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What's On in the Next Few Weeks

[The GiST | Pathways to careers in space](#)

November 20, 2023

This webinar focuses on the experiences of two women who have studied and worked in the space industry. Careers in space are vast, varied and the Australian space sector is thriving. Find out more about what a job in this sector might look like.

Dr Vienna Tran, a medical doctor, has a dream to pursue a road less travelled: space medicine. She is a Designated Aviation Medical Examiner and has worked for the Australian Space Agency. She has published research on the use artificial gravity to maintain the muscle health of astronauts.

Tully Mahr aspired to be an astronaut right through her secondary schooling; her recent acceptance into an internship at NASA has brought her closer to her goals than ever before. Tully is a Gundungurra woman interested in bridging Indigenous knowledge with advanced engineering concepts.

[Find out more](#)

[Flinders | Extension Studies Information Webinar](#)

November 20, 2023

The Extension Studies Program provides a taste of university life for high-achieving South Australian senior secondary school students while also giving the opportunity to complement and extend their SACE or International Baccalaureate studies.

In this webinar you will have the opportunity to hear about the application process, topics available, and updates for the 2024 Flinders University Extension Studies program. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

[Find out more](#)

[University of Adelaide | Annual Geography, Environment and Population Workshop](#)

November 22, 2023

How will climate change impact on our favourite places? The concepts of 'place' and 'climate change adaptation' will be introduced in this workshop.

Students will be led through a discussion of how climate change might impact on places that they know well in South Australia, and how we might need to adapt those places to a changing climate.

[Find out more](#)

[UniSA | Degree Information Sessions](#)

November 28 to December 14, 2023

Step on campus or book a 1:1 appointment online to learn more about your preferred degree, hear what's new and chat with academic experts. Our degree information sessions will be held across November and December.

[Find out more](#)

[The GiST | Leverage the E in STEM in primary schools](#)

November 29, 2023

"Young children are natural engineers. They're very creative, they can follow directions, they naturally want to learn about their environment, they are very curious. They'll explore, they'll build, they'll construct and that's all part of engineering."

Professor Lyn English will explore some of the learning affordances of early engineering experiences and how they integrate meaningfully and naturally within early STEM and STEAM curricula in primary schools in Australia including within Maths and in the innovative design-based problem-solving featured within the Design and Technologies Curriculum.

[Find out more](#)

Important Future Events

[Academic Insights Program](#)

January 3 to January 13, 2024

Our Summer School in Sydney is a unique opportunity for you to live and study in the highest ranked university in Australia for graduate employability.

This immersive Academic Insights summer programme provides ambitious high school students from around the world with an unrivalled experience studying undergraduate-level subjects at the University of Sydney.

In enrolling in this programme, you'll benefit from expert teaching, blended with admissions sessions and essential skill development. Each subject follows a specifically-designed summer school syllabus combining theoretical knowledge with practical application.

Immerse Education tutors from the world-leading university of Oxford and Cambridge will support students in forming a strong foundational knowledge, understanding, and skillset within their field of interest. Students will uncover their academic potential, by choosing from the below subjects.

- Medicine
- Engineering
- Business Management
- Creative Writing
- International Relations
- Psychology
- Veterinary Studies

[Find out more](#)

Scholarships

[Preparing for a scholarship interview](#)

Sometimes as part of the scholarship application process, you'll need to attend an interview. While the prospect can be nerve-wracking, with proper preparation, you can feel more

confident going in. In this blog, we'll walk you through valuable tips on preparing for scholarship interviews, addressing common questions, and strategies to make a lasting impression.

Research the scholarship

Before stepping into the interview room, familiarise yourself with the scholarship and the organisation offering it. Understand their mission, values, and the specific criteria they are looking for in a candidate. This way, you can tailor your responses to align with the scholarship's goals, demonstrating your genuine interest.

Know your achievements

Prepare a list of your achievements, both academically and extracurricularly – this could be times where you showed leadership, resilience, or your commitment to community service. Use real life examples to illustrate your skills and experiences so it's easier for the interviewers to see your potential.

Anticipate common questions

While every scholarship interview is unique, there are certain questions that tend to pop up commonly. Here are some things you should be ready to discuss:

- Your educational goals
- Your career aspirations
- How the scholarship aligns with your ambitions
- Your strengths and weaknesses
- How you've overcome challenges

Practice your responses to these questions so you're confident by the time the interview rolls around.

Present yourself confidently

Confidence is key during any interview. Practice maintaining eye contact, offering a firm handshake, and sitting up straight. These non-verbal cues help convey self-assurance and professionalism. And don't forget to smile!

Develop your elevator pitch

Craft a concise and compelling pitch that highlights your key achievements, goals, and why you are the ideal candidate for the scholarship. Try to keep it under two minutes, ensuring that it captivates the interviewers' attention and leaves a lasting impression.

Prepare your own questions

A great way to show your interest in the scholarship is by preparing your own thoughtful questions for the interviewers. Ask about the impact of the scholarship on previous recipients, or seek advice on how to make the most of the opportunities it provides. This demonstrates your proactive approach and eagerness to learn.

Find out more

Remember, the interview is your opportunity to showcase your potential – and it's totally OK if you're feeling nervous! Developing good interview skills will help you later down the track when applying for other opportunities, such as internships and jobs.

You can read more blogs about scholarships and search for opportunities on our website [here](#).

Apprenticeships and Traineeships

[The impact of technology on apprenticeships](#)

Technology has changed so many parts of our lives – including the way we work. And this also includes apprenticeships. We're going to take a look at the impact of technology on apprenticeships today, and how you can adapt and be prepared with future-proof skills.

The evolution of apprenticeships

Apprenticeships have been around for a [long, long time](#). Traditionally, they involved hands-on experience in traditional trade areas, such as building, craftsmanship, and cooking. Trade areas have grown over time to include things like engineering, plumbing, electrical, healthcare, and more.

But the emergence of digital tools and automation has changed skills that are essential in the workforce; and therefore changed what we need to learn through apprenticeships in order to be ready for work. While technical knowledge and experience is still valuable, workers need to have a much broader set of skills to succeed today.

Digital literacy is key

While apprenticeships previously focused on mastering manual skills, there is a growing demand for [digital literacy](#). No matter what your job is, you're probably going to need to use a variety of different technologies in your day-to-day work.

This means apprentices also need to be able to use a variety of software and hardware, understand basic tech concepts, and be able to adapt to evolving technologies. A solid foundation in digital literacy is now considered a fundamental skill for any apprentice.

Remote apprenticeships?

Advancements in technology have also paved the way for [remote apprenticeships](#); this means anyone can learn and collaborate from almost anywhere in the world. But to access these opportunities, apprentices need to be able to use virtual collaboration tools (like Zoom), and have a variety of basic digital literacy skills.

Most notably, this shift brings flexibility and accessibility to the forefront, allowing apprentices to connect with mentors and peers regardless of their location.

Embracing automation and AI

The integration of automation and artificial intelligence (AI) has not only changed the way we work, but has also influenced the skills apprentices need to thrive. Apprenticeships are more commonly including [exposure to automated processes and AI-driven tools](#), meaning apprentices to adapt and understand these technologies.

Soft skills for success

While technical skills are undoubtedly important, [soft skills](#) are becoming increasingly valuable too. Effective communication, adaptability, and critical thinking are skills that employers value no matter what job you're applying for.

Apprentices are encouraged to hone these skills as they navigate the complexities of the modern workplace, collaborating with diverse teams and adapting to the ever-changing demands of the digital economy.

Find out more

Because of the impact of technology on apprenticeships, learners should embrace digital literacy, remote collaboration, and an understanding of automation and AI. Learning both technical and soft skills will allow you to not only thrive in your current role, but also prepare you for the future – no matter where it might take you.

Read more about apprenticeships and traineeships on our website [here](#).

Getting Ready for Work

[Jobs in disaster relief: Careers that make a difference](#)

Over the past few years, the need for disaster relief professionals has become increasingly evident. From hurricanes and earthquakes to global health crises and wars, people with a passion for helping others during tough times can find meaningful and impactful careers in the field of disaster relief. If you're ready to roll up your sleeves and make an impact on people's lives, we have some jobs in disaster relief that might interest you.

Emergency response teams

If you picture yourself being the first on the scene, helping out right after a disaster hits, this might be your calling. You could be providing emergency care to those in need, battling blazes, saving lives, and keeping calm under pressure. And even if being in the midst of the action isn't for you, there's roles in logistics too – coordinating resources, managing teams, and making sure everyone has what they need.

Teamwork, resilience, adaptability, and the ability to think quickly are key in any of these roles.

Humanitarian aid and development

If you're committed to making long-term change, humanitarian aid and development could be more for you. Organisations like the United Nations and various non-profits work towards rebuilding communities affected by disasters. You could be rebuilding communities, leading organisation efforts, allocating supplies, and helping people get back on their feet.

If you're organised, creative, and passionate about making a difference, this might be the job for you.

Public health and medical professionals

In the midst of pandemics and health crises, we need healthcare workers more than ever. Nurses, doctors, aged carers, and public health workers are all vital in disasters, providing care and keeping everyone safe. You could be planning and implementing health interventions, providing medical care to affected populations, or working in the field with international organisations.

If you've got a heart for helping people and a knack for thinking on your feet, this is a field where you can truly shine.

Engineering and infrastructure

While dealing with the direct impacts of disaster is important, long-term recovery is key too. Engineers, architects, and construction workers are all essential in this space. You could be helping to design and rebuild homes, hospitals, roads, water supplies, and everything in between.

If you're hands-on, innovative, and have great attention to detail, this is your chance to build a better future.

Communication and media specialists

If you're more of a storyteller or a social media guru, there's a role for you too. Communication and media specialists help to spread the word about events, keep the public in the loop, and let people know how they can pitch in and help. Your knack for words can be a powerful force for good.

Communication, storytelling, and social media management are all valuable in these positions.

Volunteer opportunities

If you're not quite ready to make disaster relief your full-time gig, there are plenty of volunteer opportunities that can still make a significant impact. Local and international organisations often welcome volunteers for various roles, from assisting with emergency shelters to providing support in fundraising efforts.

Volunteering not only allows you to contribute your time and skills, but also gives you a taste of the field, helping you decide if a career in disaster relief is the right fit for you.

Help make a difference

There are lots of jobs in disaster relief where you have the chance to make a positive impact on the lives of others – whether you're on the front lines or contributing to long-term development and recovery.

You can read more about careers and work on our website [here](#).

Work Experience

[Work experience for students who love dance](#)

Job opportunities in the arts extend beyond just the stage – you can be involved through teaching, event planning, design, outreach, and much more. So if you love to dance, we have some work experience ideas that can help you explore your passion and turn it into a career.

Dance studios and academies

Reach out to local dance studios or academies in your community. Many of them welcome high school students for short-term work experiences. You can assist with dance classes, observe instructors, and get a behind-the-scenes look at how these spaces operate.

Event planning and coordination

If you're drawn to the idea of organising dance events or performances, consider seeking work experience with event planning companies. From coordinating dance recitals to managing logistics, you'll gain insight into the planning that goes into creating dance events and experiences.

Costume and set design

Unleash your creativity by exploring work experience opportunities in costume and set design. Connect with local theatres or dance companies that might need assistance in bringing their performances to life through imaginative costumes and sets.

Fitness and wellness centres

Dance isn't just an art form; it's also a fantastic way to stay fit. Explore work experience options at fitness and wellness centres that offer dance-based fitness classes. You might get the chance to assist instructors, participate in class setup, or even contribute to marketing efforts.

Community outreach programs

Many community outreach programs use dance as a tool for empowerment and engagement. Look for organisations that focus on using dance to connect with various communities. Your could be assisting in outreach initiatives or participating in dance workshops with diverse groups.

Work experience is a chance to explore your passions, build skills, and make connections. Don't be afraid to reach out to local businesses and organisations, express your love for dance, and ask about potential opportunities.

Read more about work experience and search for opportunities on our website [here](#).

Competitions

[Enter the Very Short Film Festival](#)

Inspire creativity at this year's Very Short Film Festival, where budding filmmakers and storytellers discover their unique voices. With a dedicated junior category, we invite high school and primary students to delve into the art of filmmaking and share captivating stories.

Films must run between 2 to 5 minutes and feature the 2024 signature 'Spark'. The signature is a creative touch that every filmmaker will incorporate in any way – it may be visual, metaphorical or dialogue.

Anyone is welcome to enter and we embrace all genres. All genres are welcome and we champion bold stories that challenge, enlighten, and inspire.

Entries close Sunday 7 April 2024.

Find out more and enter [here](#).

[She Did What? Student Video Competition](#)

Women are under-represented in STEM success stories. Let's change that!

Create a 3-minute video about the STEM achievements of an Australian woman and share your video for the chance to win \$500 for you and \$500 for your school.

Students in Years 5 to 10 can enter, either as individuals or as a collaborative team or class. You don't need any fancy equipment, just a creative vision and a great story. The competition is open to all students, from all Australian schools. Entries need to be submitted by a teacher, parent or carer.

Entries close 11 December.

Find out more and enter [here](#).

Resources

[Finding accurate information – for study and life](#)

While at school or university, you'll probably find yourself doing a lot of searching for information, whether it's to write an assignment, answer a quiz, or just learn more about a subject you're interested in. And the internet has undoubtedly made access to all this information so much easier – but at the same time, how can you know what you're reading is accurate?

It's important to use accurate and reliable information during your studies, and it's also important to keep a critical mind when reading news and watching videos online too. In this blog, we'll go through some tips to help you find accurate information, not just for your studies, but for everyday life too.

Evaluating information – academic sources

So, you've found a great book, website, or video – how do you know if it's OK to use in your assignment? One way you can evaluate your source is by using the **CRAP** (**C**urrency, **R**eliability, **A**uthority, **P**urpose) test.

Currency

The first thing to consider is how recent the information is. Think about:

- When was it published, or for a website, when was it last updated?
- Do I need to use up-to-date information for my assignment?
- Have views on my topic changed since this information was published?

If you're doing an assignment on Ancient Egypt, for example, using historical sources and information is going to be totally OK. But if you're writing about how businesses can use social media, you'll probably want more recent information.

Reliability

Next, think about whether or not the information is reliable. Ask yourself:

- Who published this information, and where?
- Does the information include references I can check?
- Are there lots of spelling and grammatical errors?

Using the example above, if you're looking for information on Ancient Egypt, a textbook from your school's library is likely to have reliable information; a random website you've found on the internet may not.

Authority

If you know the author of the information, how can you be sure they know what they're talking about? Consider:

- What are the author's qualifications or experience?
- Is this person considered an expert in their field?
- Does the author have affiliations with any groups or institutions?

So if you find an article on the internet about Ancient Egypt, and can see that it has been written by a university professor who specialises in Egyptian history, this information is likely to be accurate.

Purpose

Finally, think about the reason *why* this information exists, and how this can affect its accuracy.

Think about:

- Who is the intended audience for this information?
- Was this made to inform, sell, persuade, or entertain?
- Is there obvious bias, or is this heavily opinion-based?

Using our original example, a dramatised documentary about life in Ancient Egypt is probably not going to be entirely accurate – it's mostly made for entertainment.

Evaluating information – informal sources

You've just stumbled across a video on TikTok revealing some shocking information! Before you panic and share it with all your friends, take a second to stop and think first. How can you tell whether or not this information is true? The best way is to use the **SIFT** method. This requires a bit more active searching and thinking, but it's definitely worth it.

Stop

Don't immediately rush out and tell everyone you know all about what you heard or saw, or launch into a tirade in the comments. Take a breath first and think – what do I know about the

person telling me this information? Do I know anything about the source of this information? If it seems a bit suspicious, then chances are it probably is.

Investigate the source

If you can, do a bit of research into the person or organisation that published or presented the information. Who are they, and what are their qualifications? Are they knowledgeable on this topic? Do they seem to have any obvious bias or strong opinions?

Find trusted coverage

Look for multiple different articles, videos, or points of view on the topic – preferably from official or reliable sources. Are there other people out there saying conflicting things? What does the consensus seem to be on the subject? Even if you can't find one definitive answer, reading different opinions and perspectives (regardless of whether you agree with them) can provide context.

Trace it back to the source

It turns out the TikTok you saw is based on a Tweet, which was responding to a Facebook post, which was cross-posted from a news website. Go back to the original source (the news article) and read it in full. Does what you saw in the TikTok actually appear in the original article? Or has it just been taken so far out of context it's not even close?

Finding accurate information

Good research and critical thinking skills won't just serve you well during your studies – they're important for everyday life too. Being able to find accurate information can help you avoid fake news and misinformation.

You might also like to check sources and information through sites such as [AAP FactCheck](#) or [Snopes](#).

Find heaps more study tips on our website [here](#).

[Plan an alternative Schoolies](#)

If the idea of a traditional Schoolies week doesn't appeal to you, that's OK. There are lots of other things you can do to have fun and mark the occasion. Here are some of our top alternative Schoolies ideas to celebrate the end of your schooling life.

Relax

Staying at home, organising catch ups with friends, heading to the beach, or spending some time getting reacquainted with the couch and snoozing is a perfectly acceptable (and quite frankly appealing) way to kick off your holidays.

Book a beach house or AirBnb

If you're looking for something a little more special, how about planning a trip with a few of your best friends? You can lounge around all day by the pool, do some sightseeing, take day trips, and party with a smaller crowd.

Be cruisey

Is a cruise more your style? Why not check out what options are available or book a house boat for a few days? You could even score yourself some great last minute deals if you haven't already booked, and lots of cruises are all inclusive so you won't have to worry about food or entertainment once you've paid.

Branch out

How about treating yourself to an overseas trip? There are some Schoolies trips that go overseas, but if that's too much, why not check your budget and see what's on special at the travel agent this week?

Plan a road trip

A classic road trip could be the ultimate in fun and adventure. Either by yourself or with a couple of friends, just choose a destination and work out how you're going to get there and where you can stay along the way.

Go camping

A good old [camping](#) option shouldn't be overlooked either. A few nights away with no plans, no responsibilities, a fridge full of food, your mates, campfires, and sleeping under the stars – doesn't get much better. Or cheaper.

Work it

It might not sound like much of a celebration to everyone, but if you're keen to start earning money and being independent, now is your chance. Plus if you start applying while everyone else is planning their Schoolies week, you could get ahead of the crowd and land yourself the best job.

[Volunteering](#)

Volunteering can be a great opportunity to [explore the world](#), feel better about yourself, learn new skills, help others, and add something valuable to your resume.

Achieve a goal

If there's something else you've always dreamed of doing, now is your time! Whether you've always wanted to take the plunge and go [bungee jumping](#) or [sky diving](#), explore your passion and join a [drama](#) or [dance](#) company, or pick up a new hobby or skill, there's bound to be something that piques your interest.

Have fun

Whatever you decide to do, make sure you're doing it for yourself. You don't have to go along with the crowd if you don't want to – just make sure that you have fun and get some well deserved rest.

You can read more wellbeing and lifestyle tips on our website [here](#).

[Apply for Uni Step Up Online with ACU in 2024](#)

Current Year 10 (soon to be Year 11) students in regional / remote areas are invited to apply for ACU's 2024 Uni Step Up Online program, with applications open now.

Uni Step-Up Online is a free online program that gives student the opportunity to study first-year units outside of regular school hours and if successful, gain two university credits (applicable to other universities) and an unconditional offer to a relevant ACU course.

This program is ideal for students interested in Health, Business or Exercise Science fields and would like to take a first step towards achieving their career goals. Uni Step-Up students are supported throughout the program, upskilled in Academic literacy, and given access to all ACU resources.

If you have questions, feel free to contact ACU at usu@acu.edu.au. Apply to the program [here](#).

[Schoolies tips for parents](#)

Schoolies celebrations became huge back in the 1980s and have become a traditional end-of-school celebration for lots of high school leavers. It's a great way to mark a huge milestone in their lives, but of course when a bunch of young, excitable people get together, parents often can't help worrying about what could go wrong. We've put together a few schoolies tips for parents to pass on to your teen so they can stay safe while having fun – and hopefully help alleviate any of your concerns too.

Make time for a chat

Communication is always the best way for you to make sure your teen is fully prepared. It also gives you an opportunity to offer your support and address and worries or concerns they have. Just make sure it's not a lecture or negative, otherwise they're likely to switch off or get defensive.

Talk about all the fun stuff they have planned, where they'll be staying, and who they're going with. You can also bring up the hard topics like being responsible if alcohol and drugs are involved, safe sex, and generally taking care of themselves and their mates.

Remind them to be true to themselves, stick with their choices, to do what's right for them (you could discuss boundaries in advance too), and not to bow to peer pressure.

Have their back

Ask them to provide you with all the information you'll need to help them in case anything goes wrong.

- Address of where they're staying (have a quick check of the accommodation agreement too)
- Travel details
- Agreed times/days when they'll check in to let you know they're OK
- Contact details of friends they'll be with
- Their bank card details, just in case it gets lost
- Add an ICE (in case of emergency) contact to their phone as well as the [Red Frogs Hotline 1300 557 123](#)

Make sure they have everything they need. You could even send them with some essential supplies, or organise a delivery of:

- Slabs of bottled water
- Pre-cooked or microwave meals
- Non-perishable snacks
- A small first aid kit
- Some cash to keep as an emergency stash

Keeping the peace

We know that your worries come from a place of love and concern but your teen is feeling independent and getting their first taste of adulting. So here are some things we recommend that you *don't* do:

- Do not call or SMS your teen constantly – stick to the agreed check in times. Especially try to avoid contacting them while they are driving.
- [Don't provide them with alcohol even if they are over 18](#) – research has shown that providing them with alcohol could lead to more risky behaviour.
- Don't post about them or their friends on social media without their permission.

And here are some other things you *can* do:

- Join the [Red Frogs Schoolies Advice for Parents](#) group for updates and tips so you can feel informed.
- Check out the [Safer Schoolies](#) page.

- Download a [checklist](#) to give to your teen before they head off.

Not all teens are the same

If your school leaver is keen to celebrate but the chaos of schoolies is stressing them out, you could always help them to [find other ways to celebrate](#) instead.

Send them off with a positive mindset

Make sure your teen knows that they can call you at any time of the day or night and that you'll be there to help them, no matter what.

You can find more blogs for parents on our website [here](#).

Workplace Spotlight

What is it like to work in a museum?

Museums are cultural institutions designed to collect, preserve, and exhibit artifacts and artworks of historical, scientific, or artistic significance. They play a crucial role in the dissemination of knowledge, offering a space for reflection, learning, and appreciation of human achievement throughout history.

Additionally, museums also contribute to the preservation of cultural identity, acting as repositories of our shared past, and often serve as platforms for dialogue and critical thinking.

Every museum is different, but they do have some things in common:

1. A focus on conservation – you'll be protecting important pieces of heritage for future generations.
2. You'll need strong communication skills – to enhance public engagement and to interact with co-workers.
3. A passion for culture – not only sharing it, but also respecting and preserving it.

Preserve and exhibit cultural heritage

Their primary purpose is to educate and inspire the public by providing a tangible connection to our collective heritage and fostering a deeper understanding of diverse subjects. Museums are usually found in the arts and recreation industry. There are lots of different kinds of museums, including art, science, history, and specialty-focused institutions.

Key tasks

- Select, research, and arrange artifacts for display
- Preserve and restore cultural and historical items
- Develop and implement public learning initiatives

- Organise and maintain museum collections
- Interact with and guide visitors
- Conduct studies to enhance understanding
- Create visually compelling and informative displays
- Promote museum programs and events
- Secure financial support through grants or donations
- Organise and oversee special events
- Safeguard museum collections

You can expect regular hours and on-site work

Regular hours | Work on-site | Jobs more common in metro areas | Strong job growth

The typical working hours for employees in a museum usually align with regular business hours. However, there might be exceptions, particularly during special events or exhibition openings, where staff may need to work outside these hours. Professionals involved in research, conservation, or other specialised roles may have flexible schedules to accommodate their specific responsibilities.

On-site work is more common in museums due to the nature of their activities, which often involve hands-on tasks such as curating exhibits, managing collections, and engaging with visitors.

Museums are more commonly found in metropolitan areas due to the increased population density and cultural diversity that cities offer. While some rural areas may have museums, there are usually more in large cities where there is a greater capacity for public engagement and support.

The Career Clusters you'll find in a museum

People from all Clusters are needed for a museum to run successfully, but the most common Clusters you'll find are Informers, Linkers, and Coordinators. In many roles, you might find yourself performing tasks across multiple Clusters.

What do Makers do in a museum?

Whether it's ensuring exhibit displays are flawlessly presented, technical systems are operating efficiently, bringing curatorial visions to life, or the museum environment is well-maintained, Makers use a variety of tools and specialised knowledge to keep everything in top-notch condition. They also help to clean, restore, and preserve artifacts for display or storage.

- Maintenance [Technicians](#)
- Exhibit Fabricators
- Conservators
- Audiovisual [Technicians](#)

The role of a Linker in a museum

Linkers facilitate the visitor experience in museums, helping individuals navigate the exhibits, providing information about ongoing exhibitions, and assisting with membership inquiries. Some Linkers engage with local communities, ensure collections and exhibits respect local cultures, and promote traditional perspectives. Other Linkers promote the museum to the public via web, radio, print, and television.

- Visitor Services Specialists
- Outreach & Community Liaisons
- [PR](#) & Marketing Specialists

Where you'll find Coordinators in a museum

Coordinators in museums are responsible for a variety of administrative and managerial tasks. They handle budgetary considerations, oversee resource allocation, organise new acquisitions, coordinate educational programs, manage staff evaluations, and ensure compliance with regulations. They help ensure the smooth functioning of the museum's events, systems, and overall economic landscape.

- [Curators](#)
- Operations Managers
- [Administrative Assistants](#)
- [Event Coordinators](#)

What do Informers do in a museum?

Informers use their extensive knowledge to enrich the experiences of both staff and visitors. Some engage in educational outreach, holding presentations or workshops to enhance visitors' understanding of exhibits. Other Informers contribute their expertise to the development and curation of exhibitions, conducting in-depth research into the history behind exhibits.

- Exhibit Developers
- Educational Guides
- [Curators](#)
- Researchers

The role of Innovators in a museum

Innovators in museums use their creativity and forward-thinking to design unique gallery layouts, integrate new technologies into exhibits (such as augmented and virtual reality), and shape the overall aesthetic and ambiance of museum spaces. Their role is characterised by engineering, designing, and developing the places and things that make the museum a vibrant and engaging space for visitors.

- Exhibit Designers

- Technology Integration Specialists
- [Interior Designers](#) & [Architects](#)

How do Guardians work in a museum?

Guardians help to ensure the health, safety, and overall wellbeing of both visitors and the museum's collections. Some may oversee security measures, ensuring that valuable artifacts and exhibits are protected. Other Guardians implement and oversee health and safety protocols, or make sure spaces and thoroughfares are accessible to everyone.

- Security Officers
- [Workplace Health & Safety Officers](#)
- Accessibility Officers

How do we expect working in a museum to change in the future?

The future of working in museums is set to be shaped by evolving technological, societal, and cultural trends.

Museums are already embracing digital technologies to enhance the visitor experience. Virtual exhibits, augmented reality, and interactive displays are becoming more common – this also means there will be a higher demand for professionals with expertise in digital curation, technology integration, and multimedia development.

With a growing global emphasis on sustainability, museums may adopt more eco-friendly practices. Jobs related to implementing sustainable practices, managing environmental impact, and creating exhibits centred around environmental themes could see increased prominence. In response to global calls for decolonisation and a heightened awareness of the importance of respecting diverse cultures, museums are undergoing significant transformations in their approaches to collections and exhibitions. A crucial aspect of this evolution involves addressing historical injustices, including the return of stolen artifacts to their places of origin. They are also actively working to reinterpret narratives, challenging colonial perspectives, and embracing a more inclusive and nuanced portrayal of history and culture.

Job Spotlight

[How to become an Interpreter](#)

Interpreters understand and translate speech into a different language. Often they work in real time, providing instantaneous translation between parties. They can work in a huge variety of settings such as business, government, the arts, legal, and in the community. The difference between an Interpreter and a Translator is that Interpreters work with spoken language, while Translators decipher written text.

If you have great communication skills, speak another language fluently, and have a passion for helping people, this could be the perfect job for you.

If you have these skills, you could make a great Interpreter

- Excellent language skills
- Great communicator
- Friendly and approachable
- Emotionally intelligent
- Resilient and adaptable
- Strong cultural awareness
- Good understanding of body language

What tasks can I expect to do?

- Work with clients to determine their needs
- Provide verbal translations between parties
- Determine appropriate language for each setting
- Remain professional and impartial throughout communications
- Ensure that clients are satisfied with the outcomes

Where do Interpreters work?

Depending on the kind of work you're doing, you might work both indoors and outdoors. You might be working in an office environment, researching in museums or galleries, travelling with diplomats and government, or following camera crews to provide live translations on television and radio.

What kind of lifestyle can I expect as an Interpreter?

You will likely need work flexible hours as an Interpreter, as your services may be needed any time, including on weekends and holidays. Depending on your role, you might even have the opportunity for travel.

Most Interpreters can expect to earn an average salary throughout their career.

An important part of this job is getting along with people from all walks of life – which also means sometimes facilitating difficult conversations while remaining impartial and unemotional. But you'll also help people's voices be heard and make a positive difference too.

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Even if you are already fluent in a foreign language, completing a qualification is often preferred by employers and clients.

Step 1 – Finish high school, focusing on English and your language of interest.

Step 2 – Obtain a relevant university or vocational qualification in interpreting, languages, or arts.

Step 3 – Immerse yourself in the culture of your chosen language, either through work experience or by travel, to deepen your understanding of the language and culture.

Step 4 – Become certified through an accreditation organisation or authority.

Step 5 – Upskill with short courses and continued professional development.

Find out more here:

- [National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters](#) (Australia & NZ)
- [Institute of Translation and Interpreting](#) (UK)
- [American Translators Association](#) (US)
- [Canadian Translators, Terminologists and Interpreters Council](#)

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