

UQ YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM



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Overview

The University of Queensland's Young Scholars Program (YSP) provides high achieving secondary school students with an opportunity to discover, learn and engage with UQ's academic community and like-minded students from across Queensland. Designed to nurture and develop future leaders, the Program also presents students with a unique opportunity for academic extension and enrichment.

UQ Young Scholars are challenged to think critically about some of today's major global issues and throughout their participation, are exposed to a wide range of potential study areas and career opportunities.

"Being a Young Scholar has allowed me to learn more about myself, meet people who share similar interests and really experience life at university"

Ellen Cliff, Centenary State High School

Benefits of the Program

Students selected for the Young Scholars Program benefit from:

- Early familiarisation with university, campus and college life
- Challenging discussions, led by some of Australia's leading teaching and research academics
- Information sessions covering many interesting study and related career possibilities
- Opportunities to build valuable networks and lasting friendships with like-minded students
- Mentoring and support from current UQ students
- Early information on new programs, scholarship opportunities and forthcoming events
- Access to the YSP Facebook online community
- Opportunities for personal, professional and leadership development
- Preference for an overseas study scholarship* while enrolled at UQ

*subject to meeting eligibility requirements

Program Outline

The 2011-2012 UQ Young Scholars Program involves:

- A five-day (four night) Residential Camp (Sunday 27 Nov - Thursday 1 Dec 2011)
- A two-day (overnight) Residential Camp (Monday 25 - Tuesday 26 June 2012)

Students will gain valuable insights into university life and fields of study they may not have encountered as part of the school curriculum. They will hear from leading thinkers and engage in discussions and collaborative forums in group settings. A range of social, sporting and cultural activities will complement the academic program.

While on campus, students are housed in single rooms in one of UQ's residential colleges. The Program is administered and supervised by University staff and Student Mentors.



Program Cost

The Program cost of \$595 includes all activities, meals and accommodation (ie. 5 nights in total) for both camps.

Transportation to and from UQ St Lucia for residential camps is the responsibility of parents/guardians.

Fee waivers and travel bursaries will be available to assist students who would not otherwise be able to participate. Evidence of financial hardship, including supporting documentation, must be supplied as part of the Student Application.

"YSP provided an amazing chance to broaden my horizons and decide on a future"

Dylan Dolinski, Blackall State School

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Entry into the UQ Young Scholars Program is by competitive selection and an application is not a guarantee of a place. To ensure diversity and to allow each student to make his/her special contribution, UQ will select nominees from a wide range of schools, backgrounds and interest areas.

To be eligible for selection, an applicant must be:

- enrolled in Year 11 at a Queensland secondary school
- OP eligible and intending to pursue university studies on completion of Year 12

Students from educationally disadvantaged backgrounds and students of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent are encouraged to apply.

Selection will be based on:

- academic excellence,
- leadership achievements, and/or
- significant contribution to their school or community.



How to Apply

Students who meet the eligibility and selection criteria are invited to submit an application for the 2011-2012 UQ Young Scholars Program.

Applicants are required to complete an online application form and submit appropriate supporting documentation by post, including:

- Copy of Semester 1, Year 11 School Report,
- 300 word typed personal statement, and
- Evidence of financial hardship (if applicable).

The application must be signed and supported by the student's parent/guardian and endorsed by his/her School.

To apply, visit:

www.uq.edu.au/youngscholars

Applications must be received by UQ by 5pm Friday, 12 August 2011.

“Being a Young Scholar has given me broader knowledge, great experience, an excellent social network and a thirst for more”

David Jensen, Centenary Heights State High School

Important dates for UQ Young Scholars Program 2011 – 2012

Sunday 27 Nov 2011

Welcome Event for UQ Young Scholars and parents

Sunday 27 Nov - Thursday 1 Dec 2011

Five-day (four night) Residential Camp, UQ St Lucia campus

Monday 25 - Tuesday 26 June 2012

Two-day (overnight) Residential Camp, UQ St Lucia campus



Further Information

For more information, please contact the Manager, Prospective Student Programs:

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