketing
- marine management
- natural resource management
- parks and recreational facility management
- policy and administration
- research and development
- the media
- veterinary science
- wildlife and nature conservation
Eligibility for visa
Unless otherwise specified, international students must undertake programs on campus at UQ on a full-time basis to be eligible to apply for an Australian student visa. See page 115 for more information.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MASTER OF Agricultural Studies

Location St Lucia, Gatton
Commencement semester 1, 2
Application closing date Refer to page 116
Students may also undertake a research higher degree in this discipline.
Additional program information is provided in the tables on pages 105–110
For English language proficiency requirements, please refer to pages 113–114

Graduate Certificate
Duration 1 semester full-time
Mode Also available externally
Admission requirements Bachelor degree in agriculture or related science field OR applications on the basis of post-secondary study and 2 years work experience

Graduate Diploma
Duration 2 semesters full-time
Mode Also available externally
Admission requirements Bachelor degree in agriculture or related science field OR a Graduate Certificate in Agricultural Studies

Coursework Master
Duration 3 semesters full-time
Mode Also available externally
Admission requirements A student must: (i) for the #16 program (2 semesters), hold a 4-year degree (or equivalent) in agricultural science, science or related field; or (ii) for the #24 program (3 semesters), hold a 3-year degree (or equivalent) in agricultural science, science or related field

Program outline
The agricultural studies program provides knowledge and professional expertise in agriculture and related disciplines, including scientific and management principles and their integration. This broadly based, interdisciplinary program emphasises problem-solving skills, and advances students’ professional training and development. Students gain a conceptual basis and understanding of research techniques and data interpretation; and depth and breadth of understanding in a chosen field of study.

Supplementary information
Some courses are also offered in external mode, allowing students to complete the programs in external mode. Courses offered in the external mode may have residential school requirements. It is an expectation that students will have private access to a computer and the Internet. An internal student attends lectures, tutorials and practicals on campus. An external student receives instruction by mail, or via the Internet.

Fields of study
Agronomy
Horticulture
Pastures and Rangelands
Tropical Agriculture
Water and Land

Career opportunities
Graduates find employment as agricultural advisors, environmental consultants, agricultural researchers (early career), environmental consultants, horticultural specialists, plant breeders, tropical pasture and crop agronomists, and rangeland managers.

Professional memberships
Graduates of Agricultural Studies may be eligible for membership with the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology.

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GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MASTER OF Animal Studies

Location St Lucia, Gatton
Commencement semester 1, 2
Application closing date Refer to page 116
Students may also undertake a research higher degree in this discipline.
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Graduate Certificate
Duration 1 semester full-time
Mode Also available externally
Admission requirements Bachelor degree in any field OR applications on the basis of post-secondary study and 2 years work experience

Graduate Diploma
Duration 2 semesters full-time
Mode Also available externally
Admission requirements Bachelor degree in any field OR applications on the basis of post-secondary study and 2 years work experience

Coursework Master
Duration 3 semesters full-time
Mode Also available externally
Admission requirements A student must: (a) the relevant Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma in Animal Studies from this University; OR (b) a Bachelor degree in a related field.
Animal Physiotherapy: Bachelor degree in physiotherapy with approved clinical physiotherapy experience. Registration to practice with the physiotherapist’s board or equivalent in the State or country of practice

Program outline
Animal studies is a diverse field involving caring for and working with recreational animals and farm animals, and the study of Australia’s wildlife. The program allows students to specialise in one of these areas. Students develop core disciplinary knowledge and skills in the animal sciences, and the ability to integrate and apply these in professional practice.

Supplementary information
Courses offered in the external mode may have residential school requirements. It is an expectation that students will have private access to a computer and the Internet. The animal physiotherapy field is only available part-time and in external mode (also available to international students studying from their home country).

Fields of study
Animal Science and Management
Students in the Graduate Certificate in Animal Studies can undertake the Animal Science and Management field of study. This program enables students to study courses across the spectrum of animal science which are relevant to animal enterprise management, consultancy, education or research. Areas of specialist animal study include animal nutrition, genetics, animal physiology and anatomy, animal reproduction, feeding, pasture, and rangeland management.

Career opportunities
Advisory, senior technical and management positions in animal husbandry for meat, milk and fibre; animal husbandry for recreation; early career researchers; zoo and fauna park management; stockfeed manufacturing; veterinary chemicals industry; equine stud and stable management; government agencies; wildlife care; and wildlife population control.

Professional memberships
Graduates of animal studies may be eligible for membership with The Australian Society of Animal Production.

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GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MASTER OF Environmental Management

Location St Lucia, Gatton
Commencement semester 1, 2
Application closing date Refer to page 116
Students may also undertake a research higher degree in this discipline.
Additional program information is provided in the tables on pages 105–110
For English language proficiency requirements, please refer to pages 113–114

Graduate Certificate
Duration 1 semester full-time
Mode Also available externally
Admission requirements Bachelor degree in any field OR Graduate Certificate in Environmental Management

Coursework Master
Duration 3 semesters full-time
Mode Also available externally
Admission requirements Bachelor degree in any field OR applications on the basis of post-secondary study and 2 years work experience

Program outline
Animals are an integral part of many aspects of human life, influencing how we interact with our environment. The human-animal interface is integral to the medical, agricultural, industrial, environmental, and social sectors, and there is an expectation that students will have private access to a computer and the Internet. The animal physiotherapy field is only available part-time and in external mode (also available to international students studying from their home country).

Supplementary information
Courses offered in the external mode may have residential school requirements. It is an expectation that students will have private access to a computer and the Internet. The animal physiotherapy field is only available part-time and in external mode (also available to international students studying from their home country).

Fields of study
Animal Science and Management
Students in the Graduate Certificate in Animal Studies can undertake the Animal Science and Management field of study. This program enables students to study courses across the spectrum of animal science which are relevant to animal enterprise management, consultancy, education or research. Areas of specialist animal study include animal nutrition, genetics, animal physiology and anatomy, animal reproduction, feeding, pasture, and rangeland management.

Career opportunities
Advisory, senior technical and management positions in animal husbandry for meat, milk and fibre; animal husbandry for recreation; early career researchers; zoo and fauna park management; stockfeed manufacturing; veterinary chemicals industry; equine stud and stable management; government agencies; wildlife care; and wildlife population control.

Professional memberships
Graduates of animal studies may be eligible for membership with The Australian Society of Animal Production.

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Program outline

Environmental Management is the planning and implementation of actions geared to improve the quality of the human environment. This is a multidisciplinary program in environmental management at The University of Queensland are multidisciplinary programs designed to enhance the skills and technical expertise of graduates working in all facets of the environmental arena. The programs aim to produce managers able to address the many issues in the highly complex and changing area of environmental management. At masters level the degree may be taken in a range of fields.

Supplementary information

The business to provide an understanding of tourism as a system and a business.

Natural Resource Management (Master only)

Natural Resource Management is a field of study addressing a worldwide demand for people with the understanding and skills to manage natural resources (land, water, forests, minerals, marine resources, and biodiversity), often in conjunction with the use of land for production enterprises.

Sustainable Development (Master only)

This plan is designed for students who wish to solve environmental problems. It emphasises the importance of a healthy environment as the basis of sustainable and healthy lives. Students will gain the skills and knowledge to work towards sustainable development. Courses explore strategies ranging from cleaner production for individual industries, and better environmental design, to regional and national environmental policies and plans. Students acquire integrated knowledge across a broad spectrum of disciplines, including ecology, geography, economics, planning, law, environmental design and relevant social sciences. The final year focuses on environmental problem-solving and allows students to specialise in specific areas of sustainable environment management. Students also gain professional experience in applying social, economic, business and scientific principles to the management of natural, rural, and urban resources.

Career opportunities

Career opportunities exist in managerial and policy positions in government, consulting firms and research, and in the private sector as environmental management system managers, auditors and policy analysts.

Professional memberships

Graduates of this degree may be eligible for membership with the Environmental Institute of Australia.

Additional cost

Some courses may incur additional costs (eg, field trips).

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GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN
MASTER OF Integrated Water Management

Location St Lucia
Commencement: semester 1
Application closing date: Refer to page 116
Students may also undertake a research higher degree in this discipline.
Additional program information is provided in the tables on pages 105–110
For English language proficiency requirements, please refer to pages 113–114

Graduate Certificate

Duration 1 semester full-time
Admission requirements: An approved Bachelor degree in a field relevant to water management. A minimum of 2 years practical experience in a related field is preferred

Graduate Diploma

Duration 2 semesters full-time
Admission requirements: An approved bachelor degree in a field relevant to water management. A minimum of 2 years practical experience in a related field is preferred

Coursework Master

Duration 3 semesters full-time. Students may do 3 semesters in 12 months (by enrolling in the Summer Semester) or 18 months. The final semester consists of a project that may be undertaken in Australia, at home or in another approved location.

Admission requirements: An approved bachelor degree in a field relevant to water management. A minimum of 2 years practical experience in a related field is preferred

Program outline

The International Water Management suite of programs is taught by lecturers from four internationally recognised Australian Universities: The University of Queensland, Monash University, University of Western Australia and Griffith University. The program aims to build future leaders in water resource management with an emphasis on working in developing countries. The program draws on the expertise of international leaders in teaching and research across a wide breadth of disciplines, taking a multi-disciplinary “whole-of-water-cycle” approach to providing students with practical tools and skills for adopting innovative solutions to local, regional, national and international water resource issues.

Students will develop the strategic, managerial and technical skills they need to advance in the water sector. They will become familiar with all aspects of integrated water resource management; be capable of providing support and management expertise to help reduce poverty through equitable and sustainable use of water; be skilled to provide technical and managerial input into planning of water projects and facilities; understand the principles of managing water supply, wastewater treatment and urban infrastructure projects; and be able to solve environmental problems. It emphasises often in conjunction with the use of land for minerals, marine resources, and biodiversity, manage natural resources (land, water, forests, people with the understanding and skills to

Conservation Biology (Master only)

One of the biggest problems confronting biologists worldwide is the increased extinction rate of animal and plant species. This is due in large part to the impact humans have had on land use, climate and resource consumption. An impact that is decreasing the Earth’s biodiversity and increasing the number of endangered or threatened species at an alarming rate. Conservation biology is an integrative discipline that focuses on the problems of restoring and maintaining viable populations of animal and plant species, and natural and managed ecosystems. The program aims to provide core theoretical and practical training in conservation biology. Graduates with little or no tertiary training in conservation biology can access within the program, courses that provide prerequisite knowledge.

Environmental Tourism (Master only)

Environmental Tourism focuses on natural and cultural based tourism, covering important issues such as impact assessment, environmental auditing and environmental management planning. The courses blend science, management and business to provide an understanding of tourism as a system and a business.

Natural Resource Management (Master only)

Natural Resource Management is a field of study addressing a worldwide demand for people with the understanding and skills to manage natural resources (land, water, forests, minerals, marine resources, and biodiversity), often in conjunction with the use of land for production enterprises.

Supplementary information

This field covers the range of techniques for dealing with all types of pollution, waste minimisation and least-cost production. The subject matter is drawn from the context of life-cycle analysis, environmental management systems, environmental auditing, technological change, and sustainable development. This plan is ideally suited to engineers and technologists who wish to enter the field of cleaner production.

Supplementary information

This program is aimed at mid-career water professionals and those wishing to pursue a career in the field of water management. The first semester is a 6 week modular course of 4 courses which introduce the principles of water resource management. This semester will involve a series of case study exercises which will enable students to develop practical skills, and through which they will be introduced to integrated water resource management. The second semester allows students to specialise in their chosen stream: Water Supply and Wastewater Treatment, Water and Development, or Water Governance and Water Planning; or Aquatic Ecosystem Health. In the third semester the students undertake a project in their chosen field. The project may be completed at one of the partner universities, or in-country for overseas students with supervision from an academic at 1 of the partner universities. For further information about the IWC please contact: phone: +61 7 3221 1772; email: admin@watercentre.org; Web: www.watercentre.org/education/masters
GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN
MASTER OF
Natural Resource Economics
Location St Lucia, Gatton
Commencement semester 1, 2
Application closing date Refer to page 116
Students may also undertake a research
higher degree in this discipline.
Additional program information is provided in the tables on pages 105–110
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Graduate Certificate
Duration 1 semester full-time
Mode Also available externally
Admission requirements Bachelor degree in any field OR relevant post-secondary study and work experience
Graduate Diploma
Duration 2 semesters full-time
Mode Also available externally
Admission requirements Bachelor degree in agriculture, economics or other natural resource OR relevant post-secondary study and work experience OR a relevant graduate certificate from this University
Coursework Master
Duration 3 semesters full-time
Mode Also available externally
Admission requirements A student must – (i) for the #24 program (2 semesters), hold an approved degree equivalent to a 4-year degree in a relevant area; or (ii) for the #24 program (3 semesters) hold – (a) a Graduate Diploma in Natural Resource Economics from this University; or (b) an approved degree
Program outline
Natural resource economics is the study of using, consuming and protecting resources in the specialist fields of primary production and natural environment. Students gain a thorough grounding in the theory and application of agricultural and natural resource economics, and advance their analytical skills in a specialised field. Graduates have the ability to locate, interpret, integrate and apply knowledge from different disciplinary fields. The program trains students to effectively define an issue; analyse that issue; develop solutions or approaches to addressing the issue; and present an appropriate report.

Fields of study
Agricultural Economics (Master #24 only)
Agricultural economics assists students in expanding their understanding of economic principles and analytical techniques, and how they can be applied when analysing problems. These practical problems are set in the areas of agricultural, resource and environmental management. The economic, social and institutional environments governing the management of natural resources and agriculture are studied at an individual, regional, national and global level.

Career opportunities
Graduates find employment as economic advisors and consultants in private business and finance organisations in Australia and internationally; public sector managers and policy analysts of the use and management of natural resources; and planners and research officers formulating and evaluating economic policy with government and commercial agencies, both in Australia and overseas.

Professional memberships
Graduates of natural resource economics may be eligible for membership with the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology.

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GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN
MASTER OF
Natural Resource Studies
Location St Lucia, Gatton
Commencement semester 1, 2
Application closing date Refer to page 116
Students may also undertake a research
higher degree in this discipline.
Additional program information is provided in the tables on pages 105–110
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Graduate Certificate
Duration 1 semester full-time
Mode Also available externally
Admission requirements Bachelor degree in any field OR relevant post-secondary study and work experience
Graduate Diploma
Duration 2 semesters full-time
Mode Also available externally
Admission requirements Bachelor degree in natural resources or related field OR relevant post-secondary study and work experience OR Graduate Certificate in Natural Resource Studies
Coursework Master
Duration 3 semesters full-time
Mode Also available externally
Admission requirements A student must – (i) for the #16 program (2 semesters), hold an approved degree equivalent to a 4-year degree in a relevant area; OR (ii) for the #24 program (3 semesters) hold – (a) the Graduate Diploma in Natural Resource Studies at this University; OR (b) an approved degree
Program outline
Natural resource studies addresses issues in sustainable management and the use of natural resources. The program is broadly focused, allowing students to direct their study towards specific environments, natural resources or industries. Depending on the background and interests of students, courses and projects can reflect a science, social science or management perspective. Graduates have the ability to locate, interpret, integrate and apply knowledge from different disciplinary fields. The program trains students to define, analyse and address issues; develop solutions or approaches; and present appropriate reports.

Supplementary information
Courses offered in the external mode may have residential school requirements. It is an expectation that students will have private access to a computer and the Internet. An internal student attends lectures, tutorials and practicals on campus. An external student receives instruction by mail, or via the Internet.

Career opportunities
Programs in natural resource studies are designed for people wishing to update skills or change into careers in areas such as natural resource management, environmental planning and assessment, mining rehabilitation, and wildlife management.

Professional memberships
Graduates of Natural Resource Studies may be eligible for membership with the Environmental Institute of Australia and Australian Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology.

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GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN
MASTER OF
Plant Protection
Location St Lucia, Gatton
Commencement semester 1, 2
Application closing date Refer to page 116
Students may also undertake a research
higher degree in this discipline.
Additional program information is provided in the tables on pages 105–110
For English language proficiency requirements, please refer to pages 113–114
Graduate Certificate
Duration 1 semester full-time
Mode Also available externally
Admission requirements Bachelor degree in agriculture or related science field OR relevant post-secondary study and work experience
Graduate Diploma
Duration 2 semesters full-time
Mode Also available externally
Admission requirements Bachelor degree in agriculture or related science field OR relevant post-secondary study and work experience
Coursework Master
Duration 3 semesters full-time
Mode Also available externally
Admission requirements A student must – (i) for the #16 program (2 semesters), hold a degree equivalent to a 4-year degree in agriculture or related science field; or (ii) for the #24 program (3 semesters), hold an approved degree
Program outline
The plant protection program develops core disciplinary knowledge and skills in plant protection, emphasising tropical and subtropical aspects of the field. Compulsory courses cover plant pathology, entomology, weed science and the integration of these disciplines. Students may focus their studies in one of the following areas: tropical pest management; agricultural entomology; plant pathology; or weed sciences. Graduates possess an understanding of key principles and their application in professional practice; relevant communication and problem-solving skills; and the ability to undertake research in plant protection.

Supplementary information
Some courses are also offered in external mode, allowing students to complete the programs externally. Courses offered in the external mode may have residential school requirements. It is an expectation that students will have private access to a computer and the Internet. An internal student attends lectures, tutorials and practicals on campus. An external student receives instruction by mail, or via the Internet.

Career opportunities
Graduates find employment as crop protection consultants, crop improvement advisors, field advisors, researchers, plant breeders, and plant protection advisors.

Professional memberships
Graduates of Plant Protection may be eligible for membership with the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology.

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GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN
GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN
MASTER OF
Rural Systems Management

Location Gatton
Commencement semester 1, 2
Application closing date Refer to page 116
Students may also undertake a research higher degree in this discipline.
Additional program information is provided in the tables on pages 105–110
For English language proficiency requirements, please refer to pages 113–114

Graduate Certificate
Duration 1 semester full-time
Mode Also available externally
Admission requirements To enrol, a student must hold an approved degree in a relevant area

Graduate Diploma
Duration 2 semesters full-time
Mode Also available externally
Admission requirements To enrol, a student must: (a) hold a relevant graduate certificate from this University; or (b) hold an approved degree in a relevant area

Coursework Master
Duration 3 semesters full-time
Mode Also available externally
Admission requirements To enrol, a student must – (i) for the #16 program (2 semesters), hold an approved degree equivalent to a 4-year degree in a relevant area; or (ii) for the #24 program (3 semesters), hold an approved degree

Program outline
The Rural Systems Management program upgrades the knowledge and skills of professionals working in the rural and regional development area. Courses focus on practical work or community-based training. Students develop a high level of knowledge and skills needed to work with individuals, groups and communities to analyse, plan, implement and evaluate community development programs and activities. They gain a thorough understanding of the theories and models of change and innovation as they apply in rural and regional settings.

Supplementary information
Each course is offered in a flexible delivery mode that begins with a five-day residential session where students are introduced to relevant concepts and theories, develop an action plan, then undertake work-based learning projects for the next 10 weeks. There is a follow-up two-day residential session where work is presented. Students then document their learning in a written assignment. For students enrolled full-time internal, regular tutorial contact will be maintained throughout the semester. It is an expectation that students have private access to a computer and the Internet.

Career opportunities
This program provides people involved in rural extension or rural research, or people wishing to be involved in these areas, an opportunity to expand their expertise or update their knowledge.

Professional memberships
Graduates of rural systems management may be eligible for membership with the Australian Pacific Extension Network.

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