Vacation and Internship Programs are generally offered by employers to students in the middle / final years of their degree. If successful, these programs may lead to graduate employment with the employer.

Transferrable skills commonly listed in relevant job advertisements include – stakeholder management, project management, teamwork, collaboration across disciplines, utilization of information systems and technology, complex problem solving, community engagement and customer service. Take every opportunity to develop these skills in preparation for graduate employment.

Make Yourself Stand Out

Employers look for well-rounded applicants. **Be proactive, get involved and stand out from the crowd.**

- Attend relevant professional development opportunities. Keep a record of attendance on your resume and LinkedIn profile.
- Volunteer to assist academics or PhD studentsqresearch.
- Become involved in community activities, organisations and events.

Volunteer Work

Volunteer work will give you practical experience, develop your skills, grow your networks and gain referees.

Think about areas of zoology or ecology that interest you most and seek out volunteer opportunities in that area. Volunteer opportunities are listed on:
- Wet Tropics Management Authority links to numerous volunteer organisations
- Cairns and Far North Environment Centre
- Conservation Volunteers Australia
- North Queensland Conservation Council
- Australian Wildlife Conservancy
- NQ Dry Tropics
- Landcare Australia
- TropEco
- Volunteering Dry Tropics Facebook
- Seek Volunteer – Environment and Conservation
- Billabong Sanctuary
- Digivol – research diversity of plant and animal life
- FNQ Volunteers
- Volunteering North Queensland

Job Opportunities

Online job boards, graduate recruitment directories, employer websites and social media all provide information on the range of positions and industry areas available to Zoology and Ecology students and graduates.

Job vacancy listings will give you an understanding of **employer expectations**