

Mentor information 2023

Young Achievers Program



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The Young Achievers Program empowers aspiring high school students to achieve their goals by providing access to education, mentorship, financial support, opportunities for personal growth, and leadership development

The program provides an opportunity for university students to work closely with the YAP students throughout Years 11 and 12 and as they transition from school to university.

UQ students selected as mentors for this program play an essential role in supporting, motivating and inspiring students to set and achieve their personal and educational goals. YAP provides an opportunity to make a difference to individuals and the community.

The role of a YAP mentor

You will be a helpful and accessible point of contact for young achievers over a two-year period as well as being a:

- positive role model, who will inspire students to develop their interpersonal, communication and service leadership skills
- source of information, motivation and support (by phone and Facebook) on a regular basis
- supervisor and activity facilitator during residential camps and open days, providing a safe environment and a rewarding experience for students to grow and learn.

Am I suited for this role?

Mentors are selected for the Young Achievers Program from a variety of study areas, geographic regions and backgrounds based on the following:

- undergraduate students at UQ (aged 18–24 years by January 2024)
- ability to obtain a Blue Card
- openness and sensitivity to cultural and ethnic differences
- ability to identify with young people from underrepresented groups
- demonstration of excellent listening and communication skills and a passion for making a positive difference in the lives of others
- motivated, respectful and committed to an ongoing, long-term and meaningful mentoring relationship
- 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 from underrepresented groups. The Young Achievers Program is an essential component of The Queensland Commitment. Mentors for this program are essential to the ongoing success of the program and your wisdom, support and stories will help provide the pathway for students to achieve their ambitions and goals.

Why should I apply?

Many benefits apply to becoming involved as a volunteer YAP mentor including the opportunity to:

- inspire and make a difference in the lives of young people to achieve their ambitions and goals
- participate in on-campus experiences for young achievers (camps, open days etc.)
- develop your interpersonal, leadership, teamwork and communication skills while improving your resume
- make many life-long friends who share your service commitment
- receive recognition from UQ in a variety of ways including ongoing training and professional development, and team events.

Your time as a mentor will contribute towards the UQ Employability Award (employability.uq.edu.au/award), which is a significant university award that will be highly regarded by future employers.



MARY

YAP Mentor

“Mentoring with YAP has been a life changing experience for me. It has helped me grow in my confidence, adaptability and recognise my strengths. It’s given me countless opportunities to develop new skills and connect with people from a range of different backgrounds and experiences. I have made the best of friends with YAP and gained more knowledge than I ever thought possible! YAP will forever be the best thing I ever did at university!”



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YAP Mentor

Mentoring as part of the Young Achievers Program has been one of the most enriching experiences of my life. Supporting students to flourish over the program's two year journey and realise their own enormous potential for themselves has been truly humbling and an honour hard to put into words. The astronomic personal growth I have had is just a side bonus.

Time commitment

A team of 24 YAP mentors will be appointed in 2023 to support the YAP leadership team and deliver the program to young achievers. **If selected, YAP mentors need to be available for the following:**



2023 Oct	YAP mentor team 'meet and greet' Monday 9 October 2023
Nov	YAP mentor training Monday 20 & Tuesday 21 November 2023
2024 Jan	YAP Year 11 residential camp Sunday 14 – Friday 19 January 2024 including evenings – accommodation and meals provided for the duration of residential camp
Feb	YAP mentor phone call training Tuesday 20 February 2024
Aug	St Lucia Open Day (date TBC)
Nov	YAP mentor training (date TBC)
2025 June	YAP Year 12 residential camp TBC Sunday – Friday June 2025 including evenings – accommodation and meals provided for the duration of residential camp
	YAP monthly phone calls 1 weeknight a month for two years during Semesters 1 and 2 (on-campus)

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

FAQs

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

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

Can international students participate?

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

Can postgraduate students apply to be a student mentor?

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

What if I graduate half-way through?

Mentors are required to be studying at The University of Queensland for the duration of their time in the program, i.e. your graduation date would have to be in December two years from your year of application.

Applications

Applications open Thursday, 17 August and close on Sunday, 10 September 2023.

Information and to apply: studentmentors.uq.edu.au

More information

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