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The Complete Queensland University of Technology Student Guide

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student support, campus life, and academic success at QUT.

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Students

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1. About Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

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QUT (Queensland University of Technology) is a public Australian university established in 1989, located in Brisbane, Queensland. It enrolls approximately 50,000 students across two main Brisbane campuses and is internationally recognised for its 'Real World Learning' philosophy — practical, industry-connected education that produces work-ready graduates.

History and Identity

QUT was formally established as a university in 1989, though its roots trace back to 1849 through a succession of predecessor institutions including the Queensland Institute of Technology. Its relatively recent university status belies a long tradition of technical and professional education in Brisbane.

QUT's defining characteristic is its 'Real World Learning' commitment — an explicit institutional philosophy that connects academic study to industry practice at every level of a degree. This is not marketing language: it shapes curriculum design, assessment formats, and the physical infrastructure of both campuses. QUT's Science and Engineering Centre at Gardens Point, its Creative Industries Precinct at Kelvin Grove, and its Law building all reflect an institution that designs learning environments around how disciplines actually function in practice.

QUT operates a co-operative education model in many of its Engineering, Business, and IT programs — students alternate between study and paid industry placements. Its graduate employment outcomes consistently rank among the strongest in Australia, driven by these deep employer relationships and a graduate cohort that arrives at the workforce with documented industry experience, not just academic credentials.

The university is also one of Australia's leaders in entrepreneurship and innovation education. The QUT Foundry — QUT's startup ecosystem — has produced dozens of successful ventures and connects students to mentors, seed funding, and co-working infrastructure from as early as first year.

Rankings and Strengths

Ranking System	2025 Position	Key Strengths
QS World University Rankings	#366	Law, Business, Engineering, Creative Arts & Design
Times Higher Education (THE)	Top 500	Industry income, graduate employability, teaching quality
Good Universities Guide	5 Stars — Graduate Employer	Consistently strong employer reputation scores
QS Graduate Employability	Top 500	Work-integrated learning outcomes, employer partnerships

Detail	Information
University Name	Queensland University of Technology
Abbreviation	QUT
Location	Gardens Point & Kelvin Grove, Brisbane QLD
Founded	1989 (predecessor institutions from 1849)
QS World Rank 2025	#366
Total Students	~50,000

Detail	Information
International Students	~12,000+
Official Website	qut.edu.au
Student Portal	QUT Studentlink (student.qut.edu.au)
LMS	Blackboard (qut.blackboard.com)
Main Library	QUT Library — Gardens Point & Kelvin Grove
Student Email	@qut.edu.au (students)
Academic Year	Semester-based (S1 + S2 + Summer)
Philosophy	Real World Learning — industry-integrated education

2. Campus Guide

■■ [CAMPUS MAP PLACEHOLDER — QUT Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove campus maps]

Campus	Location	Primary Use	Key Facilities
Gardens Point (GP)	Brisbane CBD, adjacent to Brisbane River, English Quay, South Bank	Business, Law, Engineering, Science, Built Environment	Science and Engineering Centre (SEC), QUT Law, QUT Library (Gardens Point)
Kelvin Grove (KG)	Inner north Brisbane, 3km from CBD	Creative Industries, Education, Health, Alternative Business	Creative Industries Precinct (CIP), QUT Health Clinics, QUT Library (Kelvin Grove)
Caboolture	Caboolture, Moreton Bay region (approx. 50km north of Brisbane)	Regional campus with strong community links	Nursing, Business, Health, Education
Online / Virtual	Digital delivery	Selected units and postgraduate programs	Blackboard LMS, virtual labs, recorded lectures, online support

Gardens Point Campus Highlights

- Science and Engineering Centre (SEC) — a landmark building housing world-class laboratories, maker spaces, and collaborative learning environments for STEM students
- QUT Law building — dedicated facility for QUT's Law School with moot courts, legal research resources, and industry clinic spaces
- QUT Library (Gardens Point) — research databases, group study rooms, computer labs, silent zones, 3D printing, 24/7 access in exam periods
- Student Guild (QUTG) — student union services, clubs, legal advice, food, events, and advocacy
- Brisbane River frontage — the campus boundary adjoins the Brisbane River and is walking distance from South Bank, QPAC, and the Gallery of Modern Art

Kelvin Grove Campus Highlights

- Creative Industries Precinct (CIP) — one of Australia's most significant creative industries clusters, housing film/TV studios, design labs, music production facilities, and journalism resources
- QUT Health Clinics — supervised student-run clinics providing low-cost optometry, podiatry, speech pathology, and allied health services
- Education precinct — dedicated facilities for QUT's Faculty of Education including classrooms, specialist labs, and placement coordination
- Urban Village — on-campus student accommodation at Kelvin Grove, within walking distance of all KG facilities

CAMPUS CONNECTION	Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove campuses are connected by the free 66 bus service (Cityhopper route) — approximately 10 minutes between campuses. If your program involves units at both campuses, factor this into your timetable planning in Studentlink.
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3. Faculties

QUT organises its academic programs across six Faculties. Your Faculty determines the assessment conventions, referencing styles, industry placement requirements, and student support contacts that shape your degree.

Faculty	Key Schools / Disciplines	Referencing	Common Assessments
QUT Business School	Accounting, Finance, Economics, Marketing, Management, Law, Business	APA 7, Harvard, AGLC 4	Case studies, business reports, reflective journals, essays
Creative Industries, Education & Social Justice	Journalism, Film, TV, Design, Fashion, Music, Creative Writing, Education, Social Work, Arts	APA 7, Chicago, MLA	Essays, portfolios, creative projects, reflective journals
Engineering (QUT Engineering)	Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, Aerospace, Chemical, Environmental, Software Engineering	IEEE, ASME, AGLC 4	Design projects, capstone projects, technical reports
Health	Nursing, Midwifery, Allied Health (Optometry, Podiatry, Speech, Physiotherapy)	APA 7, Vancouver, AGLC 4	Case studies, reflective practice, literature reviews, research papers
Law (QUT Law School)	Law, Justice, Criminology	AGLC 4	Problem questions (IRAC), legal essays, moots, seminars
Science (QUT Science)	Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Maths, Statistics, Physics, Earth Sciences	APA 7, IEEE, AGLC 4	Lab reports, research papers, essays, data analysis reports

4. Academic Calendar 2026

QUT operates on a two-semester system. Always confirm exact dates via the QUT website at qut.edu.au/study/academic-calendar — dates shift slightly each year.

Period	Approx. Dates 2026	Key Actions
Semester 1 Teaching	Late February – Late May	Enrol in units, attend O-Week, note Census Date
S1 Census Date	~4 weeks into Semester 1	Last day to withdraw without academic or financial penalty
S1 Study Vacation	1 week before exams	Revision — no new teaching
S1 Exam Period	Early–Late June	Check exam timetable via Studentlink 4 weeks prior
Mid-Year Break	July	Results released; Semester 2 enrolment opens
Semester 2 Teaching	Late July – Late October	Assessment deadlines; mid-semester submissions
S2 Census Date	~4 weeks into Semester 2	Same rules as S1 Census Date
S2 Exam Period	Early–Late November	All Semester 2 examinations
Summer Semester	Late November – February	Selected units only; intensive format
Graduation	April and December	Faculty-specific ceremonies; apply via Studentlink

CENSUS DATE

The Census Date (approximately four weeks into each semester) is the last day to withdraw without a Withdrawn Fail (WF) on your academic record and without incurring the full financial liability for the unit. Set a calendar reminder before Semester 1 begins.

5. Student Portals and Digital Systems

System	URL	What It Does
QUT Studentlink	student.qut.edu.au	Enrolment, timetable, results, fees, exam registration, graduation, student ID — you
Blackboard (LMS)	qut.blackboard.com	Unit content, lecture recordings, assignment submission, grades, announcements
QUT Library	library.qut.edu.au	Database access, e-books, referencing guides, room bookings, inter-library loans
HiQ (Student Support Hub)	hiq.qut.edu.au	One-stop student support: enrolment help, IT, financial, academic, international —
Student Email	@qut.edu.au (via Office 365)	Official communications. Check daily — critical for exam notifications, results, and
Turnitin	Via Blackboard submission	Plagiarism detection and similarity reporting for most written assessments
QUT IT Help	qut.edu.au/services/its	Password resets, VPN, software, hardware support
WiFi (Eduroam)	Campus-wide	Login with QUT credentials. Works at other universities globally.
QUT Virtual	virtual.qut.edu.au	Remote access to QUT's specialist software suite from your own device — SPSS

QUT VIRTUAL

QUT Virtual (virtual.qut.edu.au) is one of QUT's most useful but underused tools. It provides browser-based access to the full QUT software suite — including SPSS, MATLAB, AutoCAD, and Adobe CC — from any device, without needing to install anything or visit campus. Activate your account in Week 1.

6. Assignment Types Explained

QUT's Real World Learning philosophy means many assessments involve authentic industry tasks — not just theoretical analysis. This is particularly evident in Business (industry case studies), Engineering (real client design briefs), Creative Industries (industry-partnered projects), and Law (client clinic work).

Type	Length	Purpose	Key Conventions
Academic Essay	1,000–4,000w	Argue a position with evidence	Clear thesis, PEEL paragraphs, APA/Harvard citations, formal register
Business Report	1,500–4,000w	Present analysis, recommend action	Executive summary, numbered sections, headings, recommendations
Technical Report	1,500–5,000w	Document engineering/IT findings	Specifications, diagrams, results, discussion — IEEE
Lab Report	800–2,500w	Document experimental findings	Hypothesis, methods, results, discussion — APA or IEEE
Case Study	1,500–3,500w	Apply theory to a real scenario	Framework, evidence synthesis, clear conclusions
KIT (Knowledge & Information Task)	Varies	QUT-specific: integrates knowledge with digital skills	Verification with digital skills — be carefully
Literature Review	1,500–4,000w	Survey and synthesise research	Thematic — not source-by-source; identify gaps
Reflective Journal	500–2,000w	Analyse personal/professional practice	First person, reflective model (Gibbs/Kolb)
Design Portfolio	Varies	Document design process and outcomes	Visual documentation, rationale, iterative design decisions
Research Proposal	1,500–3,000w	Justify a research project	RQ, rationale, methodology, ethical considerations
Problem Question (Law)	500–3,000w	Apply legal rules to a scenario	IRAC: Issue, Rule, Application, Conclusion — AGLC 4
Industry Project / Capstone	Varies	Integrate program learning with real client brief	Client presentation, artefact — client and marker assessed
Thesis (Honours/PG)	15,000–50,000w	Original research contribution	Full research process; supervised over one to two years

REAL WORLD ASSESSMENT

Many QUT assessments — particularly in Business, Engineering, and Creative Industries — are assessed by industry partners as well as academic staff. This means professional standards (presentation, communication, timelines) are part of the marking criteria alongside academic content. Treat industry-partnered assessments as you would a real client deliverable.

7. Grading System and GPA

QUT uses the standard Australian university grading system with letter grades and corresponding mark ranges. The GPA is calculated on a 7-point scale — which makes QUT's system directly comparable to UQ's, and different from the 4.0-scale used by RMIT and Deakin.

Grade	GPA	Mark %	Descriptor	What It Means
7 — High Distinction	7.0	85–100%	Outstanding	Exceptional work exceeding all criteria. Deep analytical understanding.
6 — Distinction	6.0	75–84%	Excellent	Exceeds most criteria. Strong scholarly and analytical quality.
5 — Credit	5.0	65–74%	Good	Meets all criteria well. Solid work above the minimum pass standard.
4 — Pass	4.0	50–64%	Satisfactory	Meets minimum requirements. Unit passed.
3 — Marginal Fail	0.0	45–49%	Near pass	Did not pass. May be eligible for supplementary assessment.
2 — Fail	0.0	25–44%	Fail	Did not meet requirements. Re-enrolment required.
1 — Low Fail	0.0	0–24%	Low Fail	Significantly below requirements.
WN — Withdrawn	—	—	No penalty	Withdrew before Census Date. No transcript record; no financial liability.
WF — Withdrawn Fail	0.0	—	Recorded	Withdrew after Census Date. WF on transcript; financially liable.

GPA Range	Equivalent Band	Common Implications
6.5–7.0	HD average	Vice-Chancellor's List, scholarship eligibility, strong Honours candidacy
5.5–6.4	Distinction average	Honours entry (most faculties), competitive scholarships, graduate programs
4.5–5.4	Credit average	Most graduate programs; exchange eligibility
4.0–4.4	Pass average	Graduated. May limit Honours and some graduate entry.

GPA SCALE NOTE

QUT uses a 7-point GPA scale — the same structure as UQ. A grade of 7 is High Distinction (85%+), 4 is Pass (50–64%). This is different from Deakin and RMIT which use a 4.0 scale. If you are comparing your QUT GPA with students from other universities, confirm which scale each institution uses.

8. Referencing at QUT

QUT does not mandate a single referencing style. Each unit specifies its required style in the Unit Outline (available on Blackboard). The QUT cite|write tool (cite.qut.edu.au) is one of Australia's best free online referencing guides — use it.

Style	Used In	In-Text Format	Reference List
APA 7th Edition	Health, Nursing, Psychology, Education, Science, some Business	(Author, Year, page)	Alphabetical; DOI required where available
Harvard (Author-Date)	Business, Management, Marketing, Arts, Social Sciences	(Author, Year)	Alphabetical; publisher details required
AGLC 4	QUT Law School — all law assessments	Footnotes; short form after first citation	Bibliographical end; strict legal conventions
IEEE	Engineering, Computer Science, IT, [CITE] Security	[1], [2] in order of appearance	Numbered list matching in-text order
Chicago Author-Date	Journalism, Communication, some Creative Industries	(Author, Year)	Reference list alphabetical
Vancouver	Some Nursing and Health Science units	(1) in order of appearance	Numbered list; medical journal conventions

APA 7 Quick Examples

Journal article (in-text): (Wong & Smith, 2023, p. 45)

Journal article (reference list): Wong, A., & Smith, B. (2023). Academic integrity in Australian universities. *Higher Education Research*, 18(2), 40–58. <https://doi.org/10.xxxx>

Book: (Brown, 2021, p. 112) | Brown, M. (2021). *Critical thinking in academic contexts* (3rd ed.). Oxford University Press.

QUT cite|write: The QUT cite|write tool at cite.qut.edu.au provides interactive examples for every referencing style used at QUT. It is faculty-built and QUT-specific — more reliable than generic referencing tools.

Common Referencing Mistakes

Mistake	Fix
Not checking the unit outline for required style	Check Blackboard Unit Outline before every assessment — styles vary by unit
Missing DOI in APA 7	Include https://doi.org/xxxx whenever a DOI exists
No page numbers on direct quotes	Add p. # for every direct quote in APA 7 and Harvard
Using et al. for only two authors (APA 7)	et al. applies from three authors — list both surnames for two-author works
Hanging indent missing in reference list	First line flush; subsequent lines indented 1.27cm in APA 7 and Harvard
Not using QUT cite write	cite.qut.edu.au is QUT-specific and more reliable than generic tools like EasyBib

9. Academic Integrity

QUT takes academic integrity seriously under its Student Rules and Academic Integrity Policy. Penalties range from a mark reduction to exclusion from the university. Contract cheating — having a third party complete your work — is treated as a serious offence with significant consequences.

Misconduct Type	Definition	Examples	Penalty Range
Plagiarism	Using another's work or ideas without acknowledgement	Copying text verbatim; paraphrasing without citation	Marked as plagiarism; fail, notation, suspension
Collusion	Unauthorised collaboration on individual work	Sharing answers; jointly written work submitted as individual	Both parties penalised — same range
Contract Cheating	Third party completes assessment on your behalf	Essay mills; prohibited AI-generated work; ghostwriting	Serious suspension or exclusion; professional misconduct
Fabrication	Inventing or falsifying data or sources	Fake results; invented citations; false research	Serious — typically zero grade and formal action
Self-Plagiarism	Reusing prior work without disclosure	Resubmitting a previous unit's assignment without approval	Treated as plagiarism — each unit requires its own policy

AI Policy at QUT

QUT's policy on generative AI is unit-specific. Each unit outline specifies whether AI use is prohibited, partially permitted with disclosure, or unrestricted for a given assessment. Where AI is used and disclosure is required, QUT expects a formal AI attribution statement naming the tool, how it was used, and what was done with the output. Turnitin's AI detection tool is used across QUT's written assessments.

Submitting AI-generated work in a unit where AI is prohibited constitutes contract cheating. This is distinct from a referencing error — it carries serious misconduct penalties. If you are uncertain about what is permitted in your unit, email your unit coordinator before starting the assessment.

INTEGRITY CHECK	Before every submission: (1) cited every source including paraphrased ideas? (2) direct quotes in quotation marks with page numbers? (3) Turnitin draft reviewed? (4) wrote this yourself, or if AI was used, is it permitted and properly disclosed? All four yes before you submit.
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10. Student Support Services

QUT's HiQ (Help is Here) model centralises student support across academic, administrative, financial, IT, and wellbeing services into single hub locations at both main campuses — reducing the navigation burden of finding the right service.

Service	What They Do	Access
HiQ Student Hub	Central support: enrolment, IT, financial, general academic queries	On-campus: Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove Online: qut.edu.au/hiq
QUT Counselling and Psychological Services	Personalised counselling, mental health support, crisis appointments	qut.edu.au/counselling
Disability and Inclusion	Reasonable adjustments: extended exam time, alternative formats	qut.edu.au/disability
QUT Library (Research Skills)	Database training, referencing workshops, literature search support	qut.edu.au/library
Academic Language and Learning (ALL)	Writing, English language support, study skills workshops	qut.edu.au/all
QUT Careers and Employability	Resume reviews, mock interviews, career fairs, LinkedIn, graduate programs	qut.edu.au/careers
Financial Support	Emergency bursaries, fee assistance, HECS-HELP guidance, scholarships	qut.edu.au/financial
International Student Office	Visa guidance (general), OSHC, cultural transition, community events	qut.edu.au/international
QUT Guild	Student union: clubs, events, free legal advice, advocacy, food	qutguild.com
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Services	Academic, cultural, and personal support	qut.edu.au/oodgeroo

MENTAL HEALTH

QUT Counselling operates same-day urgent appointments. After hours: Lifeline 13 11 14, Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636, QUT Security 3138 8888 (24 hours). You do not need to be in crisis to make a counselling appointment — early support is always more effective.

11. International Student Guide

QUT hosts approximately 12,000+ international students from more than 100 countries. The Gardens Point campus location — in Brisbane's CBD and adjacent to South Bank's cultural precinct — makes it one of the most accessible and well-located campuses in Australia for international students.

Topic	What You Need to Know
Student Visa (Subclass 501)	Required before arrival. Full-time study required (75% completion rate). Notify QUT of address changes within 7 days.
OSHC	Overseas Student Health Cover is mandatory throughout your visa period. QUT's providers include Bupa and MGA.
Accommodation	No large residential colleges at Gardens Point. Kelvin Grove Urban Village (on-campus at KG), private rental in the city, or homestay.
Bank Account	Open with Commonwealth Bank, ANZ, Westpac, or NAB. Bring: passport, visa grant notice, QUT enrolment confirmation.
Tax File Number (TFN)	Required before you can legally work in Australia. Apply at ato.gov.au . Processing takes 2–4 weeks.
Work Rights	Student visa: 48 hours per fortnight during semester; unlimited during scheduled study breaks. Check your visa conditions.
Transport (Brisbane)	go card for buses, trains, and ferries. Gardens Point is in the Brisbane CBD — free Loop bus and City Hopper ferries.
Living Costs	Brisbane is generally less expensive than Sydney or Melbourne. Budget approximately AUD \$1,700–\$2,500/month.
Emergency Contacts	Police/Fire/Ambulance: 000. QUT Security: 3138 8888 (24 hours). Lifeline: 13 11 14. Save these before arriving.

12. How to Score HD at QUT

QUT's HD threshold is 85% — the same as USyd and UQ, and higher than Deakin (80%) and RMIT (80%). A grade of 7 at QUT represents outstanding work that exceeds all stated criteria. The students who achieve it consistently are not necessarily the most naturally talented — they are the most systematic.

Stage	What HD Students Do	Common Gap
Task Analysis	Read the unit outline assessment criteria before writing. Identify the key points of the task.	Starting without reading the entire task or the unit brief.
Research	Use QUT Library databases (Scopus, Web of Science, CINAHL, IEEE Xplore). Check significantly beyond required reading.	Researching only required reading.
Critical Thinking	Evaluate, don't just describe. Identify contested claims in the literature.	Not taking a clear position or not supporting it with evidence.
Structure	Explicit thesis or central claim. PEEL paragraph structure. Every paragraph has a clear purpose and links back to the main argument.	Paragraphs that are not clearly structured or do not link back to the main argument.
Evidence	Integrate sources to support your analysis. Paraphrase with attribution.	Over-directing sources listed but not analysed or explained.
Referencing	Zero errors. Correct style throughout. Every DOI included. Hanging indented correctly.	Inconsistent or inconsistent DOIs; wrong style throughout.
Editing	Minimum 24 hours between final draft and submission. Read aloud.	Submitting the first or second draft.
Submission	Submit 24 hours early via Blackboard. Confirm file opens correctly in the submission system.	Submitting at the deadline.

13. Common Assignment Mistakes

Mistake	Why It Costs Marks	Fix
Not reading the unit outline	Wrong format, wrong referencing style, missed requirements	Read the Blackboard unit outline before starting any assessment
Description instead of analysis	Stating what happened without explaining what it means	After every claim: 'This demonstrates...' / 'This suggests...' / 'This indicates...'
No thesis statement	Essay lacks argumentative direction; marked as descriptive	Create a thesis statement at the end of your introduction stating your purpose
Over-quoting	Signals insufficient processing of sources; reduces space for your own analysis	Paraphrase and quote directly when exact wording is essential
Wrong referencing style	Easy marks lost; signals failure to read the unit outline	Check Blackboard unit outline before every assessment; use cite.
Late submission without extension	QUT applies a late penalty from the minute after the deadline	Submit early; apply for extension before the deadline, not after
Ignoring assessment feedback	Same mistakes repeat in subsequent assessments	Read all feedback before starting the next piece; act on it explicitly
Misunderstanding 'critical'	Students treat 'critical' as finding fault. It means critically evaluating	Critically is systematically evaluating strengths and weaknesses of
Wrong file format uploaded	Blackboard may not render PAGES, NUMBERS, or other non-standard files	Save as PDF. For standard files, your unit specifies otherwise; test

14. Study Resources and Software

QUT Library provides access to thousands of research databases and e-resources at library.qut.edu.au. All resources are accessible off-campus with your QUT login. QUT Virtual (virtual.qut.edu.au) provides remote browser-based access to specialist software without installation.

Resource / Software	Best For	Access
Scopus	Peer-reviewed literature, citation analysis, research metrics	QUT Library → Databases
Web of Science	Multidisciplinary research, journal rankings, citation tracking	QUT Library → Databases
CINAHL Complete	Nursing, allied health, health science research	QUT Library → Databases (key for Health students)
IEEE Xplore	Engineering, IT, electronics peer-reviewed content	QUT Library → Databases
JSTOR	Humanities, Social Sciences, Arts journal archive	QUT Library → Databases
ScienceDirect	Science, technology, medicine	QUT Library → Databases
Westlaw AU / LexisNexis	Australian case law, legislation, legal commentary	QUT Library → Law Databases (Law students)
QUT cite write	Interactive referencing guide — APA 7, Harvard, IEEE, Chicago	Free, QUT-built, highly accurate
SPSS Statistics	Quantitative data analysis and statistical testing	QUT Virtual or QUT IT Help Desk
R + RStudio	Statistical computing, data visualisation	Free open-source
Python (Anaconda)	Data science, machine learning, scripting	Free open-source
MATLAB	Numerical computing, engineering simulation	QUT Virtual + site licence
AutoCAD / Revit	Technical drawing, architectural design, BIM	QUT Virtual + Autodesk student licence (free)
Adobe Creative Cloud	Design, video, photography, web — Creative Industries	QUT lab access + student pricing
NVivo	Qualitative data analysis, coding	QUT Virtual
EndNote / Zotero	Reference management (Zotero recommended — free)	EndNote via QUT; Zotero at zotero.org
Microsoft 365	Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Teams — free via QUT login	Free for all enrolled students

15. Student Life

Accommodation

Option	Approx. Weekly Cost (2026)	Notes
Kelvin Grove Urban Village (On-campus)	AUD \$170–\$450/week	On-campus at KG. Studios and shared apartments. Apply early — fills fast for S
Private Rental — Brisbane inner suburbs	AUD \$220–\$380/week pp	South Brisbane, West End, Fortitude Valley, Spring Hill, Toowong. 10–25 min b
Private Rental — outer suburbs	AUD \$160–\$280/week pp	More affordable; longer commute. Good PT connections from many suburbs.
Homestay	AUD \$250–\$370/week	Organised via QUT International. Popular with new international students.

Transport — Brisbane

Gardens Point campus is in Brisbane's CBD — arguably the best-located university campus in Queensland. Roma Street, Central, and South Bank train stations are within 10 minutes' walk. The free City Loop bus circles the CBD. The CityCat ferry terminal at South Bank is a 5-minute walk from Gardens Point. A go card covers all buses, trains, and ferries.

Kelvin Grove is 3km from the CBD. The 66 bus connects KG directly to Gardens Point (approximately 10 minutes). The 375 and 340 bus routes connect to the broader Brisbane network.

Budget Guide

Expense	Approx. Monthly (AUD)
Accommodation (shared, inner Brisbane)	\$900–\$1,600
Groceries and food at home	\$280–\$460
Eating out and coffee (moderate)	\$130–\$280
Transport (go card, all modes)	\$80–\$160
Phone plan	\$25–\$55
Entertainment and social	\$100–\$250
Estimated Total	AUD \$1,600–\$2,800/month

Student Clubs and QUT Guild

The QUT Guild (qutguild.com) supports more than 130 clubs and societies spanning academic, professional, cultural, sporting, and social interests. QUT also has a strong industry-connected club culture — many faculty-aligned clubs run speaker series, networking events, and industry site visits that are genuinely career-useful. Join via qutguild.com.

QUT's Sport is available at both campuses — gym, group fitness, aquatics, and multi-sport courts. Student membership rates apply. The GP campus gym and the Kelvin Grove Sport Centre are both accessible to all enrolled QUT students.

16. Sample Assignment Topics by Faculty

These topics reflect the kinds of assessment questions QUT students encounter. They are orientation examples — not actual QUT assessment tasks.

#	Faculty / Discipline	Sample Assignment Topic	Type
1	Business / Management	Critically evaluate how servant leadership theory applies to the management of challenges faced by Queensland	Essay
2	Business / Marketing	Develop an integrated marketing communications strategy for a Brisbane-based business-to-business technology startup en	Business Plan
3	Business / Accounting	Analyse the implications of AASB 16 (Leases) on the balance sheet and income statement of a publicly listed	Report
4	Business / Entrepreneurship	Develop a business model canvas, financial model, and go-to-market strategy for a business plan for a startup company	Business Plan
5	Law (QUT Law School)	The respondent signed a contract under economic duress. Advise the respondent on their rights to rescind	Problem Question
6	Law (QUT Law School)	To what extent has the High Court's interpretation of native title in cases following <i>Mabo</i> shaped the bound	Legal Essay
7	Engineering / Civil	Design a reinforced concrete slab for a 3-storey commercial building in Brisbane. Design Report AS 3600 require	Design Report
8	Engineering / Software	Design and implement a secure RESTful API for a hospital patient records management system. Include a	Technical System
9	Engineering / Electrical	Compare three MPPT (Maximum Power Point Tracking) algorithms for a grid-connected PV photovoltaic	Technical Report
10	Creative Industries / Journalism	Analyse the framing of the 2024 Queensland state election across three major Australian news outlets using	Research Essay
11	Creative Industries / Design	Document the design process for a wayfinding and signage system for a Brisbane public health facility. Inc	Design Portfolio
12	Education	Critically evaluate the effectiveness of explicit instruction as a pedagogical strategy for enhancing reading co	Critical Essay
13	Health / Nursing	Using Gibbs' Reflective Cycle, reflect on a clinical placement interaction that challenged your understanding	Reflective Essay
14	Health / Paramedicine	Describe the clinical assessment, diagnosis, and pre-hospital management of a patient with acute	Clinical Case Report
15	Science / Psychology	Critically evaluate the evidence for eye movement desensitisation and reprocessing (EMDR) as a treatment	Essay (E/DP)
16	Science / Cyber Security	Conduct a comprehensive threat model for a Queensland government cloud infrastructure deployment. Ap	Technical Report
17	Science / Data Science	Using a publicly available Australian dataset, apply classification and regression techniques to predict a meani	Technical Report
18	Health / Public Health	Critically assess Queensland's existing skin cancer prevention initiatives against a theoretical sociological mod	Policy Analysis

17. Frequently Asked Questions

Q1: What is QUT's 'Real World Learning' philosophy?

Real World Learning is QUT's institutional commitment to connecting academic study with industry practice. In practice this means: assessments that mirror real industry tasks (client briefs, industry reports, clinical scenarios), co-operative education placements in Engineering and some Business programs, industry mentors embedded in units, and a graduate profile that emphasises work-ready skills alongside academic knowledge. It shapes curriculum design, physical infrastructure, and how employers perceive QUT graduates.

Q2: What is QUT Studentlink and how is it different from Blackboard?

QUT Studentlink (student.qut.edu.au) is your student administration portal — for enrolment, results, fees, timetable management, exam registration, and graduation. Blackboard (qut.blackboard.com) is your Learning Management System — for unit content, lecture recordings, assignment submission, grades, and lecturer announcements. You need both; they handle entirely different functions.

Q3: What is the QUT cite|write tool?

QUT cite|write (cite.qut.edu.au) is QUT's own online referencing guide, built and maintained by QUT Library staff. It provides interactive examples for all referencing styles used at QUT — APA 7, Harvard, IEEE, AGLC 4, Chicago — with QUT-specific guidance and common examples. It is more accurate and more current than generic referencing tools like EasyBib or Citation Machine. Use it for every assignment.

Q4: What is the HiQ student hub?

HiQ is QUT's one-stop student support hub — a physical and online service point that handles enrolment queries, IT issues, financial matters, academic enquiries, and general student support. Instead of being sent to five different offices, HiQ is designed to resolve most student issues in one location. Find it at Gardens Point B Block and Kelvin Grove B Block, or online at hiq.qut.edu.au.

Q5: What is QUT Virtual?

QUT Virtual (virtual.qut.edu.au) provides browser-based remote access to QUT's specialist software — including SPSS, MATLAB, AutoCAD, Revit, NVivo, and more — without requiring installation on your personal device. Activate your account in Week 1 of Semester 1. It is particularly useful for students who need specialist software but do not want to visit campus every time they use it.

Q6: What is the Census Date and what happens after it?

The Census Date falls approximately four weeks into each semester. Before it, you can withdraw from a unit without the unit appearing on your academic transcript and without financial liability. After the Census Date, withdrawal results in a Withdrawn Fail (WF) on your transcript and full financial liability for the unit. Mark it in your diary before Semester 1 begins.

Q7: What happens if I submit an assignment late at QUT?

QUT's standard late penalty is 5% of the total available marks per business day late, up to a maximum (often 50% of the total marks), after which a zero typically applies. Some units have stricter policies — check your unit outline on Blackboard. If you have a genuine medical or compassionate reason, apply for an extension via Studentlink before the deadline.

Q8: How do I apply for an extension at QUT?

Apply for an extension of time via QUT Studentlink → Assessment → Extension of Time. Extensions are not automatic — you need to demonstrate a genuine reason with supporting documentation. Apply before the deadline, not after. Approved extensions grant additional time without late penalty.

Q9: What referencing style does QUT Law School use?

AGLC 4 (Australian Guide to Legal Citation, 4th edition) — exclusively. AGLC 4 is used for all QUT Law assessments and is not interchangeable with APA, Harvard, or any other style. The QUT Law Library and QUT cite|write both provide AGLC 4 guides tailored to QUT's requirements.

Q10: Can I use AI tools for my QUT assignments?

Only if your unit outline explicitly permits it for that specific assessment. QUT's AI policy is unit-specific. Where AI is permitted and used, you must include a formal attribution statement. Where it is prohibited, submitting AI-generated content constitutes contract cheating — a serious academic integrity breach. If you are unsure, email your unit coordinator before starting.

Q11: What is QUT's grading scale and how does it compare to other universities?

QUT uses a 7-point GPA scale: 7 = HD (85%+), 6 = Distinction (75–84%), 5 = Credit (65–74%), 4 = Pass (50–64%). This is the same scale structure as UQ. It differs from Deakin and RMIT (4.0 scale) and from USyd (WAM-based). QUT's HD threshold is 85% — higher than Deakin and RMIT where HD starts at 80%.

Q12: What is the QUT Guild?

QUT Guild (qutguild.com) is the student union. It provides free legal advice (for tenancy, employment, consumer matters), welfare support, a food pantry, student clubs administration, events, and student advocacy. It operates at both main campuses. All enrolled QUT students are eligible for Guild membership and services.

Q13: What support is available for students with disability at QUT?

QUT's Disability and Inclusion office provides reasonable adjustments for students with a disability, chronic illness, or mental health condition. Adjustments may include extended exam time, alternative exam formats, flexible submission arrangements, and assistive technology support. Register at the beginning of your first semester — before assessments, not after. Access via qut.edu.au/disability or HiQ.

Q14: How does QUT's co-operative education program work?

Co-operative (co-op) education in QUT's Engineering programs involves students alternating between semesters of full-time study and semesters of paid industry placement. This extends the degree by one year but provides substantial documented work experience and frequently leads directly to graduate employment. Ask about co-op eligibility in your Engineering program orientation.

Q15: What is the Oodgeroo Unit at QUT?

The Oodgeroo Unit provides dedicated academic, cultural, and personal support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at QUT. Services include academic mentoring, cultural connection, scholarship advice, and welfare support. Available to students at both main campuses. Contact via qut.edu.au/oodgeroo.

Q16: How do I get a go card for Brisbane public transport?

Purchase a go card at any train station, busway station, or 7-Eleven. Top up online at translink.com.au or at any top-up point. A go card provides discounted fares (compared to single-trip tickets) on all buses, trains, and ferries in South-East Queensland. Full-time students may be eligible for a concession go card — apply at a Translink Customer Service Centre with your QUT student ID and enrolment certificate.

Q17: How do I appeal a grade at QUT?

First, request an informal review and feedback from your unit coordinator within 10 business days of the grade release. If unresolved, submit a formal Assessment Review application via QUT Studentlink. Valid grounds are marking errors, failure to apply the stated rubric, or administrative errors. General disagreement with the grade is not a valid ground for formal review.

Q18: What happens if I fail a unit at QUT?

A fail (grade 1, 2, or 3) is recorded on your transcript and contributes 0.0 to your GPA calculation. You must re-enrol in the failed unit or apply for an approved substitute. Failing multiple units in a semester may trigger an Academic Progress review. Contact your Faculty Student Adviser as soon as results are released if you are

concerned.

Q19: What is the QUT Foundry?

QUT Foundry is QUT's entrepreneurship and startup ecosystem. It provides co-working space, mentoring, workshops, networking events, and access to seed funding opportunities for students with entrepreneurial ambitions. It is open to students from all faculties and years of study. Access via qut.edu.au/research/foundry.

Q20: How do international students access healthcare in Brisbane?

International students must hold Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the full duration of their student visa. OSHC covers most GP visits and emergencies. QUT's Health Services at both campuses also provide GP, mental health, and allied health services to students. Bring your OSHC card and student ID to appointments.

Q21: What is QUT's Academic Integrity Policy?

QUT's Academic Integrity Policy (part of the QUT Student Rules) sets out the standards of honest, ethical academic conduct expected of all students. It defines plagiarism, collusion, contract cheating, fabrication, and other forms of misconduct, and specifies the penalty range for each. Read it in full at qut.edu.au — it is your responsibility to understand it.

Q22: Does QUT offer scholarships?

Yes. QUT offers scholarships through the central Scholarships Office at student.qut.edu.au/scholarships. Types include entry scholarships (ATAR/equivalent), merit scholarships (academic performance), equity scholarships (financial or personal circumstances), and research scholarships (Honours, Masters, PhD). Apply to every scholarship for which you meet the eligibility criteria — many receive few applications relative to their value.

Q23: What is QUT's postgraduate research offering?

QUT offers Honours, Masters by Research, and PhD programs across all Faculties. Entry to Honours typically requires a GPA of 5.0+ (Credit average on the 7-point scale) and Faculty approval of a research topic and supervisor. PhD entry generally requires a completed Honours or Masters by Research. QUT Research (research.qut.edu.au) has current project listings and supervisor profiles.

Q24: How do I access Microsoft 365 as a QUT student?

Log in at office.com using your QUT student email address (@qut.edu.au). This provides access to the full Microsoft 365 suite — Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Teams, OneDrive — plus 1TB of cloud storage. Download the desktop applications or use them in-browser. Access continues while you are enrolled; download or transfer OneDrive files before graduation.

Q25: What is the difference between Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove campuses?

Gardens Point (GP) is in Brisbane's CBD — home to QUT Business School, Engineering, Science, Law, and IT. It has a river frontage, proximity to cultural institutions, and easy PT access. Kelvin Grove (KG) is 3km north — home to Creative Industries, Education, and Health. It has on-campus student housing (Urban Village), health clinics, and the Creative Industries Precinct. Many students study at both campuses across their degree.

Q26: What free legal advice is available to QUT students?

QUT Guild provides a free legal advice service (qutguild.com/legal) for enrolled students covering tenancy disputes, employment issues, consumer matters, and general legal questions. For law-specific academic questions, QUT Law students can also access the QUT Law Community Clinic for guidance. Free legal advice does not extend to criminal matters.

Q27: Is Brisbane an affordable city for students?

Brisbane is generally more affordable than Sydney or Melbourne for accommodation and daily living. The City of Brisbane has undergone significant infrastructure investment ahead of the 2032 Olympic Games, which has driven some price increases — particularly in accommodation. Budget approximately AUD \$1,600–\$2,800/month depending on lifestyle and accommodation choice. Geographically compact city means transport costs are

moderate.

Q28: What happens if I need to take leave from my degree at QUT?

Apply for Leave of Absence via QUT Studentlink. Leave can typically be granted for one or two semesters and must be approved by your Faculty. International students should seek advice from the International Student Office before applying — leave affects your student visa conditions and Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE). During approved leave, you are not enrolled and cannot access QUT services as an active student.

18. Need Academic Tutoring?

QUT's Real World Learning model means assessments are often more complex and multi-layered than at traditional universities — industry briefs, client-assessed projects, co-op work reports, and integrated capstone deliverables sit alongside standard essays and exams. The writing and analytical standards expected are high, particularly in Business, Law, Engineering, and Health.

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