



ABC Upstart: High School Work Experience 2024

What is UpStart Pacific?

UpStart Pacific is specifically seeking people who identify as Pacific Islander or of Pacific Island heritage because the ABC is committed to increasing Pacific Island participation within the workforce and we would love for students from this background to have the opportunity to see what it's like to work in this team.

What is involved in a Work Experience Placement?

- It's a one-week (5-day) unpaid work experience program that aims to give high school students a taste of what it's like to work in the media industry.
- Students will be placed with a specific team, and during the week, they'll rotate through different roles (i.e. shadowing journalists, producers, camera operators, editors, and audio technicians).
- It's a great networking opportunity for students and will provide them with essential work experience and/or skills with what it's like to work in the media industry.

Who can apply?

School students in year 10, 11 or 12 seeking work experience in media.

Where, when and how many placements are available?

There are 4 placements available in Greater Melbourne and Greater Brisbane only.

- Two students will be selected to undertake their placement in Asia Pacific Newsroom, Melbourne.
- Two students will be selected to undertake their placement in ABC Radio Australia, Brisbane.
- Placements will be the week of 2nd to 6th September.
- Future expansions are anticipated in coming years, so stay tuned for updates on the ABC Upstart page.

When do submissions close?

- Submissions close Sunday 5 May. Please ensure you submit your submission form by the due date and time, via the online portal. This is to ensure we have plenty of time to prepare and plan for the placements.
- To ensure fairness to those who do submit their applications within the timeframe, late applications are not accepted.

Who will supervise the high school students during the placement?

Work Experience Supervisors (from the host team) are responsible for the students, including creating their workplan, their attendance, monitoring their placement



hours, liaising with the school, and the students' well-being. Managers, mentors, and general staff will also have roles to play.

What is involved in the selection process?

- You are required to complete the online application form, which includes contact details for you as well as a parent/ or guardian and a school contact. We will also ask a few questions to find out more about you and why you are interested in a career in media. This can be in the form of a written submission, a short introductory video/ or audio (Max 60 - 90 seconds)
- We may also reach out to meet you over Teams or Zoom
- If you are successful, you and your school will be contacted by a Manager at the ABC to make arrangements for the placement in September.