Careers News June #2, 2013

Reminders

- **UMAT**: Registrations close 7 June; test date: 31 July, 2013; See: [http://umat.acer.edu.au](http://umat.acer.edu.au)
- **Art, design & architecture at Monash**: workshops; 2-4 July; [www.monash.edu/mada/workshops](http://www.monash.edu/mada/workshops)
- **Careers in Sports Medicine**: 19 June; Registration: [http://www.trybooking.com/CSIP](http://www.trybooking.com/CSIP)
- **Law at University of Melbourne - one-day JD showcase**: Wed 3 July; Cost: $66 (incl lunch); Register: [www.law.unimelb.edu.au/jd/future-students/information-for-school-students](http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/jd/future-students/information-for-school-students)
- **RMIT Science Tours**: Tues 2 July; Register: [www.rmit.edu.au/appliedsciences/discover](http://www.rmit.edu.au/appliedsciences/discover)
- **RMIT Medical Laboratory Visits**: 8 – 12 July; registration: [www.rmit.edu.au/medicalsciences](http://www.rmit.edu.au/medicalsciences)
- **Experience La Trobe - Year 10-12’s**: 10 July; Register: [www.latrobe.edu.au/experience](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience)
- **Monash (Clayton) Computer Games Boot Camp**: 6-12 July; [http://cgbc.infotech.monash.edu/](http://cgbc.infotech.monash.edu/)

1. **REMINDER - OPEN DAYS ARE COMING!** Open Days at university and TAFE are coming up in August (only two months off), usually on Sundays. Don’t forget to keep Sundays in August free for YOUR visits. Open Days are a great way to check out courses and facilities, talk to staff and students, collect information, and to attend relevant information sessions. Reminders of actual dates will be provided soon.

2. **MORE VET AND KEEPER FOR A DAY PROGRAMS** – Along with Healesville Sanctuary and Werribee Zoo, the RSPCA is holding a Vet Day and Animal Attendant Days, and also a First Aid for Animals Day in the coming holidays. Register; [www.rspcavic.org/services/education/](http://www.rspcavic.org/services/education/); Cost: $100.00 for new members.

3. **CHECK OUT AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU)** – ACU is a public university, funded by the government, and open to all (of any or no religion). It is a fast-growing national university with 25,000 students, 8,000 of whom study at the Melbourne campus in Fitzroy. It has been experiencing growth in excellent facilities and buildings, facing on to Brunswick St. Be a **University Student for a Day** is a program where you can check out arts, business, education, exercise science, law, psychology, visual arts & design, speech pathology, occupational therapy, nursing, midwifery and paramedicine degrees on offer at ACU. ‘University Experience’ is a free program, giving you the chance to sample the degree of your choice, and to meet staff and students, and try out the course you are interested in studying. When: Tues 9 July; Where: Daniel Mannix Building, 8-18 Brunswick St, Fitzroy; Register: [www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience](http://www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience).

**New ACU courses for 2014** –

- **Bachelor of Accounting and Finance** – learn about financial instruments, institutions, markets and systems; this degree can lead to a career in banking, financial consulting and planning, funds management, merchant banking, stockbroking and treasury. It meets the requirements of the CPA Australia, ICAA, and the IPA.
- **Bachelor of Information Technology** – provides a solid grounding in all aspects of IT followed by professional pathways in business analysis, database administration and applications development. It will be recognised by the Australian Computer Society.

4. **DO YOU WANT TO TRAVEL AND STUDY?** Universities have ‘links’ with universities overseas and it is often possible to complete part of your degree at one of these universities. For example, **La Trobe University** has over 100 partner institutions in more than 30 countries.
You can do a semester or one year exchange, short term program, or internship. These programs should not add to the duration of your degree. Students pay normal fees (HECS HELP, FEE HELP or full fees) to La Trobe for the duration of the degree but do not pay tuition fees to the host institution. Students pay the cost of flights, accommodation, meals and incidentals, but La Trobe gives Mobility Grants. For a list of partners: www.latrobe.edu.au/international/edabroad/exchange/partners. Other universities offer similar programs – check their websites.

5. YOU WANT TO STUDY LAW? Law is seen to be a good “all round discipline”, and many universities offer law degrees: ACU, Deakin, La Trobe, Melbourne, Monash, RMIT and Victoria (RMIT and Melbourne only offer post-graduate degrees – the Juris Doctor; Monash also offers the Juris Doctor). Law degrees generally take four years to complete, and need to be followed either by a year of articles with a law firm or a course at the Leo Cussen Centre for Law or the College of Law for graduates to be able to practice law. Some universities offer double degrees with law (eg with arts, commerce, engineering and so on).

It is important to understand that a large number of law graduates do not practice law as solicitors or barristers. Graduates are increasingly shunning the partnership track offered by law firms and opting for work in the corporate sector. The number of law graduates starting work in law firms dropped from 49.1% in 2005 to 43.7% in 2010 (Graduate Careers Australia). There are too many graduates for all to work in law firms. In fact, many law graduates never intended to practice law. They work in other areas such as the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and other government departments, in business, banking, management, crime, as law court officials (eg Judge’s Associate), ministerial advisers, in politics, law reform, journalism, in-house legal consulting, legal publishing and education.

6. SCHOLARSHIPS AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY (VU) – VU is offering new scholarships in 2014. These Chancellors Scholarships for Excellence will provide $5,000 pa for up to 4 years (max $20,000), plus offer additional benefits. To be considered you must achieve an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank) of at least 90.00. There will be 100 scholarships available. To be eligible you will need to be currently enrolled in Year 12, meet prerequisites for the course, apply for and be offered a place at VU and enrol full-time. Applications will be through VTAC, 7 August to 27 September.

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