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UQ Young Scholars Program 2019



Welcome to the UQ Young Scholars Program

The University of Queensland's Young Scholars Program (YSP) provides high-achieving secondary school students with a unique and inspiring opportunity to discover, learn and engage with UQ's academic community and like-minded students.

YSP is designed to nurture and develop our future leaders. The program presents students with an exciting opportunity for academic extension and enrichment, and is centred around igniting young change makers' passions for leadership, academic achievement and community development in today's global society.

The pinnacle experience for students is the five-day residential camp. This on-campus experience challenges UQ Young Scholars to think critically about some of today's major global issues and exposes them to a wide range of potential study areas and career opportunities. Through guidance from YSP staff and student mentors, UQ Young Scholars are able to grow their networks and broaden their perspectives from high school and beyond.

YSP encourages students to be active participants in their learning through involvement in team building, public speaking, critical thinking, communication, and goal establishment. Our specially trained and passionate team of YSP staff and student mentors support UQ Young Scholars through their learning journey, and prepare students for their future endeavours.

Why participate

Students selected for the UQ Young Scholars Program benefit from:

Discovery

- early familiarisation with university, campus and college life
- gaining valuable insights into fields of study they may not have encountered as part of the school curriculum.

Engagement

- challenging discussions, led by some of Australia's leading teaching and research academics
- information sessions and hands-on experiences covering many interesting study and career possibilities
- engaging in activities that broaden their perspectives and challenge them to think more deeply about today's global society
- opportunities to build valuable networks and lasting friendships with like-minded students
- mentoring and support from current UQ students
- igniting motivation to make a positive and lasting difference through leadership and community endeavours.

Learning

- early information on new programs, scholarship opportunities and forthcoming events
- learning about employability.

Opportunities

- personal, professional and leadership development
- a range of social, sporting and cultural activities.



"I was completely blown away by the YSP experience! It was a thrilling, upbeat way to learn about the opportunities available at UQ and personally helped me decide my areas of study. More than that though, YSP connected me with inspiring friends who I have the pleasure of catching up with to this day."

MADELEINE JOHNSTON
Tannum Sands State High School



UQ YSP involves:

- a five-day (four-night) residential camp at UQ's St Lucia campus (Sunday 1 – Thursday 5 December 2019)
- a YSP reunion at UQ Open Day (Sunday 2 August 2020)
- online engagement activities and networking through the exclusive YSP Facebook group.

Staying at UQ

While on campus, students are housed in individual rooms in one of UQ's residential colleges. YSP staff and student mentors reside on campus for the duration of the residential camp and can be called on at any time for assistance or pastoral care. All UQ residential colleges are secure facilities, protected by 24-hour security.

Cost of the program

The program cost of \$615 includes all activities, meals and accommodation (four nights in total) for the camp*. Transportation is not included in the program cost. Fee waivers and travel bursaries are available to assist students who would not otherwise be able to participate due to their financial circumstances.

Staff and student mentors

Our Student Mentor team are friendly, high-achieving university students who are specifically trained for their role. Along with our team of dedicated staff, it is our aim to ensure each student feels supported during their stay at UQ and for the duration of the program. Our experience in, and passion for, providing high-quality educational and hands-on experiences allows each student to discover and learn about the endless opportunities available to them.

* Program terms and conditions apply

Sample program

| Time | Activity |
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| 7.00–8.00am | Breakfast |
| 8.15–9.00am | Keynote speaker |
| 9.00–9.30am | In the Loop (logistics session) |
| 10.00am–2.00pm | Academic taster session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great chemical disasters • Materials Engineering • Debating the politics of asylum in Australia • An insight into a career in medicine • What is psychology? |
| 12.00–1.00pm | Lunch in the Great Court |
| 1.15–2.45pm | Academic workshop session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership in action • Robotics • Digital video editing • Powering cities • Music performance • Architecture speed design |
| 2.45–3.00pm | Afternoon tea |
| 3.00–4.00pm | Standing tall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does it mean to be a leader in your generation? |
| 4.00–5.00pm | Sports and the Arts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zumba • Beach volleyball • Debating • Ultimate Disc |
| 5.30–7.30pm | Twilight gathering and formal dinner at residential college |
| 8.00–10.00pm | Dance night/movie night/trivia night |

The full five-day residential camp program is supplied to successful applicants prior to camp to allow them to select their preferred sessions. The program is revised annually.

Apply now

We welcome applications for the UQ Young Scholars Program from current Year 11 students. To ensure diversity in the program and to allow each student to make their special contribution, the selection panel will choose nominees from a wide range of schools, backgrounds and interest areas.

To be eligible for selection, applicants must:

- be enrolled in Year 11;
- be OP/ATAR eligible or undertaking the International Baccalaureate (IB), and;
- intend to pursue university studies on completion of Year 12.

Selection will be based on:

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

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

- copy of Semester 1, Year 11 school report
- 300-word personal statement
- a statement from the school to support student nomination
- evidence of financial hardship (if applicable).

To apply, visit young-scholars.uq.edu.au.

Before applying, students are encouraged to read the YSP application guidelines available on the Young Scholars Program website.

Applications must be received by UQ no later than **4.00pm Friday 9 August 2019**. Late applications will not be considered.



JEREMY GORDON

Iona College,
Brisbane

“The YSP experience is like no other high school camp. Hearing from inspiring speakers, getting involved with UQ’s culture and getting to know all the other scholars was an exciting, humbling and frankly awesome experience. YSP showed me all the things that UQ had on offer but also taught me to just jump in and give things a go!”

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