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# Admissions Transparency

JCU Institute Data Set

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## About JCU

James Cook University is ranked in the top 2% of universities worldwide (ARWU 2017) and is Australia's leading university for the Tropics. JCU is a vibrant institution offering excellence in teaching and research across two countries and three tropical campuses, with locations in Cairns and Townsville in north Queensland, as well as the city-state of Singapore.

Over 21,000 students, including 7,500 international students from over 100 countries, study a wide variety of career-focused programs across JCU's three campuses and multiple study centres.

JCU's degrees are accredited by leading professional organisations, and the University has received five stars in The Good Universities Guide (2012-2018) for graduate success in getting a full-time job. The University prides itself on its range of practical, hands-on learning experiences, as well as small class sizes that ensure every student has the opportunity to excel.

## Campuses

### Townsville

Around 11,500 students study at [JCU Townsville](#), including over 1,500 international students. The campus is located on 386-hectare of natural bush and parkland in the suburb of Douglas and is 13 kilometres (8 miles) from the central business district.

JCU Townsville houses teaching and research facilities, the main JCU library, cafés, bars, fitness and sporting facilities and a wealth of student clubs and societies. Around 1,400 students live on campus in colleges and halls of residence, giving the campus a true community atmosphere.

### Cairns

Over 4,000 students study at [JCU Cairns](#), including about 380 international students. The campus is surrounded on three sides by spectacular rainforest-covered mountains, is near the northern beaches and only 15 kilometres (9 miles) north of the city centre in the suburb of Smithfield.

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

### Singapore

[JCU Singapore](#) was established in 2003 as JCU's first international campus. 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 our students in Queensland, Australia. JCU Singapore has achieved the EduTrust Star - the highest level of accreditation from the Singapore Government.

### Mackay

[JCU Mackay](#) - the James Cook University Mackay Education and Research Centre (MERC) operates at the Mackay Base Hospital. The centre accommodates the teaching of our Social Work degree and provides a larger facility for medical and dental clinical placements.

James Cook University's prestigious Division of Tropical Health and Medicine, in partnership with the Mater Hospital Mackay, offers our Bachelor of Nursing Science (Pre-Registration) in Mackay. A Bachelor of Nursing Science from JCU 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

With a modern campus in the heart of the Brisbane central business district, [JCU Brisbane](#) offers bachelor degrees and postgraduate programs in business and information technology for international students.

### Mount Isa

A growing range of health care courses are available from JCU's [Mount Isa](#) Centre for Rural and Remote Health (MICRRH) and provide access to health education for the remote west region of Queensland.

MICRRH was established as a centre for population health, education and research in 1997 and facilitates education and research into rural, remote and Indigenous health issues. The Centre includes lecture rooms, research facilities, videoconferencing facilities, computer laboratory, procedural skills laboratory and a growing health services library.

## Thursday Island

JCU Thursday Island opened in 2003 and provides teaching and learning facilities for nursing and education students in the Torres Strait region at the northern tip of Australia.

The facility is located in the island's heritage courthouse building and improves access to tertiary education for locals in this remote region of Queensland.

## 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*

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

#### *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 OP*

Additional application must be made directly to JCU for some course 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 OP/ATAR/Selection Rank and must meet the academic entry requirements as outlined.

### Finished secondary education more than two years ago

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](http://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/full year intake (year) (i.e. the most relevant recent intake period)	
	Number of students	% of all students
<b>(a) Past higher education study</b> (includes a bridging or enabling course)	758	25.7%
<b>(b) Past vocational and education training (VET) study</b>	248	8.4%
<b>(c) Work and life experience</b> (Admitted on the basis of previous achievement other than the above)	15	0.5%

<b>(d) Recent secondary education:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Admitted solely on the basis of OP (regardless of whether this includes the impact of adjustment factors such as equity or subject bonus points)</li> </ul>	1481	50.3%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Admitted where both OP and additional criteria were considered (eg portfolio, audition, extra text, early offer conditional on minimum OP)</li> </ul>	325	11.1%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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)</li> </ul>	0	0%
<b>International students</b>	114	3.9%
<b>All students</b>	2941	100%

Notes: L/N – Low numbers: the numbers of students is less than five.

N/A – Data not available for this item.

N/P – Not published: the number is hidden to prevent calculation of numbers in cells with less than five students. (The values of suppressed cells can be approximated by using the totals and subtracting the values of some other cells, but only to within five students of the actual number, thereby retaining the confidentiality of the cells marked L/N.)

## Where to get further information

Further information can be found at [www.jcu.edu.au](http://www.jcu.edu.au) or [www.qtac.edu.au](http://www.qtac.edu.au)