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The UQ Young Achievers Program (UQYAP) aims to support the tertiary study and career aspirations of secondary school students from low-income families.

The program provides a wonderful opportunity for community-minded university students to work closely with participants throughout Years 11 and 12 and as they transition from school to university.

UQ students selected as mentors for this program play an invaluable role in building the self-confidence of Young Achievers while motivating and inspiring them to set and achieve their personal and educational goals.

UQYAP provides an extraordinarily fulfilling opportunity for mentors, staff and students alike.

Am I suited for this role?

Mentors are selected for the UQ Young Achievers Program from a variety of study areas, geographic regions and backgrounds. Based on the following criteria, applicants must:

- be an undergraduate student at UQ (aged 18–24 years by January 2019)
- be able to obtain a Blue Card
- be open and sensitive to cultural and ethnic differences
- be able to identify with young people from families who have experienced financial hardship, as well as those from regional backgrounds
- demonstrate excellent listening and communication skills and a passion for making a positive difference in the lives of others
- be motivated, respectful and committed to an ongoing, long-term and meaningful mentoring relationship
- be passionate about leadership and teamwork, and able to serve as a positive role model for Young Achievers and other UQ student mentors.

UQ is committed to raising and supporting the educational aspirations of deserving students who might not otherwise have access to university as a post-school option. The Young Achievers Program is UQ's flagship equity program. Accordingly, mentors for this program are held in high esteem by participants and their families, secondary schools, program staff, donors and the UQ executive.

The role of a UQYAP mentor

- A helpful and accessible point of contact for Young Achievers over a two-year period.
- A positive role model, who will inspire students to develop their interpersonal, communication and service leadership skills.
- A source of information, motivation and support (by phone, Facebook and email) on a regular basis.
- A supervisor and activity facilitator during residential camps and Open Day, providing a safe environment and a rewarding experience for students to grow and learn.



Applications

Closing date for mentor applications:

Friday 17 August 2018.

Short-listed applicants must be available for the **UQYAP Student Mentor Selection Evening:**

Tuesday 4 September 2018 (4–8pm).

If this date is problematic, please indicate on your application form.

For more information and to apply:

student-mentors.uq.edu.au

Why should I apply?

There are many benefits to becoming involved as a volunteer UQYAP mentor, including the opportunity to:

- inspire and make a difference in the lives of young people
- showcase your commitment to giving back to those from less privileged backgrounds
- participate in on-campus experiences for Young Achievers (camps, Open Day etc.)
- develop your interpersonal, leadership, teamwork and communication skills while improving your resume
- make many lifelong friends who share your service commitment
- receive recognition from UQ in a variety of forms including ongoing training, professional development and team events.

Your time as a mentor will also contribute towards the UQ Employability Award. This is a significant University Award that will be highly regarded by future employers.

employability.uq.edu.au/award



**Trinity Bloch
YAP mentor**

“The UQ Young Achievers Program is an incredibly rewarding program and has opened the doors to university and multiple other opportunities, which would otherwise be unavailable to me as a rural student. The environment that staff and mentors bring to the camps has empowered and shaped me into the person I am today. As a mentee and mentor, it has been such an honour to be involved in this program, and is an experience I will always cherish.”

Time commitment

A team of up to 25 UQYAP mentors will be appointed in 2018 to support the UQYAP leadership team and deliver the program to Young Achievers. **If selected, UQYAP mentors must be available for the following:**

**OCT
2018**

UQYAP Mentor Team ‘Meet and Greet’ Evening

Tuesday 2 October 2018 (5–8pm)

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training (optional attendance)

Saturday 13 – Sunday 14 October 2018 (8am–5pm)

**NOV
2018**

UQ Student Mentor Training

Monday 19 November 2018 (8.30am–5pm)

UQYAP Mentor Training

Tuesday 20 – Wednesday 21 November 2018 (9am–5pm)

**JAN
2019**

UQYAP Year 11 Residential Camp

Monday 21 – Friday 25 January 2019 including evenings. Accommodation and meals provided for the duration of the residential camp.

**FEB
2019**

UQYAP Mentor Phone Call Training

Wednesday 27 February 2019 (5–7pm)

**AUG
2019**

UQ St Lucia Open Day

Sunday 4 August 2019 (8am–2pm) and 2020 (date TBC)

**NOV
2019**

UQYAP Mentor Training

Monday 18 – Tuesday 19 November 2019 (9am–5pm)

**JAN
2020**

UQYAP Year 12 Residential Camp

Monday 13 – Friday 17 January 2020 including evenings. Accommodation and meals provided for the duration of the residential camp.

UQYAP Monthly Phone Calls

One weeknight a month for two years during Semesters 1 – 2 (on-campus)

Mentors will also need to be available for other team meetings, events and debriefs as required.

More information

Domestic Student Recruitment

UQ Student Mentor Program

Email: studentmentors@uq.edu.au

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UQ YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The UQ Young Scholars Program (YSP) provides talented UQ students with an opportunity to share their experiences of transitioning from school to university, with current high-achieving secondary school students.

With your leadership and support, we aim to encourage and inspire these young people to engage with UQ's academic community and like-minded students through a variety of activities, organised as part of a five-day on-campus residential experience. It is the University's aim to ensure the UQ Young Scholars Program is a fun, interactive and enjoyable experience for staff, mentors and students alike.

Am I suited for this role?

The Young Scholars Program is UQ's flagship academic extension and enrichment program designed to attract high-achieving secondary school students to UQ. Accordingly, mentors for this program are held in high esteem by participants, UQ staff and the UQ Executive.

Mentors are selected for the UQ Young Scholars Program from a variety of study areas, geographic regions and backgrounds. Based on the following criteria, applicants must:

- be an undergraduate student at UQ (aged 18–24 years by November 2018)
- be able to obtain a Blue Card
- show professionalism, energy and motivation and have the ability to identify with and relate to young people from a diverse range of backgrounds
- demonstrate excellent communication skills and the ability to nurture academic excellence in participants
- be passionate about leadership and teamwork and able to serve as a positive role model for Young Scholars and other UQ student mentors.



Bryce Berrell
YSP senior mentor

"Being a senior mentor for YSP is a truly rewarding experience. I have an opportunity to network and connect with like-minded university students to mentor Queensland's most inspiring and unique high school students. I have learnt many skills that will assist me not only professionally, but personally as well. YSP provides encouragement, motivation and inspiration to all and I am honoured to be a part of such an incredible program."



Applications

Closing date for mentor applications:

Friday 17 August 2018

Short-listed applicants must be available for the **YSP Student Mentor Selection Evening:**

Tuesday 4 September 2018 (4–8pm).

If this date is problematic, please indicate on your application form.

For more information and to apply:

student-mentors.uq.edu.au

The role of a YSP mentor

- To be a friendly, helpful and accessible point of contact for Young Scholars and an inspirational role model
- To inspire students' interest and participation in all aspects of the program, including academic, leadership, sporting, cultural and social activities
- To supervise Young Scholars during the residential camp, ensuring their safety and welfare, while facilitating an educational and enjoyable experience
- To assist in organising and facilitating mentor-led sessions, such as interactive group workshops, which help to create a comfortable and fun learning environment.

Why should I apply?

UQ student mentors volunteer their time. There are many benefits to becoming involved as a volunteer YSP mentor, including the opportunity to:

- develop your interpersonal, leadership, teamwork and communication skills while improving your resume
- design and participate in inspiring experiences for Young Scholars
- showcase your personal initiative and commitment while promoting your University to prospective students
- gain recognition from UQ in a variety of forms, including training and team events
- make many lifelong friends who share your commitment to community and service.

Your time as a mentor will also contribute towards the UQ Employability Award. This is a significant University Award that will be highly regarded by future employers.

employability.uq.edu.au/award

Time commitment

A team of up to 22 YSP mentors will be appointed in 2018 to support the YSP leadership team and deliver the program to Young Scholars. **If selected, UQYSP mentors must be available for the following:**

SEP
2018

YSP Student Mentor Selection Evening

Tuesday 4 September 2018 (4–8pm)

OCT
2018

YSP Mentor Team 'Meet and Greet' Evening

Wednesday 3 October 2018 (4–8pm)

NOV
2018

UQ Student Mentor Training

Monday 19 November 2018 (8.30am–5pm)

YSP Mentor Training

Tuesday 20 – Thursday 22 November 2018 (8am–5pm)

Camp Move In

Saturday 24 November 2018. (9am onwards, including evening. Stay overnight for the camp commencing the next day).

YSP Five-Day Residential Camp

Sunday 25 November – Thursday 29 November 2018 including evenings. Accommodation and meals provided for the duration of the residential camp.

AUG
2019

YSP Open Day Reunion

Sunday 4 August 2019

Please note, the role of a mentor requires your presence in the form of staying overnight during the camp and some evening work during training sessions. Mentors will also need to be available for other team meetings, events and debriefs as required.

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FAQS

What happens if I can't make all of the dates?

We understand that students have various other commitments, which is why we provide you with a list of key dates and times in the brochure. All training and camp dates are mandatory to attend if you are selected to be a mentor in either program.

Can international students participate?

International students are more than welcome to participate, as long as they are a student at The University of Queensland for the duration of their time commitment to either program.

Can postgraduate students apply to be a student mentor?

Postgraduate students are ineligible to apply to be a student mentor.



Kristy Armitage
YSP mentor

"Being a YSP mentor is the most unreal experience. You're surrounded by more than 200 like-minded, enthusiastic, motivated young people, and you get to play this incredible role in their lives as they embark on a life-changing journey. It's a fun-filled, non-stop, high-energy week, where you get the opportunity to inspire and be inspired in return."



Kyle Britto
YAP mentor

"The Young Achievers Program has been one of my favourite aspects of university life. The impact this program makes on the lives of the mentees is incredible. It has driven students to reach higher than they ever thought imaginable, and realise that their dreams can be a reality. Not only does this program impact the lives of students, but also mentors. I have made friends that I will keep with me for life, and the impact the students have on all the mentors is amazing."

What if I graduate half-way through?

This requirement differs for Young Achievers and Young Scholars.

- **Young Achievers:** Mentors are required to be a student at The University of Queensland for the duration of their time in the program. For example, if you wanted to be a Young Achievers mentor your graduation date would have to be in December two years from your year of application.
- **Young Scholars:** Mentors are required to be a student at The University of Queensland at the time the camp is run. For example, if you wanted to be a Young Scholars mentor then you could be a mentor at camp this year and graduate in December or beyond.

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