

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM | AO2

About the program

The Queensland Productivity Commission (QPC) provides independent policy advice to the Queensland Government on complex economic and regulatory issues to increase productivity, drive economic growth and improve living standards in Queensland.

The QPC Internship Program will give students an opportunity to experience working as a paid researcher and economist, supporting the development of advice to the Queensland Government on important policy and regulatory matters. Whilst on the program, you will have the opportunity to work with the QPC team to deliver inquiries, advice and/or economic research.

The internship is available from mid-January 2027 to June 2027. The specific start and end dates, as well as the work schedule, are flexible and will be agreed with the successful candidate.

Who can apply

To be eligible, applicants must:

- be an Australian citizen, or a person who resides in Australia and has permission under the law of the Commonwealth to work in Australia
- be willing to undergo a security and character clearance (which may include completing an identity verification check and police check)
- be available to work in the QPC Brisbane CBD office for the duration of the program
- be available for work between mid-January and June 2027 (noting the time period and work schedule will be agreed with the successful applicant, to accommodate study commitments)
- provide evidence of progress towards the core units of an economics degree (or a degree with an economics major)
- have completed at least 2 years of their degree by the end of 2026.

What we offer

The QPC's Internship Program offers participants the following:

- paid work experience for up to 5 months
- a competitive salary (AO2, approximately \$42.17 per hour plus 12.75% superannuation)
- the opportunity to help provide advice to the Queensland Government on important public policy issues
- the opportunity to undertake an internal economics research project on an agreed topic, supported by experienced economists and policy analysts, with the opportunity to present the findings to QPC staff.

Who we are looking for

We are seeking people with a background in economics, especially microeconomics, who are interested in policy analysis and review. Skills in quantitative and qualitative research, regulatory impact analysis, econometrics, law and other social sciences are also highly valued by the QPC. The successful applicant will have strong collaboration and written communication skills.

Application process

Step 1: Check your eligibility

Before you apply, check the 'Who can apply' section above and ensure you will be eligible for the program in January 2027.

Step 2: Submit your application

Submit your application by:

1. Completing the brief questionnaire below
2. Providing your current resume
3. Providing your current academic transcripts.

Step 3: Assessment and reference check

QPC staff will assess all eligible applications.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to complete an interview and work test. The work test will be held in-person in Brisbane (CBD location) before the interview (with a short break between the work test and interview) and will not be provided ahead of time.

Following the interview, we may contact your referees.

Step 4: Offer and outcome communication

The selected applicant will be notified and start dates and work schedule (available hours/days) will be discussed.

Questionnaire

Provide a written statement responding to the questionnaire below with responses of no more than 250 words per question:

1. Why are you interested in economics and public policy?
2. Describe a piece of economic research, coursework or analysis you have completed and what you learned.
3. Why are you interested in an internship at the QPC?