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Handbook for commencing Rotary Peace Fellows

Rotary Peace Fellows Class XXIV
Commencing 2026



Photo cover
Jacaranda season in full bloom at UQ foreground.



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Welcome to Rotary Peace Fellows

Welcome to the School of Political Science and International Studies at The University of Queensland (UQ), and to the Rotary Peace Fellowship program.

As Rotary Peace Fellows, you bring invaluable experience and leadership to our community. We warmly welcome you and look forward to supporting you throughout your Peace Fellowship journey. UQ is honoured to be one of only five universities worldwide selected by The Rotary Foundation to host the Rotary Peace Centre for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution. Our partnership has spanned over two decades and we are proud of the peace fellows we have supported and the work that they do to advance global peace.

We are sure you will enjoy your time in the School of Political Science and International Studies (POLSIS). We have the oldest peace studies program in Australia. In our program we focus upon the promotion of non-violence, grassroots peace building, conflict mediation, and the roles of Indigenous diplomacy and gender politics as central to achieving peace. Our school boasts broader teaching and research expertise in political science, international relations, peace and conflict studies, and public policy.

Our world-leading research is global — with a strong focus on Asia and the Pacific — covering areas including political theory, international political economy, global development, conflict resolution, inclusive peace practices, Indigenous politics, prevention of mass atrocity, health and digital policy, crisis management, security, and strategic studies.

In addition to the Rotary Peace Centre, we host the Asia-Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect and the Graduate Centre in Governance and International Affairs. Our centres are vibrant and active spaces, and I encourage you to engage with their events, activities and intellectual communities during your time with us.

We also have a thriving alumni community. We encourage you to stay connected with the Rotary Peace Centre and with our School following your graduation. We also encourage you to connect with other alumni. No matter where you are in the world we can stay connected through our social media and online presence, and we hope that you continue to support the work of the Centre and each other.



Professor Katrina Lee Koo

Head of School
School of Political Science and International Studies
The University of Queensland

Dear Incoming Rotary Peace Fellows,

Welcome to our Rotary Peace Centre at The University of Queensland (UQ). We very much look forward to your arrival and to be working with you during your Peace Fellowship Program. You are the 24th class of Rotary Peace Fellows at UQ. And now you are about to embark on an exciting journey of learning through our cutting-edge Masters programme.

You will have the opportunity to learn from, and with, award-winning teachers and world class scholars whose expertise spans a wide range of topics, from peacebuilding, conflict resolution and nonviolence to gender and Indigenous studies.

This Handbook is designed to help you get ready for your arrival at UQ and the School of Political Science and International Studies. Please read it carefully.

It will assist you with:

- Preparing to study in a demanding Master of Peace and Conflict Studies Program.
- Understanding policies, structure, procedures and requirements of the School and University.
- Gaining knowledge of the resources, support and assistance available to you.

If you have questions or need help, do not hesitate to contact Centre staff. Details are on page 8. Together with Dr Melissa Johnston (our Centre Deputy Director) and Sherina Saraswati (our Student and Academic Administration Officer), I am very much looking forward to seeing you soon. We hope that you will have an exciting, productive and memorable experience with us, gaining new expertise and understanding, forming lasting friendships and professional connections, and acquiring the kinds of skills that empower you to thrive in your future endeavours to promote peace.

With best wishes,



Associate Professor Sebastian Kaempf

Director, Rotary Peace Centre
School of Political Science and International Studies
The University of Queensland

The University of Queensland Rotary Peace Centre

The University of Queensland’s Rotary Peace Centre is co-located within the School of Political Science and International Studies and is part of a global program aimed at advancing research, teaching, practical training and knowledge on issues of international relations, peace studies and conflict resolution.

Following an intensive international search by The Rotary Foundation, The University of Queensland was selected from over 100 universities expressing interest in the establishment of a program for Peace and Conflict Studies. The decision recognised the outstanding reputation of The University of Queensland’s longstanding International Relations and Peace and Conflict Studies programs.

The University of Queensland’s program is one of only five such programs worldwide.

Other programs are based at:

- Duke University and University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, USA
- International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan
- University of Bradford, Bradford, UK
- Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden

Information on the Rotary Peace Fellowship program can be found at rotary.centre.uq.edu.au.

About the School’s Peace and Conflict Studies Program

polsis.uq.edu.au/master-peace-and-conflict-studies

Recent international crises highlight the need for greater understanding of the political, economic and social factors that affect security and stability, as well as the tragic human costs involved in such conflicts. The threat of insurgency and terrorism, humanitarian crises in Afghanistan, Iraq, Gaza, Myanmar, central Africa, the Middle East and elsewhere, all indicate that we need to develop greater expertise in alleviating such tensions and more effective strategies for promoting peace and stability.

The Master of Peace and Conflict Studies (MPaCS) is a coursework program aimed at developing conceptual and empirical understanding and skill sets in research and knowledge development in the field of peace and conflict. Students will gain an advanced understanding of how conflicts emerge and how they can be managed and solved in a nonviolent manner. Topics covered span from the local to the global and include issues such as peacebuilding, conflict resolution and prevention, mediation, nonviolence, gender and security as well as peace and development.

The MPaCS degree is tailored for students interested in seeking employment in either government agencies, non-government organisations or the private sector:

- Students will study with people from a wide range of countries and professions;
- Teaching staff are recognised as being world class in their respective fields;
- Teaching is conducted in small groups wherever possible, and at convenient times, with most internal classes timetabled for the evening.



Scan to read more
about our staff

Teaching and Research

polsis.uq.edu.au/research

The teaching and research of the School’s Academic Staff is internationally recognised. The Staff maintain close ties with important international and national non-government organisations, government agencies and leading academic institutions and research centres in Asia, Europe and North America. This exposure further reinforces the program. The School also hosts the Asia-Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, which focuses on the Responsibility to Protect concept, genocide prevention and the study of crimes against humanity. It conducts extensive outreach activities in the Asia-Pacific region, and UQ Rotary Peace Fellows have conducted their AFE with the R2P Centre on a number of occasions. More information can be found at r2pasiapacific.org.

Fellowship Lifecycle

Rotary Peace Fellows at UQ study the #24 unit Masters of Peace and Conflict Studies program, which is an 18-month academic program commencing in February annually. Fellows must commence in Semester 1 and the Fellowship involves an intensive period of both formal study, a service activity, and the Applied Fieldwork Experience. Fellows should plan their fellowship around these compulsory activities, as per Fellowship conditions and guidelines.

Class 24 Fellows will participate in their Applied Fieldwork Experience in the summer break in between Semester 2, 2026 and Semester 1, 2027. Class 23 Fellows will present their Annual Seminar in their final semester, that is Semester 1, 2026. More detailed information on the Fellowship lifecycle, activities and expectations will be provided at the induction for Rotary Peace Fellows.

This table summarises major UQ Rotary Peace Centre commitments that Fellows should plan ahead for:

Semester 1 2026	Orientation and commencement of academic study Attendance/assistance at Class 23 Annual Seminar Saturday, 28 March 2026
Summer 2026/2027 Nov-Feb	Applied Fieldwork Experience (min 8 weeks)
Semester 1 2027	Final academic semester Presentation of Class 24 Annual Seminar (Date TBC)



Contact details for assistance

Program enquiries



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For all general inquiries related to school or student administration, please contact:



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Class XXIII – XXIV

2025–2026 Rotary Peace Fellows – Buddy List

Class XXIII Fellow	Country of Citizenship	XXIII Contact	Class XXIV Fellow	Country of Citizenship
Salim Uqdah	USA	s.uqdah@student.uq.edu.au	Sandra Camila Alderete Alvarez	Paraguay
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Khrizzy Avila	Phillipines	k.avila@student.uq.edu.au	Sajani Balasingam	Sri Lanka
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Commencing at The University of Queensland

Key Dates

Arrival Dates

You need to arrive in Brisbane between **26 January and 3 February 2026**. Settling into a new country takes time, so it's important to arrive early to find accommodation and complete essential tasks such as opening a bank account and obtaining your student card.

One-on-One Meetings

12 & 13 February 2026

The Rotary Peace Centre Director will hold 30-minute one-on-one meetings with Class XXIV Fellows over the course of two days, prior to the O-Week Induction program. These meetings will take place on Thursday, 12 February, and Friday, 13 February, and are also compulsory. Further details will be sent closer to the date.

Graduate Centre Orientation

16 & 17 February 2026

The Graduate Centre Orientation includes two mandatory sessions: **Program Insights and Networking on 16 February**, where you will learn about your program, Indigenous resources, and connect with academic staff and fellow students; and **Academic Skills and Support on 17 February**, covering key academic skills and student support services. Further details will be sent closer to the date.

Class XXIV Peace Centre Induction

18 February 2026

The Rotary Peace Centre Director and Deputy Director will coordinate the Class XXIV Induction on Wednesday, 18 February 2026, from 9:00am to 2:30pm. Attendance is compulsory. Further details will be provided in early 2026.

Rotary Peace Centre Welcome Morning Tea

19 February 2026

The UQ Rotary Peace Centre will host a Welcome Morning Tea. This event is compulsory, all Peace Fellows are required to attend; partners and children are welcome. This will take place on Thursday, 19 February 2026 from 9:30am to 11:30am in the Global Change Institute (GCI), Room 273. More information will be supplied to you closer to the date via email.

O-Week

16-20 February 2026

my.uq.edu.au/orientation

O-Week is your official welcome to UQ, packed with events, support sessions, and activities to help you settle in and make connections. It's a great way to explore campus, meet people, and feel prepared for your studies. You will also have access to information sessions and modules designed to support a smooth transition to studying at UQ. Further details, including the full schedule and registration links, will be available closer to Semester 1, 2026.

Rotary Peace Fellows' Seminar 2026

28 March 2026

The annual seminar is designed to enable Fellows to present the findings and research from their time as a Fellow in a conference-like format to representatives from Rotary, sector professionals, academics and peers. Rotary Peace Fellows will present at this seminar during their last semester of study. All Class XXIV Fellows are required to attend and assist with the Class XXIII seminar, which will be held on Saturday, 28 March 2026. Please make sure to note this date in your diary.

2026 Rotary Peace Centre calendar

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Arriving in Brisbane between 26 January and 3 February 2026		
	16-20 Feb - O-Week 12 & 13 Feb - One-on-One Meetings with the Rotary Peace Centre Director 16 & 17 Feb - School of Political Science and International Studies, Graduate Centre Orientation 18 Feb - Class XXIV Peace Centre Induction 19 Feb - Rotary Peace Centre Welcome Morning Tea 20 Feb - Due date to enrol for Sem 1 2026 23 Feb - Sem 1 commences	28 Mar - Class XXIII Rotary Peace Fellows' Seminar 31 Mar - Census date (last date to withdraw from courses or cancel enrolment without financial liability) - Date for Career Mentor Program applications close
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
30 Apr Last date to withdraw from courses or cancel enrolment without academic penalty (financial liability remains)	29 May Sem 1 classes end	6-20 Jun - Examination period 20 Jun - Sem 1 ends
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
24 Jul - Due date to enrol for Sem 2 2026 27 Jul - Sem 2 commences	7 Aug - Last date for addition of courses or alteration of enrolment 31 Aug - Census date (last date to withdraw from courses or cancel enrolment without financial liability)	30 Sep Last date to withdraw from courses or cancel enrolment without academic penalty (financial liability remains)
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
30 Oct Sem 2 classes end	7-21 Nov Examination period	
Applied Fieldwork Experience (min 8 weeks) – continues through til Feb 2027		

● Summer ● Autumn/Fall ● Winter ● Spring

Please ensure you also read the official Academic Calendar which includes public holidays and semester breaks: about.uq.edu.au/academic-calendar

Resources for getting started

Arriving in Brisbane

You need to make your arrangements for arriving in Brisbane through Rotary Headquarters. Here are some points to consider:

- Your Rotary Host Counsellor may be able to help with transport. Contact them in advance of your arrival.
- UQ offers an airport pickup service for incoming students. To learn more, simply scan the barcode below. Full service details will be available in January 2026.



Request an airport pickup

Accommodation Services

future-students.uq.edu.au/accommodation

Finding the right place to live while studying at UQ can significantly enhance your university experience. Whether you choose on-campus or off-campus accommodation, UQ provides resources and support to help you find the ideal home and ensure a smooth arrival in Brisbane.

Based on the experience of other Fellows, if you are coming from a cold climate and are not used to hot and humid weather conditions, we would recommend that you look for accommodation with air-conditioning. While air-conditioning will increase your electricity costs, you may have trouble sleeping during the hot and humid Brisbane nights without it.

Australian seasons are as follows:

Summer – December–February
Autumn (Fall) – March–May
Winter – June–August
Spring – September–November.

We recommend starting your accommodation search as early as possible. Ensure you arrive in Brisbane no later than **3 February 2026**, and consider reaching out to your Rotary Host Area Coordinator or Rotary Host Counsellor for additional support.

Cost of Living

future-students.uq.edu.au/international/cost-living

The cost of living will vary according to your lifestyle and requirements. Keep in mind that your budget should be flexible enough to allow for unexpected costs such as emergencies and health expenses.

Children’s School Fees

future-students.uq.edu.au/international/bringing-your-family

If you have primary or secondary school-aged children accompanying you to Brisbane, please be aware that you will likely need to pay school fees for their enrolment. These fees, set by the Australian government, can be quite high. We strongly recommend making early inquiries to understand the charges before your arrival in Australia.

Public Transport

Getting around Brisbane is easy with TransLink. You can travel on buses, trains, ferries, and trams using a go card, a rechargeable smart card available at various locations, including train stations and selected retailers. Simply tap on at the start and tap off at the end of your journey, and the fare is automatically calculated. Alternatively, you can use your contactless debit or credit card, Apple Pay, or Google Pay on most services.

For real-time timetables, journey planning, and fare information, visit the official TransLink website at translink.com.au

Getting to St Lucia Campus

campuses.uq.edu.au/st-lucia

The St Lucia campus is accessible by car, public transport, bike, or on foot. Limited paid parking is available on campus, and bike racks are located throughout.

To help you navigate the campus, you can download UQ Maps. It provides both outdoor and indoor navigation to guide you across all UQ campuses.



UQ Maps on the App Store



UQ Maps on Google Play

Confirmation of Enrolment

Prior to coming to Australia, you should have received a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) issued by UQ. This document is essential for your student visa application and confirms your full-time enrolment.

If you do not have a copy of your CoE, please contact the Student Visa Officer at uqvisaofficer@uq.edu.au

Proof of Enrolment

After you have arrived and commenced your studies, you may need to provide proof of your current enrolment for various administrative purposes. For this, you can request a standard enrolment statement from UQ.

If necessary, you can also request a customised statement for specific purposes, such as confirming your semester address or providing evidence of UQ’s accreditation.

Enrolment statements can be requested easily online by logging in to your student account. For further information about enrolment statements and how to request them, please visit [myUQ](#).



Information about Brisbane and Queensland

Brisbane City Council
brisbane.qld.gov.au

Must Do Brisbane
mustdobrisbane.com

Visit Brisbane
visitbrisbane.com.au

Tourism Queensland
tq.com.au

Destination Gold Coast
destinationgoldcoast.com



Important Contacts

Emergency & Non Emergency Assistance

For immediate emergencies, dial 000 to reach police, fire, or ambulance services. This number is free and should be used only in life-threatening situations. For emergencies on any UQ campus, contact UQ Security at (07) 3365 3333. They are available 24/7 to assist with urgent situations.

For non-urgent matters, such as reporting a crime or seeking advice, you can contact the Police Assistance Line at 131 444, available 24/7 across all states and territories. This service connects you to your local police for assistance with non-emergency situations.

Mental Health Support

If you're experiencing emotional distress or need someone to talk to, several confidential services are available 24/7.

Lifeline offers crisis support and suicide prevention services at 13 11 14. Beyond Blue provides support for anxiety, depression, and related mental health issues at 1300 22 4636. Additionally, 1300 MH CALL is Queensland's confidential mental health telephone triage service, available at 1300 642 255, connecting you to your nearest Queensland Public Mental Health service for support and guidance.

Mental health support is also available on campus. UQ offers a range of counselling services to suit your needs.

UQ Counselling provides free, confidential support for a wide range of challenges, from managing stress, anxiety, and academic pressures to dealing with depression, grief, or relationship issues. Whether you're feeling overwhelmed or just need someone to talk to, their professional counsellors are here to help you navigate these difficulties. They also offer support for international students adjusting to life in Australia, as well as guidance on personal well-being and coping through difficult times. For more information or to book an appointment, visit the UQ Counselling website at my.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/student-support/health-and-wellbeing/mental-health-and-emotional-support/counselling.

For urgent support, you can contact the UQ Counselling and Crisis Line at 1300 851 998, available 24/7.

OSHC Health Insurance

All international students in Australia are required to have a separate health insurance policy, known as Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC), for the duration of their stay. Please note that the coverage provided by your chosen OSHC provider may vary and may exclude certain services, such as treatment for pre-existing medical conditions, dental procedures, or, in some cases, mental health services. When selecting your health plan, be sure to consider these potential exclusions, as you may need to allocate additional financial resources for uncovered expenses. For more detailed information, please contact your health insurance provider directly.

Graduate Centre for Governance and International Affairs

The UQ Rotary Peace Centre is co-located within the School of Political Science and International Studies and its Graduate Centre for Governance and International Affairs. A key element of the Graduate Centre's mission is to enhance postgraduate student satisfaction and improve graduate employment outcomes. It also provides students with a comprehensive learning experience, involving UQ's leading researchers in governance and international affairs, along with a suite of value-adding activities that supplement its high-quality academic courses.

This includes enhancing opportunities for post-graduate students to engage in work integrated learning, including internships, matching them with a career mentor and student mobility. The Graduate Centre also offers pastoral care and any additional support required by students.

Rotary Peace Fellows are encouraged to participate in a range of activities offered throughout the year by the Centre - these include attending masterclasses, seminars and workshops with visiting academics from around the world and joining the career Mentor Program.

Career Mentor Program

polsis.uq.edu.au/career-mentor-program

This program is open for registration at the start of semester 1 (closing on 31 March) each year and runs in Semester 2. The opportunity to be matched with a career mentor can significantly enhance a student's overall academic experience and help with employability skills following graduation.



Information about studying at The University of Queensland

Master of Peace and Conflict Studies Program

All Rotary Peace fellows must enrol in the MPaCS #24 program.

Course Information

- A standard full-time load is 8 units of study per semester.
- Courses offered in Intensive mode require class attendance for 5–6 full-days throughout the semester and some may be weekends.
- A standard 2 unit course requires approximately 8–10 hours of work each week. This is a combination of lecture and study time e.g. a 2 or 3 hour seminar and 5–7 hours of reading and research. A 4 unit course represents a time commitment of 16–20 hours per week.
- Current course descriptions for all courses offered in the MPaCS #24 program are available on UQ Course and Programs website programs-courses.uq.edu.au/requirements/program/5646/2025

UQ Program Code: 5646

Duration: 3 semesters, full-time (1.5 years)

Mode of Study: Internal (courses offered in Internal mode require weekly class attendance throughout the semester)

Electronic Course Profiles (JAC)

Electronic course profiles (JAC) are published for each course and are available at least two weeks prior to the commencement of semester. You can access general public versions from the Courses and Programs website future-students.uq.edu.au/study and student versions after you enrol in the course from the course Blackboard course site.

The JAC contains the university official course information including course objectives, topic outlines, assessment items and due dates, marking criteria, teaching format, course materials and reading lists.

Applied Fieldwork Experience (AFE)/Independent Study Research

The AFE is required by Rotary and is undertaken in Summer Semester (November–February) with up to US\$7,000 funding (lump sum) to support your travel, accommodation and expenses.

Credit or Exemption for Previous Studies

If you have already completed postgraduate level courses similar to those offered in the program, you may be eligible for credit or exemption.

Contact the student administration team at the HASS Faculty hass.uq.edu.au/contact.

On-Campus Support Resources

Academic English Support

my.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/student-support/study-skills-and-learning-advice/study-skills-and-learning-advice-overview/academic-english-support

Academic English Support at UQ helps students, especially those from non-English speaking backgrounds, develop the language and communication skills needed for university success. Short courses are held each semester and are designed to fit around your study schedule. These sessions provide practical strategies to improve your academic English, with expert guidance available throughout. For current course offerings and session times, visit the website.

Enrolment

sinet.uq.edu.au

You must enrol in your courses via mySI-net. Under the program structure, a standard full-time semester workload will comprise 8 units of study. You may be able to enrol in a maximum of 10 units in a semester if you achieve a minimum GPA of 4.5 in the most recent semester of fulltime study.

Equity and Diversity

The University has a number of policies relating to equity and diversity with which students should be familiar including prevention of sexual harassment, racism, children on campus, discrimination and harassment, and disability.



Scan to read the Equity and Diversity policies

Graduation

uq.edu.au/graduations

When you are close to graduation, you should familiarise yourself with graduation processes and procedures. Rotary Peace Fellows commencing in Semester 1, 2026 are due to graduate at the end of Semester 1, 2027 and this will be reflected on your student record on mySI-net. Closer to your graduation you will receive notification of your graduation status. You will then be required to submit a “Conditional Graduation” form via mySI-net.

Career and Employability

employability.uq.edu.au

UQ offers career counselling and support through its Careers and Employability team. Services include one-on-one consultations, workshops, and a wide range of online resources to assist with career planning and job readiness. Students can book appointments, attend drop-in sessions, and participate in career fairs throughout the year.

UQ Health Centre

uqhealthcare.org.au

There is an on campus medical clinic for The University of Queensland domestic and international students, with experienced General Practitioners and nurses dedicated to the health care needs of St Lucia students.

They offer innovative, client-focused care through an extensive range of health services which include general medicine, immunisation, skin checks, travel medicine, wellness support and more.

Student Integrity and Misconduct

You must read the UQ Student Integrity and Misconduct policy which makes a comprehensive statement about the University's approach to plagiarism, including the approved use of plagiarism detection software, the consequences of plagiarism and the principles associated with preventing plagiarism.



Scan to read the UQ Student Integrity and Misconduct policy

Before submitting any assignments you must ensure you have completed UQ's online Academic Integrity Tutorial uq.edu.au/integrity.

Student Central

my.uq.edu.au/contact/student-central

Student Central is your first point of contact for a wide range of student services at UQ. Whether you need assistance with enrolment, timetabling, fees, or accessing support services like counselling and study skills, the team is here to help. They also provide support for international students, disability services, and career development.

Obtaining a Student ID Card

my.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/manage-my-details/id-cards-and-personal-details/student-id-cards

You must obtain your student ID card as soon as possible to access your UQ computer account, enroll in classes, and gain entry to UQ rooms, buildings, facilities, and exam venues.

Timetables

A final timetable is usually published several months prior to the beginning of the semester. The Semester 1 2026 timetable will be published in early December 2025 and will be available from mySI-net. Some changes after this date may be necessary due to increasing or decreasing course enrolments. Students should therefore continue to consult the timetable until the commencement of the semester.

Tuition Fees

Rotary Peace Fellows have their tuition fees paid on their behalf by Rotary International. Please contact the School if your student record on mySi-net indicates you have any outstanding fees.

IT Help

my.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/information-technology/student-it-support

For assistance with computer problems, email issues, login difficulties, accessing free software, and other IT-related queries, UQ Information Technology Support is there to support you.

UQ Security

campuses.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/security/campus-safety

UQ Security is here 24/7 to help you feel safe while on campus. They regularly patrol all areas, respond quickly to emergencies, and offer a free Safety Escort service if you need someone to walk with you after dark. You can also use emergency call points placed around campus to get immediate help when needed.

For extra safety, download the free SafeZone app to easily contact Security and share your location if you need help. You can use the app to request assistance, report emergencies, or access wellbeing support. The app only shares your location when you activate an alert and works within UQ campus zones.



SafeZone app on the App Store



SafeZone app on Google Play

Library Services

library.uq.edu.au

The UQ Library is here to support you throughout your university journey. Whether you need help with course materials, assignments, or learning how to reference properly, the Library is here to support you. They provide training sessions on academic skills, help with managing copyright and using course resources, and offer personalised support through online tutorials, workshops, and one-on-one advice. You can access these services in person, over the phone, via email, or through live chat on the Library website.

Preparing for Your Studies

For many students, the transition back to university life can be both exciting and challenging. After time spent in professional practice, becoming familiar with scholarly activities, including essay writing, is important. It is recommended to start reading scholarly material before arriving, practice writing, and familiarise with the key issues in the field. This preparation can help make the start of the program much smoother.

Here are two useful sources that might help you:



Our essay writing guide



Writing strategies for Social Science

Printing

To print, you must have a print account, which can be accessed using your UQ ID (e.g., s1234567) and password.

Information on managing and accessing your print account can be found here: web.library.uq.edu.au/library-and-student-it-help/print-scan-and-copy. Once your print account is set up, you can print from any UQ computer, laptop, or mobile device to library printers or school printers, and release your print job at any UQ printer by simply tapping your student ID card.

UQ Union

uqu.com.au

As a student at UQ, you have access to a range of welfare and legal support services through UQ Union (UQU), as well as the opportunity to engage in a vibrant campus culture. With hundreds of events, clubs, and societies, UQU is all about helping you make the most of your time at UQ — academically, socially, and personally.

UQ Clubs and Societies

uqu.com.au/clubs-and-societies

Get involved in campus life by joining one of UQ's 220+ student clubs and societies across academic, cultural, sporting, and social interests. It's a great way to meet people, build new skills, and make the most of your university experience.

UQSafe

systems-training.its.uq.edu.au/systems/health-safety-and-wellness/uqsafe/report-hazard-or-incident

Students are encouraged to report any hazards or incidents they notice while on campus. This helps maintain a safe environment for everyone at UQ. Reports can be submitted quickly and easily through UQSafe.

UQ Wellbeing

life.uq.edu.au/uqwellbeing#healthandwellbeingsservices

UQ Wellbeing is a health promotion program funded by Allianz Care Australia that supports the health and wellbeing of culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) students at UQ. Guided by a student advisory group, the program is designed to be culturally responsive and student-focused, empowering you to take control of your mental, physical, nutritional, and sexual health, while fostering cultural connection through inclusive events, education, and awareness campaigns.

UQ Respect

respect.uq.edu.au

UQ is committed to fostering a safe, respectful, and inclusive campus for everyone. The UQ Respect program works to prevent and address sexual misconduct, harassment, discrimination, and bullying through education, awareness, and clear policies. It promotes respectful relationships and encourages all students to understand consent and their role as active bystanders. **All enrolled students must complete the 'Respect At UQ' module when they start to ensure they are informed about these important issues.**



Respect at UQ module summary

If you experience or witness harassment or discrimination, confidential support and advice are available through UQ Respect, along with safe and confidential reporting options. For assistance, you can visit the UQ Respect website. In urgent situations, UQ Security and emergency services are available 24/7.





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