Welcome to the
Young ChangeMakers Program

Are you already excited about the things you’ll do after high school? Start unlocking your potential now with Young ChangeMakers, a unique on-campus experience at The University of Queensland.

This 3-day program is designed for Year 11 students with big ideas and ambitions, aimed at helping you become the leaders, thinkers and innovators of tomorrow. As a Young ChangeMaker, you’ll participate in activities that ignite your passion for innovative ideas and creating change in your community and the wider world.

During your UQ experience, you’ll undertake an immersive group project to tackle global challenges from different perspectives. You’ll also develop valuable design thinking and communication skills.

While you’re here, you’ll form connections with other Young ChangeMakers as well as people from UQ – a fantastic way to start creating your network and making new friends outside of school. Our passionate staff and student mentors are specifically trained to support you through the Young ChangeMakers journey, which will include team building, public speaking and critical thinking. You’ll also get a sneak peek into what life at UQ could be like as a university student.

Staying at UQ

While on campus, students are housed in individual rooms in one of UQ’s residential colleges. UQ staff and student mentors reside on campus for the duration of the program and can be called on at any time for assistance or pastoral care. All UQ residential colleges are secure facilities protected by 24-hour security.

Program costs

The program cost of $420 includes all activities, meals and accommodation. Transport to and from UQ is not included in the cost. Fee waivers and travel bursaries are available to assist students who would not otherwise be able to participate due to financial circumstances.

Staff and student mentors

Our student mentors are friendly, high-achieving university students who are specifically trained for their role. Alongside our team of dedicated staff, it’s their aim to ensure each student feels supported during their stay at UQ and for the duration of the program.

“I absolutely loved my time at camp! It showed me the importance of giving everything a go, and putting yourself out there.

Not only was I able to explore my future study opportunities and create a better understanding of University life, but I was also able to meet so many likeminded students who I can say are close friends of mine to this day.”

TARRYN SOROUR
Fairholme College, Toowoomba
Innovation, agility and problem-solving skills have never been more relevant. In our Ventures Discovery workshops, you’ll learn and practise the skills and mindset needed to be an innovator, adapt to change, stay resilient, and create impactful projects, ideas and outcomes.

This project-based program is fun, hands-on and interactive. You’ll get to turn research into impactful ideas that could create real value in the world.

You’ll also:

- meet new friends with shared interests in creating solutions to the world’s greatest challenges
- have fun while learning new skills through hands-on activities
- practise your collaboration and leadership skills
- learn how to make your ideas come to life.

**Sample program**

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The full program is supplied to successful applicants prior to camp. Content is revised annual and is subject to change.
Apply Now

UQ welcomes applications for Young ChangeMakers from current Year 11 students. To ensure diversity in the program and allow each student to make their unique contribution to the experience, the selection panel will choose nominees from a range of schools, backgrounds and interest areas. To be eligible for selection, you must:

• be an ATAR eligible or International Baccalaureate (IB) student in Year 11 (2021)
• be planning to pursue university studies after finishing Year 12.

Applicants will be assessed on:

• academic achievement
• involvement in extra-curricular activities
• contributions to their school and/or local community.

Applicants are required to submit an online application form with supporting documents including:

• 300-word passion statement OR 1-minute video (tell us about yourself and the causes, hobbies or subjects you’re passionate about)
• copy of Semester 1, Year 11 school report
• letter of support from your school (principal or teacher) or a community organisation you’re involved in
• evidence of financial hardship, if applicable.

To apply, visit young-changemakers.uq.edu.au

Applications must be completed in full by Sunday 26 September 2021

“I very nearly didn’t apply for the program, but it turned out to be one of the best experiences I have had to date. It gave me a great insight into what I could expect at UQ, and this motivated me to do the best I could in Grade 12. I left feeling confident about taking on the challenges of my final year of study and life at university”

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