

Queen's University and The University of Queensland Observership Program

2019



WELCOME

The University of Queensland's (UQ) vision is to provide knowledge leadership for a better world. As part of achieving this vision, UQ aims to be Australia's most globally connected university and to achieve a lasting influence on communities through the creation, preservation, transfer and application of knowledge. By putting a strong emphasis on student success, UQ offers a transformative student experience by equipping graduates with the skills, insight and experience needed to thrive in the international sphere, coupled with employers' conviction that UQ graduates are recognised worldwide as must have employees.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE

As the custodians of more than 4,000 future medical and biomedical health clinicians and researchers, the Faculty of Medicine is driven, dedicated, and duty-bound to ensure our next generation of doctors, scientists, and health professionals is equipped with the tools to achieve their vision.

UQ Medicine is the country's largest medical degree program and by partnering with the Queensland government and private health services, UQ has the strongest medical teaching and research presence throughout Queensland.

CLINICAL SCHOOLS AND UNITS

Our Clinical Schools are located in rural, regional and urban centres throughout Queensland, giving students the opportunity to learn and practise the clinical skills needed to be highly competent doctors in a range of facilities. Within our Clinical Schools are a number of Clinical Units that support the delivery of student placements and are located in a range of our affiliated hospitals.

SCHOOL OF CLINICAL MEDICINE

The School of Clinical Medicine consists of a range of Clinical Units located within major hospitals in metro Brisbane. Student's will have the opportunity to complete their Observership within two of these hospitals - the Princess Alexandra (PA) Hospital or the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital (RBWH), supported by the Clinical Units within them.

Princess Alexandra Hospital

The PA Hospital is one of three tertiary level hospitals in Queensland, providing care in most major adult specialties. The PA is nationally recognised for expertise in trauma management and organ transplants and is one of Australia's leading academic and research health centres.

What is the PA Hospital known for?

- **Expertise:** Queensland's finest specialists, many of whom are leaders in their fields and work across both the public and private sectors.
- **Coverage of disciplines and specialties:** the PA hospital is one of the two largest tertiary-referral hospitals in Queensland, providing state-wide services in spinal injuries, brain injury rehabilitation and renal and liver transplantation. It provides tertiary-level services in all areas of adult medicine with the exception of obstetrics.

Royal Brisbane

The Royal Brisbane Clinical Unit is based at Queensland's oldest hospital, the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital (RBWH) and has been teaching Queensland medical students for almost 80 years. The RBWH is a 929 bed general, tertiary referral teaching hospital with a number of specialities including medicine, surgery, orthopaedics, psychiatry, oncology and trauma services.

What is the RBWH known for?

- **Exposure to a wide variety of disciplines:** including medicine, surgery, orthopaedics, psychiatry, oncology and trauma services. Women's and Newborn Services provide comprehensive care of obstetric, gynaecological and neonatal intensive care on an inpatient and outpatient basis.
- **State-of-the-art facilities:** as Queensland's oldest and largest hospital, the RBWH is equipped with state of the art equipment, and has a strong culture of teaching and research.
- **Renowned Department of Internal Medicine:** RBWH has one of the largest and most organised Departments of Internal Medicine in Australia.
- **Exposure to a high case load:** RBWH has more than 70,000 acute presentations through the emergency department per year, so there is no shortage of patients to help students learn everything they need to become a world leader in their field.
- **Interaction with junior doctors:** many of RBWH's junior doctors are studying for specialist exams and are a fantastic source of information, inspiration and practical tips for medical students.
- **Access to some of the state's most accomplished medical specialists and researchers:** the RBWH boasts clinicians and clinician researchers working at the very pinnacle of their fields of specialty.

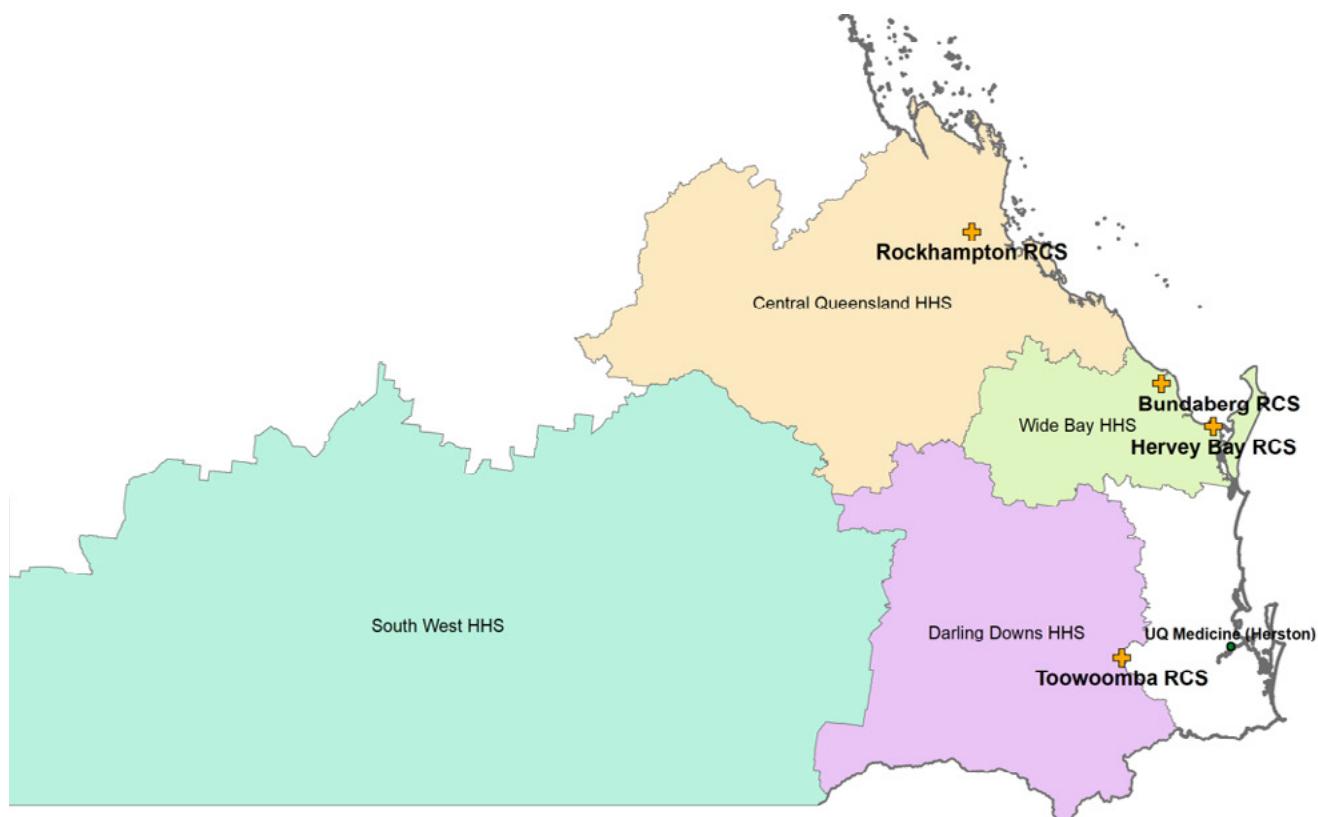


RURAL CLINICAL SCHOOL

Queensland is famous for its vast landscape, varied regions and diverse communities. Providing medical services and healthcare for these far-flung places and people is no small feat.

If you select to undertake your placement in a Rural Clinical School (RCS), you will be challenged to go further and do more. You will gain a greater depth and breadth of experience and benefit from hands-on, face-to-face, up-close-and-personal experience. You will get to live and work in a vibrant rural community and experience the many attractions the place and its people have to offer.

Rural Clinical Units are located in Toowoomba, Rockhampton, Bundaberg, and Hervey Bay.



TOOWOOMBA



Just over one hour's drive from Brisbane, is the dynamic regional town of Toowoomba. It sits atop the Great Dividing Range, at a comfortable 700 metres above sea level.

As the main centre for the Darling Downs Region, Toowoomba is a hub for industry, commerce, education and health. The traditional custodians of the land are the Giabal and Jarowair Peoples.

Known as the Garden City, Toowoomba enjoys four distinct seasons. The town has a rich heritage and lively culture, playing host to numerous major cultural and sporting events throughout the year. It's also the perfect place to sample the region's abundant local produce.

The Toowoomba Rural Clinical School clinical training is delivered through a mix of public and private healthcare providers including Toowoomba Base Hospital, St Vincent's Private Hospital St Andrew's Hospital as well as private practitioners.

There are many benefits of studying at the RCS Toowoomba. These include optimal student/teacher ratio, friendly and approachable clinicians, easy patient access, hands on procedural experience as well as multidisciplinary learning.

Transport

Getting to Toowoomba is simple with [Greyhound](#) and [Murrays](#) bus lines to choose from.

There's also plenty of [public transport](#) to help you get around town.

Accommodation

[Big4 Toowoomba Garden City Holiday Park](#)
Ph: 1800 333 667
info@big4toowoombagchp.com.au

[Jolly Swagman Accommodation Park](#)
Ph: 07 4632 8735

Weather

June/July average temperature: 10° - 21° celcius

Population

135,600 (2017)

Not to be missed

- Lockyer Valley Carnival of Flowers
- Local Wineries
- Cobb & Co Museum
- Empires Theatres
- Japanese Gardens
- Picnic Point Lookout
- Many parks and gardens

For more information about Toowoomba and its surrounds visit: www.toowoomba.org/

"I feel you're able to connect more with the community. In a big hospital you're not always seeing the day-to-day impact of your decisions on your patients' life. In Toowoomba, you really have to think about their situation - how far away do they live, when am I seeing them next, how much care can I offer given they may have traveled five hours." - Medical student

ROCKHAMPTON



Rockhampton is the major referral centre for health care services in the Central Queensland region. There is one public hospital and two private hospitals supported by a committed team of general and specialist practitioners, as well as bases for the Royal Flying Doctor Service, the Capricorn Emergency Helicopter Rescue Service and a wide range of community health services.

The clinical training program available through the Rockhampton Rural Clinical School provides opportunities and experiences in all of the medical program's key discipline areas.

Many of the sub-specialties are also available and include Oncology, ENT, Cardiology, Urology and Ophthalmology. In Rockhampton, program delivery and operations are based at purpose-built facilities located on the Rockhampton Hospital campus in the UQ Health Sciences Learning & Discovery Centre.

Transport

Information about Rockhampton's bus services can be found [here](#).

Accommodation

A variety of short term accommodation is available in serviced apartments, holiday rentals, share housing, or through Airbnb. To find short or long term accommodation close to the hospital, please visit [Rockhampton Hospital Accommodation](#).

Not to be missed

Rockhampton's charming historical architecture has captured the hearts of visitors for many decades. Founded in 1853, the city is home to heritage post offices, historic streetscapes, and majestic cathedrals.

You're guaranteed to get a great steak in Rockhampton because it happens to be the Beef Capital of Australia. You'll find six bull statues dotted around town representing the main breeds of the area. For a true spectacle, be sure to check out the weekly rodeo at the back of the pub at the Great Western Hotel.

Nature lovers will enjoy exploring Mount Archer National

Park with its spectacular range of native plants and wildflowers. The mountain itself offers glorious views of Rockhampton and the coast. The Capricorn Caves are a series of magnificent limestone caves that are definitely worth a visit. For aboriginal history, head to the Dreamtime Cultural Centre, set in some 30 acres of natural bushland on Ancient Tribal Sites.

Pack a picnic rug and enjoy a lazy afternoon in the Rockhampton Botanic Gardens. Over 130 years old, the site was recently heritage listed. The Rockhampton Zoo is located within the botanic gardens and is another interesting place to visit.

Rockhampton is where cowboy culture meets the coastal lifestyle, a wonderful slice of Queensland that's unlike anywhere else. Starting at the southern end of the Great Barrier Reef and straddling the Tropic of Capricorn, the region covers a short length of coast lined with white-sand beaches and stretches inland through the rural centre of Rockhampton into central Queensland. Just 15km offshore is beautiful Great Keppel Island, a place where the sand is so clean it squeaks underfoot.



BUNDABERG



Just four hours' drive from the city of Brisbane, Bundaberg boasts a natural charm and relaxed lifestyle which proves very appealing to residents and visitors alike. Bundy, as it is affectionately known is the home of historic buildings and modern architecture.

The Bundaberg region is the heart of rich sugar country as well as many farms growing an abundance of fresh produce. It is famous for its natural attractions - turtles, whales, manta rays, beaches, rivers, gorges and is perhaps best known for its breweries and distilleries, and the sugarcane and fresh produce that inspired them. The traditional owners of the land are the Goreng Goreng and the Taribelang Bunda People.

The Bundaberg Rural Clinical School offers a program that meets the curriculum requirements for years 3 and 4 of the medical program. The teaching material is delivered through a variety of modes including face-to face sessions, videoconferencing and online modules. Students have exposure to small group, or even, one-on-one teaching sessions and have the opportunity to work closely with a wide range of experienced clinicians. The limited student number allows students to become an integral part of a working clinical team; attending ward rounds, clinics and other activities and performing procedures appropriate to their level, at the discretion and under the direct supervision of a clinician.

The Bundaberg clinical training program provides opportunities and experiences in the key discipline areas of Surgery, Medicine, Paediatrics, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Emergency Medicine, Orthopaedics, General Practice and Mental Health together with sub-specialties in Cardiology, Oncology and Renal Medicine. Clinical training is delivered through a mix of public and private healthcare providers, including, Bundaberg Hospital, Mater Misericordiae Hospital Bundaberg, and Friendly Society Private Hospital.

Accommodation

There are a number of short term accommodation options available for students in Bundaberg.

- [Robbie's Place Self Contained Apartments](#) (07) 4152 1404
- [Bargara Blue Resort](#) (07) 4159 1691

- [Bundaberg East Cabin & Tourist Park](#) (07) 4152 8899
- [Bargara Real Estate](#) (07) 4159 2356

Public Transport

Buses in Bundaberg are available through [Duffy's City Busses](#).

Fun Facts

Did you know Bundaberg is the largest producer of sweet potatoes in Australia?

Bundaberg is known as the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef.

Not to be missed

- Bargara Beach
- Bundaberg Rum Distillery
- Hinkler Hall of Aviation
- Bundaberg Botanic Gardens
- Riverfeast Bundy Flavours
- Childers Festival
- Bundy Barrell
- visit [bundabergregionevents.com.au](#) for event information



HERVEY BAY



Hervey Bay is a city in the Fraser Coast Region of Queensland and is situated approximately 300 kilometres north of Brisbane. It is a natural bay between the Queensland mainland and the largest sand island in the world and heritage listed K'Gari (Fraser Island).

Hervey Bay is also famous as the whale watching capital of Australia and is a lively and modern regional centre with a welcoming atmosphere and relaxed lifestyle. The traditional custodians of the region are the Butchulla People.

With over 119 overnight beds, Hervey Bay Hospital is the acute facility on the Fraser Coast and works in close partnership with Maryborough Hospital to deliver high quality health care to the community. A comprehensive range of health care services are available including acute inpatient and outpatient services, community health, oral health and community mental health services.

The new emergency department opened its doors to patients in January 2019, heralding a new era of health care for the Fraser Coast and broader Wide Bay region. The state-of-the-art new emergency department occupies the ground floor of the three-storey facility and has 46 treatment spaces in total, including 37 emergency bays, three isolation rooms, a safe assessment room and five procedure rooms.

The first and second storeys of the new building include a Clinical Decisions Unit (CDU), education and training facilities, and space for future inpatient services, to help meet the needs of a fast-growing region.

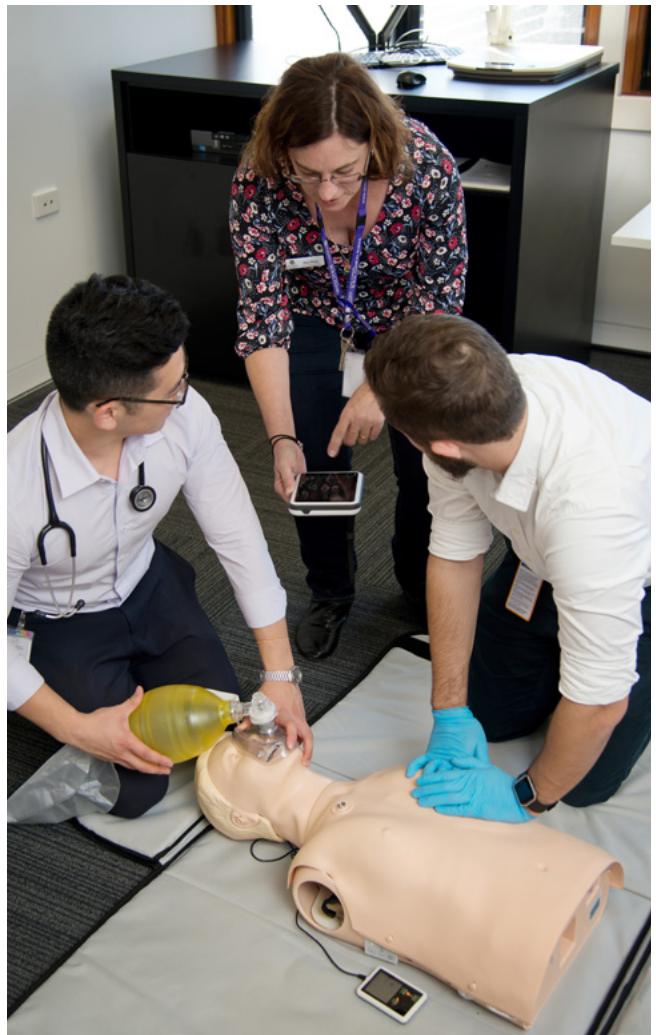
Since it opened in 1997, Hervey Bay Hospital has built a reputation for excellence especially in professional education and attracts medical and nursing programs in conjunction with the University of Queensland (UQ), University of Southern Queensland (USQ), Central Queensland University (CQU) and Queensland University of Technology (QUT).

Transport

With a population of approximately 65,000, Hervey Bay is sprawled across approximately 18km, with no real town centre/CBD and pockets of shops and restaurants/bars scattered throughout the city and along the Esplanade, so own transport is recommended as public transport is very limited. For information on public transport options, please visit [Hervey Bay bus services](#).

Accommodation

Being a tourist destination, there are many options for accommodation in Hervey Bay such as motels, serviced apartments, holiday rentals and backpackers. For ideas and information, please visit [Discover Hervey Bay](#) or for local recommendations, please contact the [Hervey Bay Rural Clinical School](#) on 4194 4800.



RURAL AND REMOTE MEDICINE

Rural and Remote Medicine (RRM) placements are offered in rural and regional Queensland, and offer the student an experience that intersects many medical specialties. Students will live in the host town and the focus will be on students immersing themselves in the communities in which their clinical placement occurs.

Placements are offered at three locations - Gayndah, Gladstone and Yeppoon.

Gayndah Hospital/Medical Practice

69 Warton Street, Gayndah QLD 4625

Distance to Brisbane: 324km (3h 59m drive)

How to get there: train, bus, drive

Accommodation type: hospital nurses quarters – no cost to student

Distance between accommodation and site: onsite or 6 minute walk to doctors

About Gayndah Hospital

Gayndah Hospital is a small rural facility providing care for a wide range of conditions. A helipad is on site and a designated palliative care unit is used for special client needs.

There are substantial numbers of allied, community and oral health staff based in Gayndah, who provide services for clients at Gayndah and other facilities throughout the North Burnett. Staff are given the opportunity to gain valuable experience dealing with a wide range of presentations.

About Gayndah Medical Practice

Situated in the grounds of Gayndah Hospital, Gayndah Medical Practice is a small family practice that provides quality medical services to all members of the Gayndah Community.

The surgery provides a wide range of health services including: general health assistance, skin checks, immunisation, travel advice and vaccination, women's health, children's health, implanon insertion and removal, employment medicals, health assessments, chronic disease management and CTG.



About Gayndah

Gayndah is a pleasant rural service centre located on the Burnett River that lies at the heart of Queensland's citrus area and proudly claims to be 'The Orange Capital of Queensland'. This claim is given some added weight by the 'Big Orange' which stands at the end of town. While in many ways a typical Queensland rural town, Gayndah has a number of special attractions, including; an excellent museum with a number of historic houses and the Archer's Lookout which offers a fine vantage point over the town.





Gladstone Hospital

Park Street, Gladstone QLD 4680

Distance to Brisbane: 542km (6h 3m drive or 1h 10m flight)

How to get there: fly, train, bus, drive

Accommodation type: homestay host \$150 per week

Distance between accommodation and site: varies, contact med.placements@uq.edu.au to discuss options.

About Gladstone Hospital

Gladstone Hospital provides a range of services to Gladstone and the Banana region. A new emergency department is being built which will double the department's current capacity.

The Destination 2030: Great Care for Central Queenslanders strategy will see Gladstone Hospital developed as a centre for emergency care, medical inpatient and day surgery excellence. This will optimise outreach services to deliver care closer to home in the Gladstone and Banana rural communities.

About Gladstone

Famous for its fishing hotspots and beach culture, Gladstone boasts pristine islands on the Southern Great Barrier Reef, lush hinterland and 14 national parks. Balanced with large areas of green open space, including several national parks, historical sites, bush walks and marine activities, including fishing and crabbing, residents have a wide choice to explore and experience the great outdoors. A strong sense of community with a "can do" attitude and a relaxed and friendly atmosphere permeates throughout the region.

Capricorn Coast Hospital and Health Service

8 Hoskyn Drive, Yeppoon QLD 4703

Distance from Brisbane: 658km
(7h 40m drive or 1h 15m flight)

How to get there: fly, train, bus, drive

Accommodation type: homestay host \$150 per week

Distance between accommodation and site: 2.5km
(31 minute walk)

About Capricorn Coast Hospital & Health Service

Capricorn Coast Hospital and Health Service provides an emergency department, inpatient and outpatient care and a range of health services.

About Yeppoon

Yeppoon is situated 38 kilometres north east of Rockhampton, and is the gateway to the Capricorn Coast and the wonders of the Southern Great Barrier Reef and Keppel Bay Islands.

The township has retained its village style appeal with a variety of wonderful restaurants, accommodation, shops and galleries. A charming esplanade with grassy knoll, palms and covered picnic and play areas form a backdrop to a vista of sea, sand, sky and islands. Annual events, including the Pineapple Festival held in September, enliven the town with gala activities, contests and displays. Local markets offer bargains aplenty. Take a look through the many boutiques and surf stores and be sure to have a bite to eat at one of the beautiful cafes or restaurants in town.

There are no direct flights or bus and train services to Yeppoon – a change would be required in Rockhampton.



OBSERVERSHIP PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The current disciplines available for Observership placements are:

Rural Clinical School sites

Emergency Medicine
Paediatrics
Obstetrics & Gynaecology
Orthopaedics

Brisbane metropolitan clinical unit sites

Infectious Diseases
Renal Medicine

Rural Queensland towns - Gayndah, Gladstone and Yeppoon

Rural Medicine

Short-Term Observership Opportunities

Rural Clinical School Research Centre

The UQ Rural Clinical School Research Centre undertakes and facilitates medical and health-related research specific to regional, rural and remote communities. The Research Centre collaborates with local organisations, and research interested clinicians to develop strong local research impact and output. It focuses on clinical, health education, workforce and services studies, indigenous health and population studies, as well as technology and health.

The RCS Research Centre is able to provide observership students the opportunity to develop their understanding of and skills in undertaking literature reviews. This includes the support and mentorship of an experienced researcher who can aid in understanding the steps involved in conducting an effective review and developing a successful search strategy. The literature review may be completed as part of a larger research project, or may be for publication in a journal.

For information about the topic areas of research, please visit rcs.medicine.uq.edu.au/research or contact rcsrc@uq.edu.au

Brisbane Research Institutes and Groups

Brisbane Research Institutes and Groups are interested in offering observership opportunities to students interested in specific research areas. the relevant research team(s) will be approached to determine a suitable placement. Please contact med.placements@uq.edu.au with your research interest area, and a placement option will be explored and offered if available.



Southbank, Brisbane.

BRISBANE AND SURROUNDS



Discover Brisbane's award-winning dining, jam-packed events calendar, adventurous activities and scenic weekend getaways – with plenty to explore all over the city, there's always something to do. visitbrisbane.com.au

Brisbane, the home of UQ's St Lucia and Herston campuses, is the capital city of Queensland. It is renowned for its relaxed and safe lifestyle, subtropical climate and unique architecture.

Life in Brisbane

We enjoy magnificent weather with warm temperatures and 300+ days of sunshine each year. No wonder why Queensland is known as the Sunshine State'. There is plenty to do, no matter the season.

Whether you enjoy sport, food, art, beaches or nature and wildlife, there are a multitude of things to do and places to explore. We're lucky enough to be located between the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast where sandy beaches, theme parks and national parks are in abundance.

Find out more about Brisbane and its surrounds at future-students.uq.edu.au/living-in-brisbane

Entertainment

Brisbane city has a great live music scene that can be discovered in Fortitude Valley and West End. For comedy, live theatre and dance, head to the Brisbane Powerhouse and the Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC). The Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) is one of the best modern art galleries in the country, and keep an eye out for the Brisbane Writers Festival and the Brisbane Festival, which attracts international artists from across the globe.

Sport

Brisbane's amazing weather and sporting facilities make physical activity a must. Kayak along the Brisbane River, climb to the top of the Kangaroo Point Cliffs, ride along more than 20 kilometres of riverside cycle paths, join a sporting club, or barrack like a local when you attend a rugby union, rugby league, cricket, AFL or soccer match at one of our famous stadiums.

Food

With just under a third of Brisbane's population born overseas, you can find cuisine from almost every culture. From affordable lunchtime and Cheap Tuesday offers, to reasonably priced cafes, pubs, restaurants and farmers' markets, there is plenty to choose from and plenty of new culinary experiences to be had. And you can always picnic or barbecue at one of our lovely parks by the river.

Brisbane Greeters

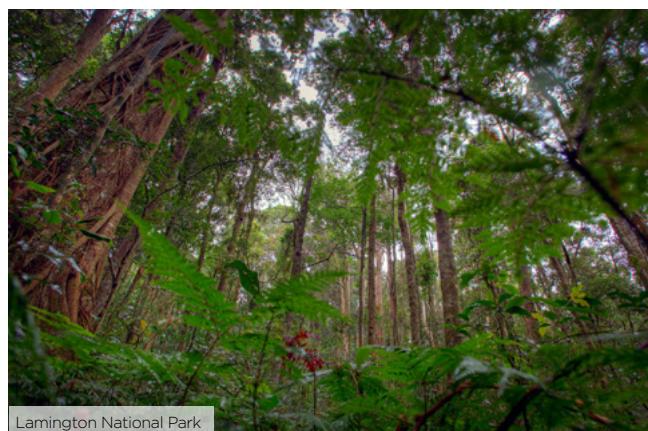
Brisbane Greeters is a free public tour service open to everyone. Brisbane Greeters are locals who love living in Brisbane so much that they want to introduce you to their city and share their intimate knowledge. Book a free tour at visitbrisbane.com.au/Brisbane-greeters



North Stradbroke Island, Queensland where UQ has a marine research station

Take a break

When you want to head out of the city, there is plenty to discover. Travel south for the famous golden sands of the Gold Coast and Byron Bay or north for the quiet beaches of the Sunshine Coast or the majestic Great Barrier Reef. Head west for ancient rainforests and charming outback towns, or east for spectacular Moreton Island, Stradbroke Island and Fraser Island. Sydney, Cairns and Melbourne are all short flights away. You will wish you had more holidays.



Lamington National Park



Queensland Surf Life Savers

Surf Safety

Living in Queensland, you will be able to visit some of the most beautiful beaches in the world.

However, many visitors to our beaches and waterways are unaware of the dangers they potentially face. Unfortunately, each year many people, including international visitors, drown.

Look out for the red and yellow flags and only swim on beaches patrolled by the Surf Life Savers.

For more information visit lifesaving.com.au



Great Barrier Reef



ACCOMMODATION

Brisbane is a vibrant and energetic city with diverse precincts and suburbs. Find out which suburb best suits your budget and lifestyle on the [my.UQ Suburb Guide](#) webpage.

Tip!

You may want to consider your transport options and costs when choosing a suburb to live.

Short term accommodation

There is a range of short term accommodation options for students in Brisbane that deliver high-quality services and residences with a focus on enhancing student experience. Some of the below providers offer a little as 4 weeks minimum stay for students. Contact each provider for more information or to find out how to book:

- [Hive Student Accommodation](#)
- [Study Lounge](#)
- [UniLodge](#)
- [Student One](#)

GETTING AROUND

Public Transport

You can find information on Brisbane's public transport services through the [Translink website](#). Brisbane's Translink is an extensive bus, ferry and train public transport network that makes it easy to get around. A 'go card' allows you to travel on all Brisbane public transport.

Go Card

You can use a 'go card' on all Translink bus, ferry and train (including Airtrain) services in Greater Brisbane, Ipswich, Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast regions. To use, simply:

1. purchase a go card from a registered retailer
2. 'top-up' (load money onto) your card
3. touch on at the start of your journey
4. touch off at the end.

Tip!

Bus 66, running every ten minutes is the best way to travel between UQ affiliated hospitals in metro Brisbane.

Download the [MyTransLink app](#) to plan your journey to UQ on public transport.





WHAT TO PACK

Brisbane is a modern Australian city and you will find everything you need here, but we recommend you pack the following for when you arrive.

What clothes to pack?

Brisbane is a subtropical city that enjoys warm to hot weather most of the year. The city does at times experience heavy rainfall, tropical storms and cooler winters (June – August) where the temperature can drop below 10°C. Although Brisbane is renowned for its pleasant climate, we recommend you pack everything from summer staples of shorts and T-shirts, to items to cover you in wet and cooler weather.

Documents

- A printout of your electronic visa.
- A copy of your passport details (also leave a copy with your family at home).
- A certified copy of your Birth Certificate.
- Medical history from your doctor if needed.
- We recommend you get English translations of your important documents before you leave for Australia.

Tip!

Pack the most important documents in your carry-on luggage.

Australian Customs and Quarantine laws

Australia has strict [customs and quarantine laws](#) and it is important that you are aware of these conditions before coming to Australia. When you arrive you must declare on

your Incoming Passenger Card if you are carrying food or any items of plant or animal origin, including meat, poultry and seafood products, honey, dairy products, straw packaging, or any equipment used with animals. A wide range of food products are available in Australia, so it's usually not worth the hassle and better to leave your food items at home.

Heavy penalties, including jail, have been imposed on people who fail to observe quarantine laws.

Checklist

Essentials

- Passport and visa
- Essential medication (and prescription)
- Forms of identification (ID) such as your driver's license or national ID card

Recommended

- Prescription glasses/contacts
- Sunglasses
- Power adaptor
- Camera
- Check your check-in and carry-on (cabin) luggage allowance
- \$AUD for your first week (\$300-\$500)
- Photos, music or personal mementos from home

Pack clothes according to weather:

- Sweater (jumper) or cardigan
- Light jacket
- Raincoat
- Umbrella

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) is insurance that helps international students meet the cost of any medical and hospital care they may need while in Australia. OSHC also provides limited benefits for pharmaceuticals and ambulance services.

UQ Medical Society (UQMS) Clinical Placements Buddies Program

The UQMS Inbound Clinical Placements Buddies Program is available for overseas and interstate medical students completing an elective in South-East Queensland. The program will attempt to pair you with a current UQ medical student, who will connect with you over email and help you settle into Brisbane. Fill out the [online form](#) to apply for the program. For general queries contact Sean Savage at year4.international@uqms.org.

UQ Medicine Student Support

For any program or general enquiries please contact the Faculty of Medicine's Placements team.

P: +61 7 3346 4922

E: med.placements@uq.edu.au

Level 5, Oral Health Centre (Building 883), Herston Campus.

Students located at the Rural Clinical School sites, at the Princess Alexandra and Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital's also have a dedicated UQ Clinical Unit on site, with staff who are available to help and assist students with any enquiries.



Medical Student Support Team (MSST)

The team are dedicated to the medical program and can help you with:

- Pastoral support
- Psychological wellbeing
- Adjusting to life in Australia
- Learning support e.g. time and study management, exam preparation, assignment writing skills, mental preparedness
- Practical tips and strategies such as managing your time, achieving work-life balance, daily life skills, and adjustment to living away from home

Contact the team to book an appointment.

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