

# Careers opportunities Term 2 week 4

## Open Days & Info Sessions

### University of Sydney | Webinars and Q&A Sessions

18 May 2020, 4:00 pm - 21 May 2020, 6:00 pm

Online

In light of COVID-19 developments, the University of Sydney are not holding any face-to-face events in the short term.

However, they are holding several online events where you can learn all about the ins and outs of life and study at the University of Sydney. The webinars will be held on the following topics:

- HSC study tips: Modern History
- All things Sydney
- Student stories
- Study abroad and exchange
- Meet a vet student: Live Q&A

Find out more:

<https://www.sydney.edu.au/study/events-for-prospective-students/undergraduate.html>

### Torrens | Virtual Open Day

19 May 2020, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Online

Have you been considering online study but haven't decided if it's right for you? Join us for our very special online open day and get a feel for the Torrens online study environment.

- Live chat directly with Academics and Course & Career Advisors
- Meet other students in our virtual social lounge
- Explore your options to study online or on-campus
- Gain access to our video and resource library

Find out more:

<https://www.torrens.edu.au/about/events-and-workshops/virtual-open-day-2020>

## **WSU | Discover Western Webinar**

19 May 2020, 4:00 pm

Online

Thinking of starting University in 2021? Join our staff and current students to find out more about the Western Sydney University experience. They'll take you through our courses, pathways and student life to get you started on your journey to Western.

Find out more: [https://uws.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_eBLnXIG0Tqievfish18k5Q](https://uws.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eBLnXIG0Tqievfish18k5Q)

## **CQUni | STEPS Information Session Online**

29 May 2020, 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Australia

Need a little help to meet the entry requirements of your chosen university course? Or perhaps you just want some additional support to gain the knowledge, skills and confidence to successfully enter and undertake further study.

Find out how CQUniversity can be the support to your study and take the first step toward a brighter future with our Skills For Tertiary Education Preparatory Studies (STEPS) course at our STEPS Information Session.

STEPS is a free, Centrelink approved enabling course that is designed to help you acquire the necessary skills, knowledge and confidence to gain entry into university.

Find out more:

<https://www.cqu.edu.au/events/event-items/information-session/steps-information-session42>

## **CQUni | TAFE Information Session Online**

2 June 2020, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Online

Thinking about starting a TAFE qualification?

Discover more about your training options at our CQUni TAFE Information Session Online.

Have your questions answered by our teaching professionals and learn about our flexible study, pathway opportunities, apprenticeship information and how funding options may dramatically reduce the cost of your course.

Find out more:

<https://www.cqu.edu.au/events/event-items/information-session/tafe-information-session>

### **University of Sydney | Year 10 Information Session**

2 June 2020, 6:00 pm

4 June 2020, 6:00 pm

Online

Join one of our informative and entertaining online sessions for Year 10 students. A range of staff and student speakers will answer these important questions:

- How does scaling work? What should you consider when selecting your subjects for Year 11 and 12?
- What are prerequisites and assumed knowledge?
- What is university really like?

Register for 2 June:

[https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_cOLjOyZ\\_Rq-Qj7a4Kzf-zg](https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cOLjOyZ_Rq-Qj7a4Kzf-zg)

Register for 4 June:

[https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_M0BL0AhcSqqXHTc3p4NxBO](https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_M0BL0AhcSqqXHTc3p4NxBO)

### **University of Sydney | Year 12 Information Evening**

9 June 2020, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

We understand this is a stressful time for Year 12 students, and are committed to supporting you on your journey to the University of Sydney. Attend our online Year 12 Information Evening to find out more about our undergraduate course options, admission pathways, scholarships and more.

At this online event you can:

- Visit virtual booths staffed by faculty experts
- Get advice on your study interests and our course content
- Get your questions answered through one-on-one chat
- Speak with current students about their experiences at Sydney
- Chat with UAC about the ATAR and applying to university
- Attend a featured talk

Find out more:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-university-of-sydney-year-12-information-evening-tickets-104000335804>

### **ACU | Talk with Exercise Scientists and Physiotherapists Online**

1 July 2020, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

Join us online to hear from ACU alumni about their experiences working as clinical exercise physiologists and physiotherapists. Take part in a Q&A session with our graduates to learn what a career in exercise science and physiotherapy is like.

Find out more:

<https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2020/july/talk-with-exercise-scientists-and-physiotherapists-online>

### **CQUni | Virtual Open Day**

1 August 2020, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Online

CQUniversity is creating a virtual Open Day experience to support you in planning for your future.

Join CQUni online in the comfort of your living room and connect with CQUni's expert teaching staff, discover a huge range of TAFE and university courses, and learn more about their outstanding range of online and on-campus support services. CQUni's expert team will be available to chat directly with you to provide career advice and scout out the best study options for you.

Whether you are looking to study online or on-campus, with over 40 years' experience in distance education, we're ready to provide you with a quality virtual learning experience.

Can't make it to this event? Visit CQUni's Open Days page to register for another event, join an online chat or request a chat with CQUni's expert team at a time that suits you.

Find out more:

<https://www.cqu.edu.au/events/event-items/open-day/virtual-open-day>

## [New UAC EAS Categories](#)

If your family has been affected by COVID-19, you could be eligible for bonus points under UAC's Educational Access Schemes.

Starting in August, you can now be considered through EAS' financial disadvantage stream if your parents have received either the JobKeeper or JobSeeker payments for at least three months.

Find out more about how to apply for EAS on UAC's website here:

<https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/scholarships-and-schemes/educational-access-schemes>

## [Your Path to UTAS in 2021](#)

Thinking of travelling interstate to study at the University of Tasmania in 2021? If your studies have been disrupted due to COVID-19, they have a new entry scheme to help.

Their Schools Recommendation Program allows you to apply to UTAS based on a recommendation from your school and your year 11 results, taking the pressure out of year 12.

Applications for the first round of offers are open now, and close on Saturday 30 May.

Get your application in here and find out more:

<https://www.utas.edu.au/undergraduate-study/your-path-to-2021>

## Job Spotlight

### [How to become a Writer](#)

#### **What do Writers do?**

Writers use their knowledge of language to craft original content based on either facts or fiction. They produce text in many formats from blogs, articles and reports, to manuscripts and poems.

If you have a good grasp of English language and a creative streak, you're are persistent and love reading, then a career as a writer could be worth exploring.

#### **About you:**

- Disciplined and self-motivated, with top notch attention to detail

- Excellent written communication skills (particularly with respect to grammar and extensive vocabulary), and able to convey complex ideas with clarity
- Open minded with a thick skin (especially in relation to accepting changes and edits)

### **The job:**

- Conceptualise ideas, research them accurately and in depth
- Write documents or other forms of text using your original ideas and research
- Proofread, edit and polish your writing before publishing

### **Writer salary (average) \$83,000 per year**

(Source: [Joboutlook.gov.au](http://Joboutlook.gov.au))

This salary is indicative only, it will vary depending on the type of writing you choose to do, if you are freelance or employed etc.

**Job growth in writing** is strong (source: [Joboutlook.gov.au](http://Joboutlook.gov.au)) depending on the field you choose to specialise in.

To become a well respected writer you'll need to be dedicated, write as often as possible to hone your skills, and be able to take criticism and negative feedback constructively.

### **How to become a Writer in Australia**

You can become a writer without any formal qualifications, however they could be useful by improving your skills and making you more appealing to potential employers.

**Step 1** – Choose to study advanced or higher English, English literature and any technical or creative writing classes offered by your high school. Technical skills including web programming, blogging software, social media, and typing skills could also come in handy.

**Step 2** – Attend writing workshops and do courses (online ones are often available). Work hard to develop your verbal, written communication, and persuasive skills. Try being creative with your works and trying new angles and styles of writing.

**Step 3** – Enter writing competitions as often as possible. You'll challenge yourself and may become a published author as a result, plus it'll look great on your resume. You can find some competitions on our [page](#)

**Step 4** – Apply for work experience positions within the industry, or volunteer in organisations where you'll be able to gain some knowledge and skills. E.g. Library, publisher's office, local newspapers and magazines, social media or marketing companies.

**Step 5** – Research and complete tertiary qualifications that could help you find employment more easily. There are plenty of options to consider e.g.:

[Creative Writing Course](#)

from TAFE QLD, there's also an advanced course if you'd like to study further.

[Certificate IV in Professional Writing and Editing from VU](#)

[Diploma of Professional Writing and Editing](#)

from a registered training organisation (RTO)

[Associate Degree in Professional Writing and Editing](#)

from RMIT [Bachelor of Creative Industries \(Creative Writing and Publishing\)](#)

at USC [Bachelor of English and Creative Writing](#)

at Murdoch [Bachelor of Journalism](#)

at Bond Or complete an approved degree in any field and do a [Graduate Certificate in Writing, Editing and Publishing](#)

**Step 6** – Take on an internship, find a mentor, keep writing.

Find out more here –

<https://www.asauthors.org/findananswer/writers-and-services>

## Similar Careers to Writer

Journalist

Author

Editor

Publisher

Technical Writer

Copy Writer

Blogger

Speech Writer

Screenwriter

Columnist

Find out more about [alternative careers](#).

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

- **What's the difference between an author and a writer?**

Not much. These terms can often be used interchangeably. However, "Writer" generally refers to anyone whose main job duty is writing text, so it covers a broader range of careers. Authors usually work to generate original ideas as well as the content of their work, and their work has usually been published.

- **What do Writers do?**

Writers create text. Anything you read has been written by someone who's job or passion is writing. They may also have to do research, proofread and edit documents. The types of work writers produce includes (but isn't limited to), books, reports, technical information, articles, blogs, short stories, infomercials, and poems.

- **Where do writers work?**

Writers can work anywhere. Access to computers and the internet is often desirable but isn't always essential. Of course, this depends on the type of writing and constraints from your employers or publishers.

- **Do I need to go to university to become a writer?**

No, a university degree isn't a requirement for a career as a writer. A degree or other qualification could improve your career prospects and help to fast track your success.