THE UQ EXPERIENCE

UQ students benefit from world-class facilities, academic and personal support and a great mix of sporting, recreational and social activities.
Brisbane

Brisbane is the capital of Queensland, Australia’s “Smart State”, and is widely known as the country’s most liveable city.

It is Australia’s fastest-growing capital with a population of more than 1.8 million and offers a safe, friendly, multicultural environment.

Clear skies, warm, sunny days and mild nights promote an outdoor lifestyle.

The inner city is characterised by the Brisbane River, parklands and botanical gardens, recreation areas, convention facilities, museums, art galleries, a casino, malls, shopping districts and a host of cosmopolitan restaurants and cafés.

The golden beaches and fun parks of the famous Gold Coast are just an hour’s drive south. The beautiful Sunshine Coast beaches lie a short drive to the north, along with imposing National Park rainforests and tourist attractions such as Australia Zoo. Other local wildlife parks also provide opportunities to view Australian native animals and birds.

Brisbane’s reputation as a friendly, modern city makes it a popular tourist destination.

Brisbane – facts and figures

Brisbane
- Capital city of the State of Queensland, Australia.

Population
- 1,810,943 (Brisbane city and surrounding areas).
- 3,963,968 (Queensland).
- Brisbane is Australia’s third largest city after Sydney and Melbourne.

Time Zone
- GMT/UTC + 10 hours.

Language
- English.
- Australia is a multicultural country so it is normal to hear people speaking a variety of languages.

Currency
- Australian Dollar (AUD$).

Climate
- Subtropical.
- Summer – December to February; Autumn – March to May; Winter – June to August; Spring – September to November.
- Summer maximum average temperatures are around 29° celsius (84° Fahrenheit).
- The average maximum daytime temperature in winter is around 21° celsius (70° Fahrenheit).
- People are advised to wear hats, cool clothing that protects from the sun and maximum UV-protection (30+) sunscreen during summer.
- A lightweight, long-sleeved jacket may be necessary during the early morning and evening in winter.


Comparative cost of living

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Queensland

Queensland attracts more than half of all international tourists to Australia. A large State, its tropical coastal strip includes sandy white beaches, coral islands and plenty of sunshine.

In the far north, the Daintree Rainforest sweeps down to the sea. As the oldest rainforest on Earth, it nurtures spectacular wildlife. The Great Barrier Reef is one of the “Natural Wonders of the World”. As the largest World Heritage Area, it stretches more than 2000 kilometres alongside the coast, and is home to around 1500 species of fish and 350 types of corals.

West of Queensland’s Great Dividing Range are mine sites and huge cattle and sheep properties. The unique red and brown landscapes of Queensland’s outback span around 800,000 square kilometres. Closer to Brisbane, some of the largest sand dunes in the world attract travellers to Stradbroke, Moreton and Fraser Islands.

Students who explore further afield in Southeast Queensland will enjoy many wonderful and unique experiences including: Jondaryan Woolshed, Natural Arch, Springbrook National Park, the Gold Coast, feeding wild dolphins at Moreton Island, and whale-watching from many vantage points.

Study Queensland
www.studyqueensland.qld.edu.au
Tourism Queensland
www.tq.com.au
UQ has three main campuses – St Lucia, Ipswich and Gatton – and teaching and research sites throughout Queensland. While all share UQ’s tradition of excellence, each is an outstanding environment in its own right.

**UQ St Lucia**

UQ’s St Lucia campus is renowned as one of Australia’s most attractive campuses and is just seven kilometres from Brisbane’s vibrant city heart (see page 8). Bounded by the Brisbane River on three sides, the 114-hectare site provides a perfect study, research and living environment. UQ St Lucia unites the vitality of a modern campus with the tradition of an established university.

The gracious sandstone buildings, parklands and lakes encompass world-class teaching and research facilities. These include Queensland’s biggest multimedia library plus state-of-the-art laboratories and lecture theatres. Students find everything they need on campus, including excellent sporting venues, shops, banks, a post office, restaurants and refectories.

**Transport**

UQ St Lucia can be reached by bus, CityCat, bike and car from the surrounding suburbs and the city.

Parking is in high demand and students are encouraged to consider other transport alternatives. Parking on campus costs from $3.00 per day and is well-regulated by traffic and parking inspectors.

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**References**

[www.uq.edu.au](http://www.uq.edu.au)  
**UQ Ipswich**

UQ Ipswich offers students a unique learning environment, combining a tradition of quality education with a new and dynamic campus.

Only 35 minutes drive from UQ St Lucia, UQ Ipswich opened for teaching in February 1999.

Students benefit from a purpose-designed teaching space utilising the latest technology in teaching, course delivery and research infrastructure. UQ Ipswich delivers a modern suite of tailored and relevant programs, equipping graduates for lasting careers in a variety of professions.

The campus boasts a wealth of dedicated, state-of-the-art learning facilities. These include Building 8, which merges traditional library and student services with innovative technology to advance learning and research. UQ Ipswich’s student/computer ratio places it at the forefront of Australian tertiary education.

At this smaller campus, students enjoy greater access to teaching staff while teaching spaces enhance learning, with seminar and group learning rooms promoting personal interaction with staff and other students. Students also enjoy a range of sporting, support and amenity services.

Students also have access to a range of campus-specific scholarships and prizes to provide financial assistance with their study. These scholarships range from $500 to $5000 on an annual basis. (see page 90.)

A range of accommodation options is available for students wanting to live in the region. (see page 23)

**Ipswich city**

Home to 135,000 residents, Ipswich is known as Australia’s heritage city. Just 35 minutes drive west of Brisbane, and an hour from the Gold Coast, Ipswich offers heritage trails, four-wheel-driving, bushwalking, canoeing, shopping and country markets.

City facilities include an inner-city mall, cultural centre, restaurants and coffee shops, supermarkets, banks, doctors’ surgeries, hospitals, an IT-based public library, golf courses and showgrounds.

**Transport**

A University-operated bus service runs four times each weekday during semester from the St Lucia campus to UQ Ipswich, then UQ Gatton and return. Train and bus timetables for travel to the campus are coordinated. Passengers can buy combined rail/bus tickets enabling travel on both Queensland Rail and the local bus service, which has a stop at the Ipswich campus. Parking on campus is available for $1.30 per day.

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**UQ Ipswich**

www.uq.edu.au/ipswich

**Ipswich City Council**

www.ipswich.qld.gov.au

**Ipswich Tourism**

www.ipswichtourism.com.au
UQ Gatton
UQ Gatton delivers excellence in agricultural and natural resource sciences.

UQ Gatton offers a relaxed, friendly atmosphere and students enjoy the benefits of being close to the major centres of Brisbane, Ipswich and Toowoomba. Just under an hour’s drive west of Brisbane, the campus offers a unique blend of modern teaching facilities, state-of-the-art laboratories and historic buildings.

UQ Gatton students gain a more personalised education as part of a large university with international standing. The campus operates commercial production units to support teaching, research and hands-on training. The programs offered in the areas of agribusiness and economics, agriculture and horticulture, animals and equine studies, environment, food, forestry, natural resources and veterinary science are internationally recognised as among the best of their types in Australia.

UQ Gatton students can take advantage of a range of medical, welfare, counselling and learning support services, and numerous sporting and recreational activities. Campus amenities include a post office, childcare centre, bookshops, cafes, banking facilities and a licensed club.

Gatton Shire
Gatton is a thriving town of 6000 people in the Lockyer Valley. It is just five kilometres from UQ Gatton and 90 kilometres west of Brisbane. Toowoomba, a city of 90,000 people and regional capital of the Darling Downs, is a 30-minute drive away.

The picturesque landscape includes rich farming land and tourist attractions. The town offers many services and facilities. These include supermarkets and shops, accommodation, visitor’s information centre, a hospital and other medical services, a civic centre, restaurants, banks, public library, recreational facilities, a showground, golf course and football club.

Transport
During semester, the University-operated express bus service runs four times each weekday, from UQ St Lucia to UQ Ipswich, then UQ Gatton and return.

The campus is also serviced by express coaches running between Brisbane and Toowoomba, and a bus/rail service linking Gatton and Brisbane.

There is ample, free, on-campus parking for students all year.

UQ Gatton
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Other teaching and research sites

UQ’s facilities throughout Queensland include marine research stations at Stradbroke Island, Heron Island and Low Isles; seismograph stations; numerous veterinary science teaching and research centres; and UQ Business School. Downtown in Brisbane’s Central Business District (CBD).

Herston

Herston, close to Brisbane’s CBD, is UQ’s major medical teaching and research location.

The University operates within the Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital. Royal Children’s Hospital and Queensland Radium Institute. Herston is also the location of the Mayne Medical School.

School of Medicine
www.som.uq.edu.au/som/
Herston map
Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital

Major research institutes

Although UQ supports a broad and comprehensive research profile, it also invests strategically in selected areas where it has developed critical mass and internationally recognised strengths.

UQ’s existing research strengths have evolved into six internationally significant, interdisciplinary research institutes:

Institute for Molecular Bioscience (IMB)
The IMB links leading-edge genomic discovery and bioinformatic facilities with state-of-the-art research to investigate human and animal biology, and to develop new pharmaceuticals, diagnostics, nanotechnologies and disease therapies.

The IMB is based at the $105 million Queensland Biosciences Precinct at UQ St Lucia. The new facility, the largest of its kind in Australia, presents a world-class environment for biological research, development and commercialisation.

Australian Institute for Bioengineering and Nanotechnology (AIBN)
UQ’s Australian Institute for Bioengineering and Nanotechnology (AIBN) is Australia’s first fully integrated research institute to take a multidisciplinary approach to understanding and exploiting nanostructures, the genetic basis of cell activity, and opportunities at the interface between bioengineering and nanotechnology.

With internationally recognised researchers in bioengineering and nanotechnology, AIBN merges the skills of engineers, chemists, biologists and computational scientists to focus research and development efforts, leading to new products and devices for improving human health and quality of life.

The new AIBN Building, which opened at the St Lucia campus in 2006, is Australia’s first purpose-built facility for research combining the biological, chemical and physical sciences.

Queensland Brain Institute (QBI)
Neuroscience is entering an era of accelerated discovery driven by the application of new molecular, genetic and imaging technology, which will provide a deeper understanding of the regulation and function of the nervous system.

The QBI is a world leader in discovering the cellular and molecular mechanisms underlying the ability of the adult brain to adapt to change by generating new nerve cells and forming new functional connections.

Sustainable Minerals Institute (SMI)
More and more, Australia’s mining industry has to deal with the concept of responsible growth – growth that makes economic sense and is environmentally and socially responsible. Increasingly, the industry is turning to the SMI for new and unique ways of addressing these responsibilities. Part of the SMI’s success stems from its research focus at an operational level, coming up with practical applications to bridge the gap between high-level ideas and coal-face implementation.

The SMI is located in the $21 million Sir James Foote’s Building, which opened at the St Lucia campus in 2005.

Diamantina Institute for Cancer, Immunology and Metabolic Medicine
The Diamantina Institute brings together clinicians, clinical researchers and scientists working on some of today’s most important health problems, including cancer, vaccines against infectious disease and diabetes.

The Institute’s goal is to develop a better understanding of the molecular and cellular basis of disease. It aims to translate that understanding into practical outcomes for patients, through design and testing of new prevention strategies and treatments.

Diamantina’s achievements include a world-first vaccine to prevent cervical cancer.

Institute for Social Science Research (ISSR)
UQ’s goal of addressing important societal problems with world-class research was significantly advanced through the opening of the ISSR in 2007.

The Institute highlights the burgeoning research strengths in areas of contemporary social relevance of UQ’s Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences.

The ISSR encourages collaboration among social scientists across UQ and provides a unified and strong profile to end users in both government and the private sector.

IMB
www.imb.uq.edu.au
AIBN
www.aibn.uq.edu.au
QBI
www.qbi.uq.edu.au
SMI
www.smi.uq.edu.au
Diamantina
www.di.uq.edu.au
ISSR
www.uq.edu.au/issr
KEY FACILITIES

UQ’s state-of-the-art Library, unsurpassed information technology support, superior teaching facilities and Student Centres are key to unlocking your learning potential.

Library

The UQ Library is the State’s largest, integrating physical space and virtual and real information resources.

Library features include:

> 13 branches (at UQ St Lucia, UQ Gatton, UQ Ipswich, Herston, the major teaching hospitals and the Dental School)
> the largest research collection in Queensland with millions of books, newspapers and scholarly journals, thousands of videos and DVDs and hundreds of online databases, as well as an extensive online Quick Reference Collection, microfilm, manuscripts and pictorial materials
> 24-hour-a-day access via the Library website to the Library’s catalogue
> extended opening hours (up to 84 hours per week)
> more than 1300 computers in eZones and throughout the Library for student use
> facilities for laptops, including network ports and laptops available for loan
> photocopying and printing facilities
> generous borrowing privileges (up to 14 items at a time)
> assistance, tours and free Information Skills Training classes to help students access and use Library resources
> AskIT, providing computing help and a range of services and training classes for important software applications
> access to UQConnect Wireless Network, and
> Liaison Librarians who work with faculties, schools, centres, teaching hospitals and departments, individual staff and students to deliver information services and assistance in support of teaching, learning and research at UQ.

University Library

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Phone +61 7 3346 4312

AskIT

http://askit.uq.edu.au
Email help@askit.uq.edu.au
Phone +61 7 3365 8811

Information technology

UQ recognises IT is an integral part of study, and provides students with a range of IT and online services.

All UQ students are provided with a free UQConnect Internet account, which allows Internet access and email from on-campus or home via dial-up.

A range of other online services is available, including:

> free national dial-up through UQConnect, UQ’s own ISP. This allows dial-up access to the Internet from anywhere in Australia for the cost of a local call
> free email with all students receiving an official UQ email address that can be accessed anywhere in the world via my.UQ (for more information on the my.UQ student portal, see below)
> on-campus Internet access, available throughout all UQ campuses via one of the fastest information networks in the world. The UQConnect Wireless Network is also available at many common student areas
> discounted Internet with students receiving significantly discounted rates for full service Internet accounts through UQConnect
> discounted hardware and software for UQ students when purchasing computers through UQConnect Portable Computing
> my.UQ, a personalised portal to online student services. This portal can be used to check email and personal student records, study resources and calendars
> mySI-net, a valuable resource enabling students to enrol in courses, and providing information such as lecture material, tutorial notes, discussion groups and class timetables
> a HelpDesk providing telephone and online IT support seven days a week, and
> UQ’s Information Technology Services (ITS) provides the IT infrastructure at UQ, and one of the most advanced networks in Australia, connecting more than 18,000 on-campus computers.

Information Technology Services (ITS)

www.its.uq.edu.au
UQConnect

www.uqconnect.net
National Dial-up number 0198 307 170
Teaching facilities
The University provides teaching space, aids and facilities to suit a wide range of teaching styles.

The three major campuses include more than 180 teaching rooms. These range from collaborative learning spaces to seminar rooms and traditional lecture theatres. Computer laboratories, rooms and practical training areas cater for specialised needs. Large lecture theatres are fitted with data-projection, central video relay, and personal address systems. Video-conferencing is also available.

The University provides a range of teaching facilities including traditional lecture theatres and seminar rooms. Recently, innovative Collaborative Teaching and Learning Centres (CTLC) were established, adding new dimensions to available teaching spaces. The Centres are equipped with state-of-the-art audiovisual teaching equipment and consist of a series of spaces that allow for group work, teaching, photocopying, printing and recreation.

UQ anticipates and responds to student learning and research needs, producing positive graduate outcomes and providing the information infrastructure necessary for leading-edge research activities (see page 14).

Student Centres
Student Centres on each UQ campus are the central locations for assistance with a range of administrative matters.

All students can visit a Student Centre, the one-stop-shop for all student matters and inquiries. If further specialist advice is needed, students will be directed to an appropriate area.

Student Centres provide information on international student issues, plus forms and service for:
> admission procedures
> enrolment procedures
> examinations and assessment
> fees
> graduation
> ID cards
> mySi-net (online enrolment system)
> prizes and scholarships
> public transportation
> short-term loans
> traffic and parking, and
> UQ Abroad.

Facilities
www.uq.edu.au/facilities

Student Centres
www.uq.edu.au/student-centre