UQ College

Future Changemakers

Innovation, sustainability and leadership

2 week study tour • 25 July to 7 August 2027



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Innovation, sustainability and leadership 2-week study tour

Designed for high school students aged 15-17 with good English language proficiency (approx. IELTS 5.0), this exclusive two-week study tour offers a unique opportunity to experience studying at The University of Queensland (UQ) and learning more about Australia.

Through a dynamic program of academic workshops, entrepreneurship activities, excursions, and hands-on learning experiences, you will explore a range of disciplines while developing critical thinking, leadership, communication, and teamwork skills.

In addition, you will attend the UQ Open Day 2027 (Sunday 1 August 2027), where you can explore undergraduate study options, meet academics, and experience the vibrant campus community.

This immersive experience provides valuable insight into studying at a Top 50 global university while equipping you with the skills, confidence, and global mindset to thrive in an increasingly interconnected world.

Date
25 July – 7 August 2027

Study in Brisbane

240 days
of sunshine a year

21° – 28°c
average maximum temperature

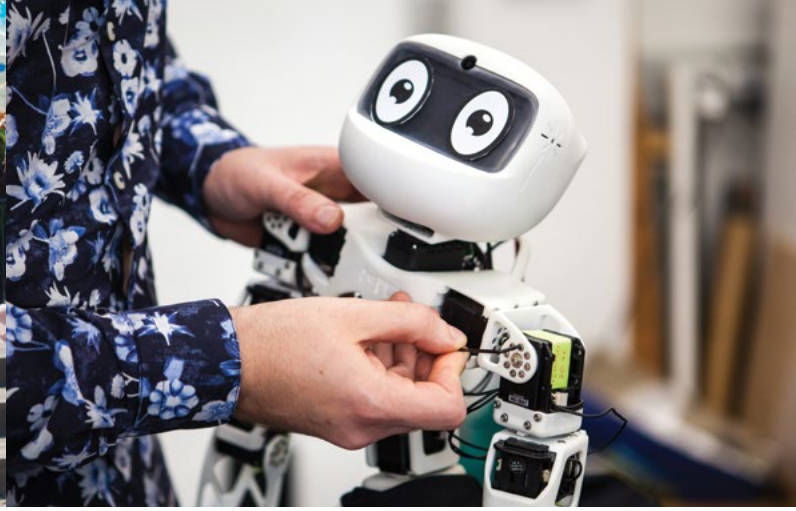
Safe and welcoming
Brisbane is a vibrant mulitcultural community

Learning Outcomes

By participating in this program, you will:

1. Gain first-hand insight into university life, future study and career opportunities through engagement with UQ academics, students, and industry professionals.
2. Build the skills and confidence needed for university success by learning how to collaborate effectively, conduct research, ask insightful questions, communicate ideas with impact, and actively participate in academic discussions.
3. Strengthen leadership, teamwork, and communication capabilities through hands-on challenges, collaborative activities, and the delivery of a Three Minute Thesis (3MT)-style presentation.
4. Develop an entrepreneurial mindset by applying design thinking and innovation frameworks to identify opportunities, solve problems, and create positive change.
5. Explore how critical and creative thinking can be used to tackle real-world challenges and develop innovative solutions to issues facing communities, industries, and the environment.
6. Grow as a globally minded future changemaker by building intercultural awareness, adaptability, and making friends from different parts of the world.





Program

25 July to 7 August 2027

Time	Sunday 25 July	Monday 26 July	Tuesday 27 July	Wednesday 28 July	Thursday 29 July	Friday 30 July	Saturday 31 July
AM	Arrive	Orientation • Program briefing • Campus tour Introduction to UQ and UQ College	3MT workshop Workshop 1 Communicate, Collaborate and succeed	UQ Ventures Foundational Entrepreneurial program From ideas to impact – mastering the design thinking process	3MT workshop Workshop 3 Presentation skills for Academic success	Economics Where human behaviour meets global challenges	Australia Zoo on the Sunshine Coast
		Introduction to the 3MT Group project	3MT workshop Workshop 2 How to develop effective questions for research and interviews			Insights in Business Economics and Law faculty	
		Australian culture class and Aussie snacks					
Lunch		Free time to purchase lunch on campus	Free time to purchase lunch on campus	Free time to purchase lunch on campus	Free time to purchase lunch on campus	Free time to purchase lunch on campus	
PM		Southbank Qld Museum Wheel of Brisbane walking tour	AI and critical thinking	UQ Ventures continue	Team sport activity	Leadership in Action: Grotesque Quest Challenge	

Time	Sunday 1 August	Monday 2 August	Tuesday 3 August	Wednesday 4 August	Thursday 5 August	Friday 6 August	Saturday 7 August
AM	UQ Open Day	Mater Hospital workshop	Conservation Biology Challenge	Dreamworld Behind the scenes ride design on the Gold Coast	Business Chamber of Queensland workshop	3MT presentations	Depart
			Robotics Challenge				
Lunch			Free time to purchase lunch on campus		Free time to purchase lunch on campus		
PM			Fire Truck Engineering Challenge		UQ Sport presentation and team sport activity	Certificate presentation Farewell pizza party	
					Private study: Work on group presentations		

While every effort will be made to deliver the advertised program, some workshops, excursions, and activities may vary due to timetabling and availability.

Workshops, excursions and activities

3MT – Three-Minute Thesis workshops

Inspired by The University of Queensland's Three-Minute Thesis (3MT®) competition, a globally recognised academic communication challenge that began at UQ in 2008, this workshop series helps you to develop communication, critical thinking and collaboration skills needed for university success. Through interactive activities and presentations, you will learn how to work effectively in teams, ask insightful questions, and communicate your ideas with confidence and impact.

Workshop 1: Communicate, collaborate and effective groupwork

Develop the essential skills for effective group work at university. Learn to build connections, manage turn-taking and express agreement and disagreement confidently in discussions during tutorials. You'll also practise paraphrasing, clarifying ideas and repairing communication to work more successfully with others.

Workshop 2: How to develop effective questions for research and interviews

Learn how to craft clear, insightful questions that drive meaningful research and engaging interviews. Develop critical thinking, communication, and inquiry skills that will support your success at university and beyond.

Workshop 3: Presentation skills for academic success

With an increase in Interactive Oral Assessments at universities you'll practise summarising key points, engage listeners, and present with confidence in a university-style environment. You will learn how to structure your ideas, open and close with impact, use persuasive language to connect with your audience, and communicate your message effectively in a three minute team presentation.

3MT group presentation

Drawing on the skills developed throughout the 3MT workshops, you will work in teams to deliver a three minute presentation exploring an aspect of university culture and learning. Comparing your experiences at UQ with your own educational and cultural context, you will share insights on topics such as campus life, study strategies, classroom participation, and communicating with academics, while reflecting on your future aspirations as a Future UQ Changemaker.

South Bank, Queensland Museum and Wheel of Brisbane Walking Tour

You will explore Brisbane's vibrant South Bank precinct, discover fascinating exhibits at the Queensland Museum, and enjoy spectacular city views from the Wheel of Brisbane. Along the way, they will gain insight into Australian culture, history, and lifestyle while creating unforgettable memories with new friends.

AI and Critical Thinking

Artificial intelligence is changing how we learn, work, and make decisions, but technology alone cannot build a better world. This presentation explores why critical thinking, reflection, and careful judgment matter more than ever in the age of AI. More particularly, it will consider how slow, deliberate, humanities-informed thinking can disrupt the hype cycles we so often find ourselves in when faced with new technologies. Through critical thinking, we can challenge oppression, make ethical choices, and imagine more equitable, hopeful futures for everyone.

UQ Ventures workshop

Turn your ideas into real-world impact with UQ Ventures' Foundational Entrepreneurial Program: From Ideas to Impact – Mastering the Design Thinking Process. Explore human-centred innovation, develop creative problem-solving skills, and learn how to transform opportunities into solutions. Gain practical tools, entrepreneurial confidence, and a mindset for creating meaningful change.

Business Chamber of Queensland workshop

Discover how small to medium-size businesses are creating a more sustainable future while improving performance and driving innovation. Through interactive activities, real-world case studies, and industry insights, you will explore practical strategies to reduce environmental impacts, identify sustainability opportunities, and solve future challenges using sustainability thinking.

Economics: Where human behaviour meets global challenges

Learn how economists tackle real-world challenges through interactive gameplay, discussion, and case studies. Explore game theory, cooperation, competition, sustainability, incentives, and decision-making while discovering how economics shapes solutions to complex issues.





Insights in Business Economics and Law faculty

Gain valuable insights into the world of business, economics and law through an engaging faculty presentation. Explore how these disciplines shape industries, influence decision-making, and address real-world challenges, while discovering the diverse study options, career pathways, and opportunities available at university.

Leadership in Action: The Grotesque Quest Challenge

Grotesque Quest is a team challenge exploring management and leadership. Hunt Great Court grotesques, solve riddles, allocate roles, and make decisions under pressure while building teamwork, communication, problem-solving, and leadership skills.

Australia Zoo

Experience one of Australia's most iconic wildlife attractions on the Sunshine Coast. You will have the opportunity to encounter native Australian animals, learn about wildlife conservation, and gain insights into the unique ecosystems that make Australia so special.

UQ Open day

Discover what's possible at UQ. Explore world-class facilities, attend information sessions, meet academics and current students, and gain first-hand insight into university life. Whether you're planning your degree, exploring career pathways, or looking for the right study option, UQ Open Day is your opportunity to experience campus, interview students for your 3MT group presentation, and take the next step towards your future with confidence.

Mater Hospital workshop

Gain valuable insight into Australia's healthcare system through a specialised workshop delivered in partnership with Mater Hospital. Combining healthcare-themed learning with the Mater Education experience, you will be introduced to contemporary healthcare practices, professional pathways, and the skills required in a modern clinical environment. This unique experience supports potential academic and career interests while broadening your understanding of international healthcare settings, helping you develop a global perspective on healthcare delivery and patient care.

Conservation Biology challenge

In this interactive workshop, you will explore how science can help protect threatened species and conserve biodiversity for future generations. You will examine the challenges facing wildlife conservation and investigate the factors contributing to species decline, including habitat loss, climate change and human activity. Working in teams, you will analyse a real threatened species and develop a recovery plan that balances scientific, social and economic considerations. Along the way, you will strengthen your critical thinking and decision-making skills while gaining insight into how conservation scientists use evidence to address complex environmental challenges.

Robotics Challenge

How are robotics, automation and emerging technologies shaping the future? In this hands-on workshop, you will work in teams to design, build and program a robot to solve a series of real-world challenges. Through testing, problem-solving and iterative design, you will explore how robotics is used across industries including healthcare, logistics, manufacturing and space exploration. Along the way, you will develop coding, collaboration and critical thinking skills while gaining insight into how scientists and innovators create technology-based solutions to modern challenges.

Fire Truck Engineering Challenge

Design, build, and compete with a semiautonomous fire truck. Learn engineering, robotics, and automation, then test your creation in a firefighting challenge while developing teamwork, problem-solving, innovation, and technical skills.

Dreamworld ride design excursion and workshop

Step behind the thrills and discover what it takes to create world-class attractions at Dreamworld. Explore the fundamentals of ride design, engineering, guest experience, and innovation. Gain insights from industry experts and learn how creative ideas are transformed into unforgettable experiences that captivate millions of visitors.

UQ Sport – team sport activity

Throw on your sporting outfit and experience UQ sport. Ranked No.1 in Australia for sports-related subjects and No. 2 globally, this is your opportunity to learn more about programs and experience the facilities firsthand.





Live like a university student

During the study tour, you will stay together at Journal Student Living, Garden Place, located at 240 Margaret Street, Brisbane.

This brand-new student accommodation offers a safe, modern, and authentic university living experience, giving you the opportunity to experience life as a real university student while living as part of the tour cohort.

You will be accommodated in single-gender apartments, with four students per apartment. Breakfast and dinner will be provided daily. Lunch will need to be bought on campus or will be provided as part of an excursion off campus.

Accommodation at Journal Student Living is a compulsory component of the study tour and you cannot opt out. Staying together in one residence supports the effective management, supervision, safety, and day-to-day logistics of the study tour while fostering a strong sense of community among participants. For parents or family members accompanying you to Brisbane, alternative accommodation will need to be arranged independently, as parents are not permitted to stay in the student residence.

As all participants are under 18 years of age, you will be supported through a dedicated U18 supervision program, which includes 24/7 onsite staff, residential supervision, wellbeing support, and curfews to help ensure a safe and positive experience.

The residence features outstanding facilities, including unlimited Wi-Fi, secure building access, study spaces, a communal library, gym facilities, a rooftop garden, outdoor recreation areas, a basketball court, cinema, communal kitchens, an onsite café, and a vibrant community program.

Conveniently located in Brisbane's CBD, the accommodation is approximately 30 minutes by public transport from The University of Queensland's St Lucia campus, giving you easy access to classes and activities while enjoying the benefits of inner-city living.

More than just a place to stay, the accommodation experience is an important part of the study tour's learning objectives. Living alongside other students helps you develop independence, personal responsibility, confidence, and teamwork skills while experiencing what university life is really like in a supportive and supervised environment.

Meals

A light breakfast and a freshly prepared dinner will be provided daily at Journal. Evening meals will offer a welcoming opportunity for students to relax, connect with one another and enjoy a satisfying meal.

Lunches will be provided as part of off campus excursions to Dreamworld, Australia Zoo and the Mater Hospital. In addition, a farewell lunch will be provided on the last day.

On days when classes and workshops are held on campus, you will have the opportunity to purchase lunch at your own expense from a range of food outlets.

As part of your application, please advise us of any dietary requirements or food allergies so that appropriate arrangements can be made.



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Next steps

Fees

The total fee of the two-week study tour is $6,300 AUD per person. This fee covers:

- Welcome pack
- Tuition and workshop fees
- Enrolment fee
- Materials fee
- Under 18 management fee
- Accommodation at Journal Student Living
- Breakfast and dinner at Journal Student Living
- Entrance fees to Dreamworld, Australia Zoo
- Lunch voucher at Dreamworld, Australia Zoo and Mater Hospital
- Transport for off campus excursions
- Airport pick up and drop off
- Farewell lunch
- Certificate of participation

It does not include:

- Public transport to and from campus as public transport is 50 cents.
- Lunch on campus (except for the farewell lunch)
- Snacks
- Drinks (a water bottle will be provided as part of the welcome pack. Tap water is safe to drink in Australia)
- Souvenirs
- Tourist visa

Spending money for personal expenses

We recommend bringing approximately AUD $30-40 per day to cover lunches, snacks, and personal expenses, as well as additional spending money for souvenirs and other optional purchases.

What to bring

The temperature in Brisbane in July/August between 20 to 24 degrees Celsius during the day and 10 to 15 degrees Celsius at nighttime. We recommend you bring the following:

- ☑ Pullover or sweaters
- ☑ Outerwear (Rain Jacket)
- ☑ Long sleeve shirts
- ☑ T-shirts
- ☑ Jeans or pants
- ☑ Sports clothes
- ☑ Sleepwear
- ☑ Underwear
- ☑ Footwear
  One pair fully enclosed shoes, sports shoes and one pair for night use
- ☑ Sun hat
- ☑ Toiletries
  (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, shampoo), hairbrush, sunscreen, and insect repellent.
- ☑ Any required medication in original packaging, clearly labelled, and in a sealed bag. Only students with approval may carry medication like an EpiPen or insulin pump
- ☑ Computer or I pad
- ☑ Mobile phone

Journal Student Living will provide all bedding.

Arrival and Departure

As part of your program fees, airport transfers on arrival and departure are included. To assist with transport logistics, please arrange your flights to arrive on 25 July and depart on 7 August, and forward your flight details to us as soon as they are confirmed.

A member of UQ College staff will meet you at the International Arrivals terminal or the Domestic Arrivals terminal.

Under 18 supervision

The safety and wellbeing of students is our highest priority. Throughout the program, you will be supported by dedicated study tour staff, with appropriate supervision arrangements in place for all participants under the age of 18. You will receive clear guidance regarding expectations, conduct, safety, and emergency procedures, and support will be available throughout their stay to ensure a safe, positive, and enjoyable experience.

One month prior to the study tour you and your parents/guardians will need to participate in a pre-departure webinar.

Insurance

For peace of mind during your study tour, we recommend purchasing Overseas Visitor Health Cover (OVHC) and comprehensive travel insurance before you travel.

Tourist Visa

Depending on your passport, you may need a Tourist visa (as the program is only 2 weeks). Please check the Australia Government Department of Home Affairs website for more details at www.immi.homeaffairs.gov.au

How to apply

To apply you will need to provide:

- Copy of your passport
- Copy of your most recent school report which includes reference to language instruction (ie are your classes taught in English or are you studying English)
- Contact details (phone number and email address) of BOTH the student and the parent/guardian
- Two emergency contact numbers (parent/guardian plus one other)
- Declaration of any pre-exiting medical conditions
- Dietary requirements

Applications can be made at:
uqcollege.uq.edu.au/study/study-tours/future-changemakers-study-tour

After submitting your application, our Admissions team will review it to ensure all required information has been provided. We will then issue an offer letter with details of the study tour fees and payment instructions. Your place on the study tour will be confirmed once payment has been received.

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Privacy UQ College complies with Australian privacy laws and guidelines.

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ESOS Act

education.gov.au/esos-framework

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