



Use your Networks

Keep in touch with supervisors from volunteering, placements, or work experience via LinkedIn or directly to

when they occur, or even before they are advertised.

Attend industry events, conferences, and seminars to network with professionals in the science field. Networking can be a valuable way to learn about job opportunities and gather insights into career paths.

Investigate Current Vacancies

Searching for job vacancies is an excellent way to see what opportunities exist. Looking for **graduate or entry-level positions** will show you what you could do straight after graduation and what skills and experience you should develop while **what jobs experienced professionals** can do will help you expand your longer-term goals.

A range of websites are listed below in often posted on employer websites, along with their LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter feeds.

Job Opportunities

Online Job Boards

- [Seek](#)
- [Ethical Jobs Environment and Sustainability Jobs](#)
- [Careers at CSIRO](#)
- [JCU CareerHub](#)
- [Australian Job Search](#)
- [Australian Public Service](#)
- [Queensland Government Jobs](#)
- [THEUnijobs](#)

Graduate Recruitment Directories

Directories provide information on graduate jobs, graduate programs, internships and vacation programs

- [Qld Government - SmartJobs](#)
- [Qld Government Graduate Portal](#)
- [Prosple](#)
- [GradConnection](#)
- [Seek Graduate](#)
- [APS jobs Graduate Programs](#)

Graduate programs are structured professional development positions where successful applicants are offered on-the-job training and mentoring within the organisation.

These programs generally **recruit students throughout their final year of study** for commencement in the following year. Applications open as early as March.

Tap into online forums eg. [Glassdoor](#) and [Whirlpool Forum](#) to view discussions on employers and recruitment experiences.

Volunteering

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

Think about areas of science that interest you most and seek out volunteer opportunities in that area. Alternatively, you may volunteer in an area not directly related to science based on your interests. This is still a great experience and develops your transferrable skills. Volunteer opportunities are listed on:

- [Seek Volunteer](#)
- [FNQ Volunteers](#)
- [Volunteering North Queensland](#)
- [Townsville City Council Community Directory](#)
- [Cairns City Council Community Directory](#)

Student competitions provide another source of skills development and application and there are many relevant to science, such as [EY Data Science Challenge](#), the [Otonel Popesco PEMA Student Challenge](#), [Brandstorm Loreal](#), [FameLab](#), [DrivenData](#), [Kaggle](#), [World Solar Challenge](#), [Climate Launchpad](#)

Vacation and Internship Programs are generally offered by employers to students in the middle/final years of their degree. Internships provide an opportunity for students to apply theoretical knowledge in a real-world setting, gain industry-specific skills, and make professional connections.

Professional Associations

Student membership with a Professional Association is an ideal way to gain valuable insight into your future profession, demonstrate interest and meet people in your field who can support you in developing your career.

Membership benefits include access to industry news and trends, professional development materials, advertised jobs, conferences and other networking events.

Some examples:

- [Australian Academy of Science](#)
- [Australian Institute of Physics](#)
- [Australian Mathematical Society](#)
- [Inst of Analytics Prof of Australia](#)
- [Professional Scientists Australia](#)
- [Royal Australian Chemical Institute](#)
- [Statistical Society of Australia](#)
- [Soil Science Australia](#)

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