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About JCU

James Cook University is ranked in the top 300 universities in the world (ARWU 2019), and is committed to creating a brighter future through students and graduates who make a difference. During their journey of discovery, students experience the connections between our natural world, the built environment, and people and societies, as well as having opportunities for experiential learning.

Over 21,000 students study a wide variety of career-focused courses across Australia and in Singapore. JCU's degrees are accredited by leading professional organisations, and the University has been independently rated five stars for Social Equity, Learner Engagement, Skills Development and Student Support (The Good Universities Guide 2020). JCU students are able to develop professional skills and deepen their knowledge with an education from a university ranked in the Top 30 Modern Universities in the World (Times Higher Education (THE) Best young universities in the world 2020).

Campuses

Townsville

Students access a unique environment where world-class facilities, natural wonders and a vibrant student life come together. JCU Townsville is a teaching, research and community hub with a range of state-of-the-art equipment and resources.

JCU Townsville is 13 kilometres (8 miles) from the city centre and houses around 1,400 students in colleges and halls of residence. Over 13,000 students are part of the JCU Townsville community, including about 1,500 international students.

Students can access JCU Science Place, which features sophisticated teaching areas, collaborative lecture theatres, technology-enabled active learning spaces and cutting edge research labs. Students can also access research facilities and learning support services at the Eddie Koiki Mabo Library. The Library hosts exhibitions, providing opportunities to access and appreciate different artworks and artefacts. Students enjoy a rich social life and can join a range of clubs and societies.

Cairns

Over 4,000 students study at [JCU Cairns](#), including about 380 international students. JCU Cairns is conveniently located 15 kilometres (9 miles) north of the city centre, in the suburb of Smithfield. Uniquely juxtaposed between urban settings and natural wonders, the campus is surrounded on three sides by rainforest-covered mountains and is close to the northern beaches. Studying in Cairns provides access to two World Heritage listed natural environments – the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and the Wet Tropics ancient rainforests.

JCU Cairns houses state-of-the-art teaching and research facilities. Facilities include an impressive library and information technology building, health science and science laboratories, student refectory, cafés, gym, sporting oval and basketball court.

Singapore

JCU Singapore boasts cutting-edge facilities, collaborative learning spaces, and internationally-renowned lecturers. Resident senior academic staff and programs from JCU Australia ensure academic quality, and students studying at JCU Singapore are assured of the same enriching university education as students in Australia. JCU Singapore has achieved the EduTrust Star - the highest level of accreditation from the Singapore Government.

Mackay

JCU Mackay is co-located with the Mater Misericordiae Hospital in North Mackay. This unique location provides students with extensive hands-on learning and clinical experience at both the Mater and Mackay Base Hospitals, as well as with other clinical agencies. The Bachelor of Nursing Science can be completed at JCU Mackay and includes a science residential program in the first year of study at JCU Townsville. Small class sizes and personalised support from teachers fosters the development of compassionate and highly skilled graduates. A JCU Bachelor of Nursing Science gives you a strong foothold in one of the world's highest demand professions — all with a unique regional focus that you will not find anywhere else in Australia.

Brisbane

JCU Brisbane is a modern high-rise building located in the heart of Brisbane's Central Business District (CBD) on Queen Street. The campus has study and leisure facilities including computer stations with highspeed internet and Wi-Fi as well as activity rooms. JCU Brisbane caters for international students studying undergraduate or postgraduate degrees in accounting, business, education, hospitality and tourism, or information technology.

Mount Isa

JCU's Centre for Rural and Remote Health (CRRH) at Mount Isa provides access to health education for the remote west region of Queensland. Become involved in a close-knit community in the Australian outback with all the facilities you need to make the most of your learning experience. The CRRH has lecture rooms, access to video conferencing, research facilities, a computer laboratory, and a procedural skills laboratory. A growing health services library makes it easier than ever to gain your qualification in this important remote location. The nationally accredited Bachelor of Nursing Science program in Mount Isa offers opportunities to gain rural experience like nowhere else. The centre facilitates research and education for rural, remote, and Indigenous health issues. Learn from lectures delivered by experts all over Queensland, and be taught in tutorials by local practicing nurses.

Thursday Island

JCU's Australian Institute of Tropical Health and Medicine (AITHM) Clinical Research and Training Facility is located adjacent to the Torres Strait Hospital on Thursday Island. AITHM is an important site for research, training, and community engagement. The facility provides both teaching and learning facilities for JCU students and a community space for engagement and collaboration with the Torres Strait community.

Contact JCU

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Important dates

JCU provides calendars for students and staff to advise them of [enrolment, teaching, semester start and end, and other important academic dates](#). [Students can also access important QTAC dates](#).

Admission criteria

A. Applicants with higher education study

Applicants who have completed higher education study must meet the academic entry requirements including acceptable rank and pre-requisites.

Completed bridging or enabling course

Applicants who have completed a bridging or enabling course must meet the academic entry requirements including acceptable rank and pre-requisites. Applicants should complete a bridging or enabling course in the discipline they want to study as an undergraduate.

B. Applicants with vocational education and training (VET) study

Applicants who have completed a VET program must meet the academic entry requirements including rank and pre-requisites.

C. Applicants with work and life experience

(Includes those who left secondary education more than 2 years ago)

Applicants who studied more than two years ago, who have acceptable work experience or an employment-related qualification, must meet the academic entry requirements including acceptable rank and prerequisites.

D. Applicants with recent secondary education (within the past two years)

Australian Year 12 students

ATAR/OP and ATAR/OPs with added bonus points must meet the academic entry requirements for the course the student is applying for. International Baccalaureate results have an ATAR/OP equivalent applied to ensure entry requirement equity. Further information on courses can be found at <https://www.jcu.edu.au/courses-and-study>

ATAR/OP-related adjustments

James Cook University applies bonus ranks under the Regional Preference Scheme. If a domestic student resides within the University's postcode catchment area of 4737 to 4895 this scheme automatically adjusts their OP score by one band or their selection rank by two ranks. Applicants do not have to apply for this scheme.

Criteria that may apply in addition to ATAR/OP

Additional application must be made directly to JCU for some courses and can be found in the course specific information.

Other admission options

James Cook University also participates in QTAC's Educational Access Scheme (EAS) which recognises applicants who have been educationally disadvantaged due to financial hardship, home environment and responsibilities, English language difficulty, personal illness and disability or education disruption. Students must apply for EAS when they lodge their QTAC Application.

Interstate Year 12

All applicants are assessed based on their ATAR/OP/Selection Rank and must meet the academic entry requirements as outlined.

Finished secondary education more than two years ago

ATAR/OP scores older than two years will be accepted and must meet the academic entry requirements outlined.

Bridging and enabling course entry

Applicants who have completed a bridging or enabling course must meet the academic entry requirements including acceptable rank and pre-requisites. Applicants should complete a bridging or enabling course in the discipline they want to study as an undergraduate.

Additional information

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

JCU is committed to helping Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people successfully transition to tertiary level study. Support services include:

- **Special admission schemes.** These schemes assist Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to gain entry to tertiary courses. Some schemes do not require a QTAC application.
- **Scholarships.** Scholarships are available through the Commonwealth Scholarships Program and JCU.
- **Student services.** Institutions offer a range of academic, personal and cultural support to Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students including orientation activities, tutoring, career advice, and assistance with applying for scholarships.

For more information [visit the JCU website](#) or contact the Student Enquiry Centre on 1800 246 446.

Domestic students with overseas qualifications

Domestic students with overseas qualifications should [contact JCU](#) for information on how their qualifications will be assessed for entry.

English language proficiency

Students must demonstrate that they can speak, write, read and comprehend English to a specified standard. [Visit English language proficiency](#) for information that includes ways to demonstrate English language proficiency.

How to apply

Submit applications for undergraduate study via the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) www.qtac.edu.au. QTAC receives and processes applications on behalf of James Cook University.

Applicants who have previously had an offer from, or studied at, James Cook University can [apply directly](#).

Offers are made weekly via QTAC throughout the admission period and direct offers are made as soon as possible.

Enrolment

Offers

All applicants are emailed their JCU offer and must respond online to that offer by the due date. After applicants have accepted their offer they will be emailed enrolment information.

Deferment

You can apply to defer courses for up to 12 months. Longer deferment may be considered in special circumstances. [Visit the JCU website](#) for more information.

Credit transfer

If you have completed subjects at another institution or as part of a different degree at JCU, you may be able to transfer credit to your current degree. [Find more information about credit transfer](#) on the JCU website.

Fees and Charges

Offer letters will confirm if an offer is Commonwealth Supported or fee-paying. Students will be provided with further information on the fees and charges including SSAF, and cost of living, shortly after an offer is received.

Appeals and Grievances

James Cook University is committed to an effective system of **complaint management** that responds in a positive way and contributes to the continuous improvement of the teaching and learning environment.

Student and campus services

Learning skills

Language and learning services are available to all students, and include workshops to help with academic reading, writing, speaking, presentations, referencing, grammar and note-taking. JCU also offer programs to assist in the transition to tertiary study, individual and group support, and online learning skills resources.

Student Services

JCU strives to create a student-centred learning environment where students can take full advantage of their university experience.

Accommodation

A range of quality on-campus and off-campus housing is available for rent around all three main campuses. Students can refer to [JCU's Accommodation Office](#) for help with their living arrangements.

Support services

Comprehensive support services include career advice and student employment services, chaplaincy, disability and accessibility support (AccessAbility), and personal counselling. Our award-winning student mentor program links new students with second and third year students who provide support and information about life at university.

Information services and technology

Our students enjoy access to technology-enriched learning spaces and a wealth of electronic resources. All students can access free computing and library support, including support online, and workshops on campus. Both the Townsville and Cairns libraries offer individual and group learning spaces, with a 24-hour space available at Townsville's Eddie Koiki Mabo Library.

Global Mobility Program

JCU has over 60 partnerships with universities in North and South America, Asia, Europe, the United Kingdom, Africa and the Pacific. Through the Global Mobility program JCU students can study overseas for one or two semesters while gaining credit towards their studies. Australian students can also study for one or two teaching periods (trimesters) at JCU's Singapore campus through our Intercampus Mobility Program, or through international study tours, internships and work placements.

Student profile

Applicant background	Semester 1, 2020	
	Number of students	% of all students
(a) Higher education study (includes a bridging or enabling course)	282	20.8%
(b) Vocational and education training (VET) study	53	3.9%
(c) Work and life experience (Admitted on the basis of previous achievement other than the above)	150	11.1%

(d) Recent secondary education:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admitted solely on the basis of OP (regardless of whether this includes the impact of adjustment factors such as equity or subject bonus points) 	523	38.6%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admitted where both OP and additional criteria were considered (eg portfolio, audition, extra text, early offer conditional on minimum OP) 	178	13.1%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admitted on the basis of other criteria only and OP was not a factor (eg special consideration, audition alone, school recommendation scheme with no minimum OP requirement) 	168	12.4%
International students	1	0.1%
20.8All students	1355	100%

Notes: <5 – The numbers of students is less than five.

N/A – Data not available for this item.

N/P – Not published The data is hidden to retain confidentiality of the cells with less than five students.

Where to get more information

Further information can be found at www.jcu.edu.au or www.qtac.edu.au