

## CAREER NEWSLETTER

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### VOCATIONAL AND HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

#### University of Canberra – program for high achieving Year 11 students

UC is excited to be able to share with you our exclusive [Fast Forward Program](#) for Year 11 students to gain an early-offer to University. Applications are now open for 25 stand-out students to prepare for university life with early access to mentors, amenities, study grants, networking and more.

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#### Apprenticeships

- Cummins  
Cummins are recruiting for the 2021 intake for heavy diesel apprenticeships, <https://bit.ly/3jjUx57>  
Contact [careers.sthpacific@cummins.com](mailto:careers.sthpacific@cummins.com) for more information
- William Adams Pty Ltd  
William Adams are recruiting for the 2021 intake for the following apprenticeships:
  - Mobile Equipment (Earthmoving)
  - Heavy Road Transport (Trucks)
  - Metal Fabrication (Boilermaker and Auto Electrical)Information - <https://bit.ly/2Cpl0wt>
- Australian Apprenticeships Pathways (AAP)  
This website contains fantastic resources for young people interested in pursuing a professional trade or traineeship. Some of the resources include:
  - Job and training descriptions
  - Career interest explorer
  - Job pathway charts
  - Information on apprenticeships and school-based apprenticeships
  - Literacy and numeracy quizzes for different industries such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical, and hairdressing.

Visit <http://bit.ly/3aUtxnC>

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### Interested in working in theatre, film or television?

Applications are now open, or will be opening soon for the following institutes:

- NIDA - National Institute of Dramatic Arts (NIDA) offers courses in areas such as Acting, Costume Design, Design for Performance, Technical Theatre, Properties and Objects, and Staging. Applications are now open, [www.nida.edu.au](http://www.nida.edu.au)
- WAAPA - Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) offers courses in areas such as Aboriginal Performance, Acting, Arts Management, Dance, Music, Music Theatre, Performing Arts, and Production and Design. Applications are now open, [www.waapa.ecu.edu.au](http://www.waapa.ecu.edu.au)
- Victorian College of the Arts - Victorian College of the Arts (VCA) offers courses in areas such as Acting & Theatre, Dance, Design & Production, Film & Television, Indigenous Art & Culture, Music Theatre, Visual Art and Writing. Applications will open on Monday 3 August via VTAC, <https://bit.ly/30a6rqN>

Applications for most courses at these institutes will be based on an audition, interview and/or folio. Please take note of key application closing dates and provide all required information with your application.

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### Updates from RMIT University

Undergraduate law will be offered from 2021! You will be able to choose from the Bachelor of Laws or apply to combine the degree with either the Bachelor of Business (Information Systems) or the Bachelor of Business (Economics and Finance). Please note – this is the only undergraduate law degree in Victoria you can complete within 3-years

5 reasons to study law at RMIT, <https://bit.ly/3jtvbBY>

Course information, <https://bit.ly/32D3r7H>

Blockchain Technology - From 2021, RMIT will be offering a unique degree – Bachelor of Business (Blockchain Enabled Business), <https://bit.ly/3jpAaUc>

The [Bachelor of Business \(Blockchain Enabled Business\)](#) at RMIT University is a world-first degree that will prepare you to work in an international context in range of in-demand roles and sectors across the globe. Blockchain technology started out as a platform for digital currencies like Bitcoin, but is now revolutionising the way many businesses, governments and social enterprises operate. In fact, industry watcher Burning Glass reported that “Blockchain” is the most sought-after skill listed in job advertisements over the last year.

But what exactly does blockchain involve?

Here’s a snapshot of how the technology works and what you can expect to learn about when you choose to study the world-first undergraduate degree at RMIT, <https://bit.ly/3eTUPwc>

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### Career and course exploration resources

- Bullseye posters - You can explore occupations related to your favourite subjects such as English, Mathematics, Food Studies and Art. After you create an account, click on ‘explore career bullseyes’ and then click on your favourite subjects, <https://myfuture.edu.au>
- Course Seeker - Course Seeker is a fantastic website that enables students to explore university courses for each state in the one website. You can research courses, prerequisites, selection criteria and ATAR profiles for the 2020 intake, [www.courseseker.edu.au/](http://www.courseseker.edu.au/)
- Good Careers Guide - Students can search over 400 different occupations narrowed down by the field or type of work they would like to do in the future (e.g., helping / advising, creative / artistic). They can also research ‘career ladders’ and take an aptitude test to assist in narrowing down career ideas, [www.goodcareersguide.com.au/](http://www.goodcareersguide.com.au/)
- Skillsroad - Students can explore courses, occupations, and industries. They can also undertake a mini

career quiz and research occupations based on their favourite subjects. Students will also be able to work through the new Ready to Reset online program, [www.skillsroad.com.au](http://www.skillsroad.com.au)

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### Humanities – scholarship and global programs

If you would love to study a humanities degree and receive a scholarship, paid industry experience, or funded overseas immersion program, you may like to explore the following four university degree options.

- Bachelor of Arts (Western Civilisation), Australian Catholic University - Based at North Sydney Campus, this liberal arts degree will give ambitious students a deep understanding of western literature, philosophy, art, politics, religion, science and history, and how these help us to understand our world and the dialogue between cultures.  
The Ramsay Centre is funding 30 scholarships valued at \$30,000 per year (\$90,000 total) across the duration of the degree. Applications are now open for the 2021 intake, <https://bit.ly/3f7vKO6>
- Bachelor of Arts (Professional), Swinburne University - This course offers 18 majors, 28 co-majors from other faculties and 42 minors. Students are guaranteed one-year of paid industry experience as part of the degree, and it will take 4-years full time to complete the course.  
Applicants will need to achieve an ATAR of approximately 80 to be considered for admission. This could rise for the 2021 intake, <http://bit.ly/1UTb3pZ>
- International Sustainability Experience, La Trobe University - All students studying a humanities degree at La Trobe are eligible to apply for the unique International Sustainability Experience program. Successful applicants will receive a funded two-week overseas experience located in the Asia Pacific region.  
Eligible degrees include Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Media and Communication, Bachelor of International Relations, Bachelor of Language and Linguistics etc., <http://bit.ly/3d1uEni>
- Global Immersion Guarantee, Monash University - The Monash Global Immersion Guarantee (GIG) provides a guaranteed two-week overseas study experience for all first year Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Global Studies students, with the cost of airfares, accommodation and local travel covered as part of the program.  
Students will study the impact of the global movement of people and goods on environmental sustainability. For information, visit <https://bit.ly/37ThuFk>

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### Early admission programs

Year 12 students – please ensure you complete your early admission applications on time. August closing dates for some early admission programs include:

- Australian Catholic University  
Aspire Program (Melbourne campus)  
Wednesday 12 August, <http://bit.ly/395Wfs9>
- University of Wollongong  
Early Entry  
Friday 14 August, <https://bit.ly/2wvqljF>
- Swinburne University  
Early Entry Program  
28 August (Round 1), <https://bit.ly/2WiPub5>
- La Trobe University  
Aspire Program  
Monday 31 August, <http://bit.ly/2v9WOLN>
- Charles Sturt University

## STEM Career quizzes

The following career quizzes have been taken from the Careers with STEM website

- Science: Are you more da Vinci, or Darwin? Tesla or Newton? Take our quiz and we'll match your personality to one of the most famous scientists in history, <https://bit.ly/2LUfKRR>
- Maths: Which number are you? We're going to try and figure out what number best represents how you think, what you'd love to do, and whether you might have any hidden talents or interests lurking beneath the surface. Even if you're already convinced maths isn't for you, give it a go! You might just be surprised, <https://bit.ly/2NP3GSz>
- Computer Science teamed with your personal passion is the ticket to a career you love. Find out your CS (science, tech, maths, or maybe engineering?) and your X (whatever you're passionate about) and find the formula to a great career! <https://bit.ly/2NSyLol>
- Will you work in science or health? Your future is up to you! Take our quiz to find out where your future lies... there are so many possibilities beyond becoming a scientist or doctor. Will you become a pioneer, a visionary, an adventurer? Take our quiz and find out! <https://bit.ly/2Lt3jjM>
- Which biologist are you? Find your niche in biology... even if you're nowhere near being a biologist! <https://bit.ly/2K6kKRL>
- Which forensic scientist are you? There are more career possibilities in forensics than you might think. Take our quiz to see which branch of forensics you're in! <https://bit.ly/2K6lp5H>
- Which coder are you? Are you a robotics coder, cybersecurity coder or a full-stack developer? Take our free coder personality quiz and unlock the door to your future coding career, <https://bit.ly/2mPErUz>
- Which engineer are you? This quiz will tell you exactly where your future lies in Engineering. Will you be working with infrastructure, software or health? Take our quiz and find out! <https://bit.ly/2LuOyNn>
- What's your creative career in STEM? Take our quiz to find out whether you'll work with music, art or design in your STEM career! <https://bit.ly/2LPWDvo>

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Charles Sturt University – online parent session

Next Tuesday the 4th August at 6.30 pm to 8 pm Charles Sturt will be hosting its second [Online Parent Information Session](#). We'll step parents through the application process and early offer programs for university. We'll talk about our paths into uni, student services, accommodation options and scholarships. Plus, our experts will be available to answer any specific course questions.

[Book a spot](#) to not only learn about Charles Sturt but take away some tips and tricks on how to support your children through their next steps no matter where they go.

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### Open Days

Are you in Year 10, 11 or 12? Have you registered for open days yet? Many institutes are offering prizes and cash incentives to students who sign up for and attend their virtual open day. Check the document below for a list of dates and web links. Open days start in early August.

[Open Day Calendar 2020](#)

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## JOB SPOTLIGHT

### Politics from [StudyWorkGrow](#)

Politics is both an art and science that focuses on people. Politicians and politics are at play in nearly every career and life scenario to some extent. Our daily lives are dictated by rules and laws designed to benefit individuals and develop and maintain flourishing communities and countries.

What type of person would this job suit?

- You need to be **passionate** and **enthusiastic** about people and politics
- Great at **networking** and building strong **relationships** with others
- Be **approachable** and a **good listener**
- Have a thorough understanding of local and national issues, and be up to date with **current affairs**
- Possess excellent **analytical thinking** and **communication** (verbal and written) skills
- Remain **calm, confident** and **professional** in all situations – especially when you're engaged in **public speaking** and presentations
- Adept at **crisis management** and **problem solving**

Industries where politics is important:

- Government
- Law and Justice
- Business
- Defence and Intelligence
- Education
- Journalism and Media

### Pathways

There are lots of ways that you can have a meaningful job within politics. You don't have to be aiming to become Prime Minister – although ambition and the drive to succeed could be advantageous in this competitive industry.

You can get in to politics through **a lot** of different pathways; formal or tertiary qualifications are not necessarily required. Showing your commitment and gaining valuable experience through volunteering, campaigning and involvement with a political party is one of the best pathways there is.

You could get other useful experience from:

- being involved in student politics
- get involved in a debating team or student newspaper
- find work experience with local MPs, the mayoral office or local council

Choosing to study a degree in politics could make you a more competitive candidate for some professional roles.

A full-time, 5 year, [Bachelor of Social Science with the degree of Bachelor of Laws with a Major in Political Economy and Social Policy at Macquarie](#) could give you all the qualifications you'd need to apply for a huge range of careers in the political arena.

Alternatively, you can start out at TAFE and gain a Cert III or IV, or find a traineeship, before getting some experience and deciding if you want, or need, to go to uni later on.

A [Certificate III in Business with Social Media from Training Connections Australia](#) is an example of a course that could open doors into a political career too.

### Social Media Advisor

You'd be developing, implementing and maintaining social media communications. Demonstrating political acumen by providing relevant communications advice and recommendations.

You could get some short courses under your belt and volunteer your time to work with local politicians and organisations as a social media advisor. Gaining valuable work experience, networking and obtaining a proven track record could offer up opportunities for next level positions.

As a volunteer you might not get paid initially, but if the position is made official and you're offered a job, a salaried position could be on offer.

## **Political Staffer**

Relevant experience or university degree

A political staffer or aide works in a political office supporting a candidate or elected official by advising, researching, scheduling, fundraising, or writing for them, among other responsibilities.

There's no formal qualification or training to be a staffer, you'll learn on the job. Generally some previous political experience is desirable. Although it's not unusual for junior members to be recruited straight from university.

As a junior you could expect to earn over \$40,000 per year, going up to \$77,000 per year (or more) with experience.

## **Political Journalist**

Diploma

You'd be reporting on controversies, campaigns and debates, providing analysis of political events, as well as presenting on potential outcomes, incentives and trends. You could work in one or more outlets including print, online, TV, or radio.

Relevant experience is crucial (it could be at the office of a local or national newspaper), and building up professional network of contacts even more so. A [Professional Communication Certificate](#), [Certificate III in Screen and Media](#), a diploma, bachelor degree or postgraduate degree in journalism could all kick off your career. Lots of news outlets also offer 12 month cadetships for graduates.

You could expect to earn \$80,000 per year as a qualified and experienced journalist.

## **Member of Parliament (MP)**

Bachelors Degree

An MP is expected to work for the benefit of Australia, their local constituents, and for their party. You could be developing policies, legislations and by-laws, be a spokesperson, investigator and more.

With the right skills, work experience and contacts, you could become a Member of Parliament without formal qualifications, though they often have university qualifications, which could help you become an MP more quickly.

Federal Senators and members base salary is \$207,000 per year. State Government salaries vary but you could expect to earn a base salary of \$150,00 per year (\*2018 figures).

To become an MP, you'll have to be elected by your party or the public.

Growth in this industry is **moderate** and expected to remain so.

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