



# Enhancing employability: international students

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International students are not just seeking an Australian qualification, but skills and work experience that improves their employability and progresses their careers.

Supporting job-ready graduates is part of the Australian Government's commitment to preparing all students for employment anywhere in the world.

### Information for education providers

Are you a school, university or training organisation? Explore options that could help your institution continue to enhance your international students' employability.

#### What do students and employers from different countries want?

- 🔍 Read [Positioning Australia to remain a competitive study destination](#)

*Positioning Australia to remain a competitive study destination*, the product of research between the Department of Education, Skills and Employment and consultants Nous Group, shows how providers can strengthen their course offerings and employability support to improve outcomes for students returning to the home country on graduation.

Read the [report](#) today.

#### Ways to deliver employability programs to students

- 🔍 Read [International Student Employability: A Guide for Australian Education Providers](#)
- 🔍 Read the [guide to engaging international students with work integrated learning](#)
- 🔍 Integrate [online coursework to help prepare international students for work integrated learning](#) into your programs
- 🔍 Read Austrade's [Innovation in Employability](#) report

[International Student Employability: A Guide for Australian Education Providers](#) sets out good practice principles and practical lessons for education providers who wish to strengthen their offerings.

The [guide to engaging international students with work integrated learning](#) offers a range of ideas for providers who are developing work integrated learning courses like internships, placements and work experience.

Also consider [integrating online coursework to help prepare international students for work integrated learning into your programs](#).

[Innovation in Employability](#) is a report by Austrade that talks innovative pathways to success for providers who are working to improve the employability of international students.

### Ready-made materials

- 🔍 Share [Employable You](#)
- 🔍 Read Study Queensland's [Employability Cookbook](#)

*Employable You* provides ready-made advice for students that reminds them that employers are looking for a person, not a CV. It is written by the International Education Association of Australia and designed to be shared.

Study Queensland's [Employability Cookbook](#) boasts recipes for higher education institutions and government bodies to provide good quality employability support that will make an impression on those who tasted it.

### Case studies

- 🔍 [University of Exeter's ExFactor](#) (p. 8)
- 🔍 [Bond University's Beyond Bond](#) (p. 9)
- 🔍 [William Angliss Institute](#) (p. 14)

### Data on international student graduate outcomes

- 🔍 [International Graduate Outcomes Survey 2018 – Infographic](#)
- 🔍 [International Graduate Outcomes Survey 2018 – Full report](#)

### Enhancing International Student Employability Webinar

- 🔍 [Click here](#) for the webinar recording.
- 🔍 Read [the slides](#) from the webinar.

DESE hosted the Enhancing International Student Employability Webinar for education providers on 1 December 2020. Experts in international student employability highlighted good practice in education provider support for student employability, preparing and supporting students in work integrated learning, and the importance of supporting entrepreneurship.

## Information for students

**Employability** means growing your skills, your experience, your knowledge and your personal networks to succeed in the workplace or at progressing your career.

### Things to read to grow your employability

#### Federal Government

- 🔍 Study Australia: [Work while you study](#)
- 🔍 National Careers Institute: [yourcareer.gov.au](http://yourcareer.gov.au)
- 🔍 Job Jumpstart: [What are employability skills?](#)

#### South Australia

- 🔍 Study Adelaide: [Employment Toolkit](#)
- 🔍 University of Adelaide: [China Career Plus Program](#)
- 🔍 University of South Australia: [Careers Services for Students and Graduates](#)

#### Australian Capital Territory

- 🔍 Study Canberra: [Working in Canberra](#)
- 🔍 ANU: [Employability Hub](#)

#### Victoria

- 🔍 Study Melbourne: [Employment and work](#)
- 🔍 University of Melbourne: [Get career ready](#)
- 🔍 Monash University: [Future Work](#)

#### Tasmania

- 🔍 Study Tasmania: [Work](#)
- 🔍 University of Tasmania: [Careers](#)

#### New South Wales

- 🔍 Study NSW: [Work experience and internships](#)
- 🔍 Study NSW: [Resources for students: enhance your employability](#)
- 🔍 University of Sydney: [Employability skills](#)

#### Queensland

- 🔍 Study Queensland: [Work](#)
- 🔍 Queensland Government: [Becoming more employable](#)
- 🔍 James Cook University: [Careers and employability](#)
- 🔍 Cairns Student Hub: [CONNECTS Employability Project](#)

#### Northern Territory

- 🔍 Study Northern Territory: [Finding a job in Australia's Northern Territory](#)
- 🔍 Charles Darwin University: [Careers and employment](#)

#### Western Australia

- 🔍 Study Perth: [Getting a Job](#)
- 🔍 University of Western Australia: [Careers and employability](#)

#### Other

- 🔍 [SEEK Careers Advice](#)
- 🔍 [SEEK Employment Insights](#)

### Work integrated learning (internships, work placements and more)

- 🔍 Preparing for work integrated learning: [Connecting, networking, relationships and building your professional brand](#)
- 🔍 [Reflecting on your professional identity](#)

### Success stories

- 🔍 [Kitty: Accredited to be industry ready](#)
- 🔍 [Yi Su: What I learnt about work rights and building a career](#)
- 🔍 [Amanda Lee: Stay focused, enjoy life, and watch your dreams unfold](#)



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