

## Graduate Opportunities

Graduate employment options are many and varied, depending on your major. Typical employers include **accountancy firms, banks, insurance companies, investment banks, management consultancies** and **public sector employers**. Job titles may include:

- Accountant
- Business manager
- Economist
- External auditor
- Financial advisor/consultant
- Management consultant
- Investment banker/manager
- Risk manager
- Stockbroker

**Look at:** [What Can I Do With an Accounting and Finance Degree?](#)

## Career Relevant Experiences

Employers will look at your education, work history and involvement in activities both in and outside of university to determine whether you are the right candidate for the job and the organisation. **To stand out, be proactive and actively engage in internships, work shadowing and/or work placements.**

All JCU Bachelor of Commerce students, have the opportunity to complete the **Professional Development Certificate (PDC)**.

As part of your degree, you will also have the opportunity to complete a final year **Work Integrated Learning (WIL)** experience through either an **internship, group industry project or work-based project**.

This is an opportunity to gain relevant work experience, put theory into practice and reinforce your academic learning while developing essential employability skills.

## Professional Associations

Consider joining a professional association:

- [Certified Practising Accountants Australia \(CPA\)](#)
- [Australian Banking Association](#)
- [Australian Finance Industry Association](#)
- [The Economic Society of Australia](#)

## Work Experience

Prioritise gaining as much career relevant experience as is possible including a WIL in your final year. Other course relevant experiences include:

**Vacation Programs** – generally offered to students in the second year of their degree and can lead to graduate employment. Apply early to avoid missing out.

**Cadetships** – enable students to work part time or full time with an employer while completing their studies.

## Recommended Skills

**Numerical and Quantitative Skills;** Problem Solving;  
**Oral/Written Communication;** Negotiation;  
**Commercial Awareness;** Entrepreneurship

## Graduate Career Portals

Check out these sites for graduate programmes, graduate jobs, internships and placements:

- [Prosple](#)
- [SEEK Grad](#)
- [Smart Jobs](#)

## JCU Careers Support

The JCU Careers and Employability Team are here to support you during your studies and after you graduate:

- [JCU Careers Website](#)
- [CareerHub \(Book Careers Appointments Here\)](#)