POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title: Student Exchange Adviser
Organisation Unit: Student Employability Centre
Position Number: 3021510
Type of Employment: Full time – fixed term until September 2018
Classification: HEW Level 5

THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

The University of Queensland (UQ) contributes positively to society by engaging in the creation, preservation, transfer and application of knowledge. UQ helps shape the future by bringing together and developing leaders in their fields to inspire the next generation and to advance ideas that benefit the world. UQ strives for the personal and professional success of its students, staff and alumni. For more than a century, we have educated and worked with outstanding people to deliver knowledge leadership for a better world.

UQ ranks in the world’s top universities, as measured by several key independent ranking, including the Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities (45), the US News Best Global Universities Rankings (52), QS World University Rankings (51), Academic Ranking of World Universities (55), and the Times Higher Education World University Rankings (60). UQ again topped the nation in the prestigious Nature Index; and secured a greater share of Australian Research Council grants in 2016 ($24.5 million) than any other university nationally.

UQ has an outstanding reputation for the quality of its teachers, its educational programs and employment outcomes for its students. Our students remain at the heart of what we do. The UQ experience – the UQ Advantage – is distinguished by a research enriched curriculum, international collaborations, industry engagement and opportunities that nurture and develop future leaders. UQ has a strong focus on teaching excellence, winning more national teaching excellence awards than any other in the country and attracting the majority of Queensland's highest academic achievers, as well as top interstate and overseas students.

UQ is one of Australia’s Group of Eight, a charter member of edX and a founding member of Universitas 21, an international consortium of leading research-intensive universities.

Our 50,000-plus strong student community includes more than 13,000 postgraduate scholars and more than 12,000 international students from 144 countries, adding to its proud 230,000-plus alumni. The University has about 7,000 academic and professional staff and a $1.7 billion annual operating budget. Its major campuses are at St Lucia, Gatton and Herston, in addition to teaching and research sites around Queensland and Brisbane city. The University has six Faculties and four University-level Institutes. The Institutes, funded by government and industry grants, philanthropy and commercialisation activities, have built scale and focus in research areas in neuroscience, biomolecular and biomedical sciences, sustainable minerals, bioengineering and nanotechnology, as well as social science research.
UQ has an outstanding track-record in commercialisation of our innovation with major technologies employed across the globe and integral to gross product sales of $11 billion+ (see http://uniquest.com.au/our-track-record).

UQ has a rapidly growing record of attracting philanthropic support for its activities and will have further success in this area as an important strategic aim going forward.

Organisational Environment

The Student Affairs Division within the portfolio of the Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic is comprised of Student Services, Student Employability Centre, and the UQ Health Service. The division focusses on helping UQ students at St Lucia, Gatton, and Herston campuses succeed in their studies and make the most of their UQ student experience by:

- Providing a range of support services that effectively meets the needs of the UQ student population,
- Working across the UQ Community to drive strategies to strengthen the quality of the overall student experience,
- Facilitating access to experiences that assist students to reflect UQ graduate attributes and enhance their employability

The Student Employability Centre is custodian of the UQ Employability Award, and coordinates and promotes a wide range of activities across UQ that empower students to enhance their employability including: global mobility; entrepreneurship and innovation; volunteering and mentoring; undergraduate research experiences; and leadership development opportunities.

The Centre enhances student employability through a focus on experiential learning, ensuring that students are able to capitalise on the benefits of the University’s diversity, research reputation and capacity, international partnerships, and strong links with industry and the professions.

The Centre also provides financial supports to enable students to access experiences, as well as supports to translate, articulate, and transfer these experiences into the workplace.

Further information about the Student Employability Centre can be found at: https://employability.uq.edu.au/

Information for Prospective Staff

Information about life at UQ including staff benefits, relocation and UQ campuses is available at - http://www.uq.edu.au/current-staff/working-at-uq

DUTY STATEMENT

Primary Purpose of Position

To provide advice to students on global experience and study options including UQ’s student exchange program. They will provide administrative support to the Manager, UQ Abroad and assist with the organisation of promotional events for the Student Employability Centre.

Duties

Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:
Advise students about global experience and study options during their degree, including UQ’s student exchange program

Engage in promotional campaigns to increase student engagement with global experiences including the student exchange program

Assist with the organisation of events including pre-departure sessions and welcome home seminars for students undertaking exchange

Work collaboratively with Faculty representatives to progress student applications and provide relevant global experience information and advice

Maintain and update relevant systems and databases relating to application data and exchange partners, including maintenance of relevant information on the web

Other

Ensure you are aware of and comply with legislation and University policy relevant to the duties undertaken, including but not exclusive to:

- the University’s Code of Conduct
- requirements of the Queensland occupational health and safety (OH&S) legislation and related OH&S responsibilities and procedures developed by the University or Institute/School
- the adoption sustainable practices in all work activities and compliance with associated legislation and related University sustainability responsibilities and procedures
- requirements of the Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000, the National Code 2007 and associated legislation, and related responsibilities and procedures developed by the University

Organisational Relationships

The position reports to Manager, UQ Abroad.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Essential

- Completion of a degree or of an associate diploma with at least two years of subsequent administrative experience or an equivalent combination of relevant experience and/or education/training.
- Ability to work collaboratively with colleagues across teams and locations, including external providers and suppliers, with cultural sensitivity and awareness.
- Commitment to customer service standards and ability to liaise effectively with a broad range of clientele in a multi-cultural environment.
- Demonstrated high level of written, oral communication and interpersonal skills, including the ability to compile data, write reports, and engage a variety of audiences.
- High level of computer literacy, including ability to use databases and online tools, develop social media, and edit websites.
- Well-developed organisational and planning skills, with the ability to prioritise, work under pressure and meet deadlines, whilst maintaining accuracy, strong attention to detail and a flexible approach.
Desirable

- Awareness of issues related to the student experience, global experiences, and employability within higher education nationally and internationally.
- Demonstrated knowledge of global mobility programs and/or international education at the tertiary level.

The University of Queensland is committed to equity, diversity and inclusion.