



2025 UCAT Prep Grant

The Road to Rural (R2R) Medicine [UCAT 2025 Prep Grant](#) is open to rural high school students currently in Y11. R2R understand students going into year 12 have a lot of competing priorities and want to offer earlier access to the UCAT preparation materials and take some of the pressure off. Eligible students can apply for fully funded support to prepare for UCAT 2025 through their training partner [MedEntry](#).

Upcoming Events

AIE Open Day, Adelaide

November 16

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film, and visual effects at the AIE Open Day.

AIE's Open Day is a great opportunity to meet our teachers, staff, and students. The day will cover everything you need to know about the:

- careers in games and VFX that we train students for.
- studios and industries that we work with.
- courses we offer - from beginners to professional mastery, and.
- the software, skills, and knowledge we teach.

AIE's Open Day will also include presentations on entry requirements and how to apply. Find out how AIE can get you into a creative career.

[Find out more](#)

University of Adelaide 2025 Headstart Information Night

November 20

The University of Adelaide's Headstart scholarship program gives high achieving students the opportunity to study at university while still in Year 12 and have these university studies count towards their SACE and Selection Rank.

[Find out more](#)

Australian Volunteers Program – Online Information Session

November 21

Join us online to learn how you can support overseas organisations to achieve locally led, development goals.

In our Information Session, you will:

- Meet Australian Volunteers Program staff who will share insights about the program and the application process.
- Gain an understanding of the support that the program provides to volunteers such as allowances, flights, and visa support.
- Hear from former volunteers who will share their experience on assignment and give you a glimpse of what life is like as a volunteer.

Australian volunteers come from a broad range of sectors, contributing the specific skills and experience required to support our partners. We offer a range of volunteering modalities; in-country, hybrid and remotely from home.

We encourage people with disabilities, couples, people with children, people from the LGBTIQ+ community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to attend.

[Find out more](#)

Flinders Medical Mystery Investigation Taster Day

November 26

- Participate in workshops in Accounting and Finance, Business Analytics and AI, Economics, Events Management & Tourism, Management & Leadership, Marketing, and Sports Management.
- Tour the Bedford Park Campus at Flinders University
- Find out what it's like studying at Flinders
- Speak with current students
- Get your questions answered by lecturers, academics, and researchers
- Join a Q&A panel session and learn about: possible pathways, prerequisites, career & job opportunities, business & industry connections, work experience, and much more
- And lunch will be provided!

[Find out more](#)

Flinders Business Taster Day

November 26 to 27

Flinders University is inviting Year 12 students to participate in an exclusive and exciting Business Event. You'll get close-up opportunities and hands-on experiences in different areas of Business, so that you can make the right decision regarding your future studies and career.

Plus:

- Tour the Flinders Campus
- Find out what it's like studying at Flinders
- Speak with current students
- Get your questions answered
- Join a Q&A panel session and learn about: possible pathways, prerequisites, career & job opportunities, business & industry connections, work experience, and much more
- And lunch will be provided!

[Find out more](#)

Flinders Law Taster Day

November 28

Flinders University is inviting Year 12 students to participate in an exclusive Law event: 'Reading your mind – Law and the next frontier'. Experience what it's like to study Law at Flinders University, how we balance traditional legal training with a future-focused curriculum with more support & placements. And most importantly, how you could make a difference to the world.

Plus:

- Tour the Flinders Campus

- Find out what it's like studying at Flinders
- Speak with current students
- Get your questions answered
- Join a Q&A panel session and learn about: possible pathways, prerequisites, career & job opportunities, business & industry connections, work experience, and much more
- And lunch will be provided!

[Find out more](#)

Flinders Criminology Taster Day

November 29

Flinders University is inviting Year 12 students to participate in an exclusive and exciting Criminology Event. You will get close-up opportunities and hands-on experiences in Criminology, so that you can make the right decision regarding your future studies and career.

Plus:

- Tour the Flinders City Campus
- Find out what it's like studying at Flinders
- Speak with current students
- Get your questions answered by lecturers, academics, and researchers
- Join a Q&A panel session and learn about: possible pathways, prerequisites, career & job opportunities, business & industry connections, work experience, and much more

And lunch will be provided!

[Find out more](#)

AIE Online Campus Day

November 30, 2024

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film, and visual effects at the AIE Online Campus Day. AIE will be running this event for students interested in studying online. You will be able to meet our teachers, explore how classes will run, course options, career pathways and see our amazing student work.

We will be covering everything you need to know about the:

- careers in games and VFX that we train students for.
- studios and industries that we work with.
- courses we offer - from beginners to professional mastery.
- the software, skills, and knowledge we teach.

[Find out more](#)

For Parents/Guardians

Teen mental health matters: For parents and carers

December 12

Join us for an insightful and empowering webinar focused on providing strategies and resources to help you in supporting your teen.

Co-hosted by a Clinical Psychologist facilitator, and Black Dog Institute lived experience presenter, we will explore:

1. How to make sense of adolescence.
2. Identify signs of mental health struggles.
3. Understand how to support your teen.

4. Know where you and your teen can get support.

This webinar is free and open to all parents, caregivers, and anyone interested in supporting the mental health of teens in their care. Reserve your spot today and embark on a journey towards greater well-being for you and your family!

[Find out more:](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ClourXFQTbOB210814be8A#/registration) (copy the following url into your web browser) https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ClourXFQTbOB210814be8A#/registration

Scholarships

Playford Trust Rural and Regional STEM Scholarships

Offered by: Playford Trust

Value: \$5,000 AUD

Open date: October 1, 2024

Closing date: January 17, 2025

The Playford Trust seeks to support outstanding students from rural and regional South Australia who intend to enrol as undergraduates to study science, engineering, mathematics, or technology subjects at one of the State's three public universities.

[Find out more](#)

Playford Trust Lincoln College Residential Scholarship

Value: \$8,000 AUD

Open date: September 1, 2024

Closing date: January 17, 2025

The Playford Trust, in partnership with Lincoln College, offers a scholarship for a student enrolling at Lincoln College, a university residential college for students studying in Adelaide. The scholarship will provide financial support to a high-achieving and motivated South Australian student to make the most of their studies, achieve their potential and contribute to South Australia's knowledge, skills, and research base.

[Find out more](#)

Women of STEM Australian Scholarships

Value: \$5,000 AUD per year

Open date: December 13, 2024

Closing date: February 7, 2025

The purpose of the Women of STEM Scholarships are to provide financial support to young women as they study a degree, in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics.

[Find out more](#)

Murdoch University Access Engineering Scholarship

Value: \$12,000 AUD

Open date: August 23, 2024

Closing date: February 28, 2025

The Murdoch University Access Engineering Scholarship seeks to widen participation and support students from underrepresented groups in a field of study that is becoming increasingly important and impactful for a sustainable future.

[Find out more](#)

AIQS Donald Napier Scholarships

Value: \$5,000 AUD

Open date: May 1, 2024

Closing date: October 31, 2024

AIQS offers several scholarships each year for Year 12 students who qualify for entry into a Quantity Surveying, Construction Economics, Construction Management (Economics) or other appropriate course at an AIQS accredited university in Australia.

There are four scholarships offered each year:

1. General (open to all people)
2. First Nations people (Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander)
3. Disadvantaged (financial, carer, medical condition or disability, regional or remote)
4. Diversity (including but not limited to race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, age, religion, marital status, language)

[Find out more](#)

Apprenticeship and traineeship FAQs

When thinking of your future career options, there's usually more than one path to get you there. Apprenticeships and traineeships are a great option to consider, allowing you to not only gain valuable skills but also earn some money too. In this blog, we'll explain some apprenticeship and traineeship basics and answer some frequently asked questions (FAQs).

What are apprenticeships and traineeships?

Apprenticeships and traineeships are hands-on training programs that allow you to learn and earn at the same time. They're like a bridge between the classroom and the workplace. During an apprenticeship or traineeship, you'll work under the guidance of experienced professionals in your chosen field while also studying towards a nationally recognised qualification.

Benefits of apprenticeships and traineeships

There are lots of benefits of apprenticeships and traineeships, including:

- **Practical experience:** Gain real-world skills that employers value.
- **Earn while you learn:** Receive a wage while you train, helping you become financially independent.
- **Industry connections:** Build a network of professionals who can support your career growth.
- **Nationally recognised qualifications:** You'll receive a qualification that you can use anywhere.
- **Clear career pathway:** Set yourself up for a successful and fulfilling career in your chosen field.

Types of apprenticeships and traineeships

There are various types of apprenticeships and traineeships, catering to a wide range of interests and industries. Some popular categories include:

- Traditional trades (e.g., plumbing, carpentry, electrician)
- Healthcare and allied health (e.g., nursing, dental assisting, pathology)
- Business and administration (e.g., customer service, office administration)
- Information technology (e.g., software development, IT support)
- Hospitality and tourism (e.g., cookery, hotel management)

Apprenticeship and traineeship FAQs

If you're interested in starting an apprenticeship or traineeship and want to know more, here are some answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) students often have.

Can I do an apprenticeship or traineeship straight out of high school?

Yes. There are lots of apprenticeships and traineeships programs designed for high school graduates. In some cases, you can even start while you're still in school.

How long does an apprenticeship or traineeship typically last?

The duration varies depending on the industry and qualification. They can range from anywhere between six months to four years. Apprenticeships are typically longer in duration than traineeships.

What is the difference between an apprenticeship and a traineeship?

While both involve on-the-job training, apprenticeships typically focus on traditional trades and technical skills, whereas traineeships cover a broader range of industries and professions. You can read more about the difference in our blog here.

How do I find an apprenticeship or traineeship opportunity?

There are several avenues to explore. You can start by checking job boards, company websites, and government apprenticeship portals. Additionally, career fairs and networking events can be great opportunities to connect with potential employers.

Do I need any qualifications to start an apprenticeship or traineeship?

It depends. Some programs may require certain subjects or certifications from high school, while others may have additional prerequisites. It's always a good idea to check the specific entry requirements for the program you're interested in.

Can I switch industries or roles during my apprenticeship or traineeship?

While it's generally possible to transition within the same industry, switching to a completely different field might require additional training or qualifications. It's important to communicate with your employer and training provider if you're considering a change.

What is the pay like for apprenticeships and traineeships?

The pay for apprenticeships and traineeships varies depending on factors such as the industry, location, and level of qualification. It's important to research and compare wage rates within your chosen field to have a clear understanding of what to expect.

Are there opportunities for further education after completing an apprenticeship or traineeship?

Absolutely! Many apprenticeships and traineeships offer pathways for further education and career advancement. You may have the opportunity to pursue higher-level qualifications or specialised certifications to enhance your skills and move up the career ladder.

Skills for Work

Dressing professionally: A guide for high school students entering the workforce

Whether you're starting a part-time role after school, beginning a summer gig, or entering the workforce permanently, one important aspect of your first job is understanding how to dress appropriately for your workplace. Here are some tips to think about that could help you to get it right.

Understand your workplace's dress code

Every workplace is unique. Different industries have different expectations for what's considered professional attire, here are some examples:

- **Business casual:** This is common in offices and customer service roles. It's more relaxed than formal business wear but still looks neat and polished. For example, a nice pair of trousers with a button-up shirt or blouse is a good choice. Avoid jeans, shorts, and t-shirts with logos. A pair of closed in shoes that are comfortable, practical and professional could also be a good investment, stay away from trainers, sandals, or high heels.
- **Uniforms:** Some jobs, like those in retail, fast food, or other service positions, provide uniforms that create a consistent look for the company. Sometimes uniforms includes specific instructions like wearing black pants or closed-toe shoes. If you're given a uniform, wear it exactly as instructed, and always make sure it's clean and not crumpled.
- **Casual or creative environments:** If you're working in a more casual or creative field, you might be able to wear jeans, sneakers, or even t-shirts. However, remember that casual doesn't mean sloppy, you should still wear clean, well-fitted clothing (without any offensive logos or images).

Consider safety requirements

Uniforms, which can also include safety gear, may be provided by the company. You'll need to check and make sure that you're prepared with everything you'll need each day at work. Here are some common industries where safety items might be required:

- **Construction or warehousing:** You might be required to wear steel-toed boots, high-visibility vests, or protective helmets. Even if these seem uncomfortable at first, they're there to keep you safe.
- **Healthcare or food service:** You may need to wear gloves, aprons, or hairnets, especially if you're handling food or working in a lab. Safety shoes are often required in kitchens as well, they protect your feet if you drop anything and are usually anti-slip as well. These items protect you and others, so be sure to follow safety guidelines.

- **Working outdoors:** If you're in landscaping or lifeguarding, you may need sun protection, like a hat, sunglasses, or long sleeves. Look after yourself, and make sure you're following workplace guidelines.

Figure out what to wear (and what not to wear)

Starting a new job and knowing what to turn up in can be stressful for everyone. Getting your outfit right can help to make you feel more comfortable at work and create a good first impression with your supervisor and co-workers. Here are a few "dos" and "don'ts" to keep in mind:

- **DO:** Choose clothes that fit well, are clean, and look put together. Even in a relaxed environment, this shows you're ready for the day.
 - **Example:** In a casual workplace setting, a button up shirt or blouse, polo shirt, or another plain top paired with slacks, chinos, a knee length or longer skirt, or khakis works well. Comfortable, clean loafers or low heels complete the look.
- **DON'T:** Wear anything too revealing, overly casual, or distracting. This includes items like flip-flops, vest or tank tops, singlets, short skirts or shorts, or tops with large graphics or slogans.
 - **Example:** Avoid wearing a hoodie and ripped jeans in a business setting. Although it's comfortable, it doesn't project professionalism.
- **DO:** Pay attention to your personal grooming. For many workplaces, a tidy appearance is part of looking professional. Brushed hair, clean nails, and, if applicable, minimal makeup can make a good impression.
- **DON'T:** Over-accessorise or wear too much cologne or perfume. Strong scents or excessive jewellery can be distracting and may not be suitable for certain work environments.

Dress for success

Starting your first job is all about learning new things, and that includes dressing professionally for the role you're going to be doing. While your personal style is important, adapting to the dress code shows respect for the workplace and makes a positive impression. Plus, being well-prepared with the right attire gives you one less thing to worry about so you can focus on doing a great job.

Ask if you're unsure

If you're uncertain about what to wear, don't be afraid to ask. Everyone has had their share of first days and the chances are they worried about what to wear too. You can either reach out to your supervisor, check the employee handbook, or observe what others wear. It's much better to ask than turn up wearing something unsuitable.

Power Systems Engineer

Power systems engineers specialise in creating efficient power generation, transmission, and distribution networks. They are responsible for developing and installing technology integration and carrying out maintenance schedules. They are also in charge of monitoring and diagnosing issues, then fixing them to prevent downtime or reduced capacity. If you have a knack for solving problems and love to work with your hands, this job could be perfect for you.

What skills do I need as an esports professional?

- Detail-oriented
- Great problem-solver
- Hands-on worker
- Good communicator
- Works well in teams
- Organised & adaptable
- Safety-minded
- Excellent maths skills

What does the job involve?

- Designing power systems & networks
- Monitoring systems for issues
- Installing, testing & maintaining equipment
- Upgrading existing systems & networks
- Preparing drawings & plans
- Ensuring compliance with standards
- Optimising systems & processes
- Collaborating with other power workers

What industries do esports professionals typically work in?

- Electricity, Gas, Water & Waste
- Professional, Scientific & Technical Services
- Manufacturing

What kind of lifestyle can I expect?

As a power systems engineer, your work will be split across both time in the office and site visits. While there is some physical work involved, you'll also be expected to do desk work and communicate with clients, customers,

and other power workers. You can expect to earn an above average salary throughout your career. Most power systems engineers work full-time, usually during normal business hours. But emergency maintenance may require you to work nights, weekends, or even holidays.

How to become a power systems engineer

You will typically need a bachelor's degree in engineering, specialising in Electrical, Networks, or another similar field, to work as a power systems engineer. Internships and practical work experience are a common part of your education and are a great way to gain experience and make connections.

There are usually also other licenses and qualifications you must obtain as well, depending on regulations in your state or country, and whether you'd like to advance into more senior roles.

What can I do right now to work towards this career?

If you're interested in becoming a power systems engineer, here are some steps you can take:

- Focus on science subjects at school, especially physics and engineering. Along with maths, they are often prerequisites to many engineering courses.
- Find work experience or internship opportunities to gain exposure to the industry.
- Participate in STEM clubs, groups, workshops, or competitions to start building your skills while you're still at school.
- Start researching graduate programs and pathways to future job opportunities.

Where can I find more information?

You can learn more about careers in power systems engineering through these organisations:

- [The Australian Power Institute](#)

