

UQ STARTUP ADVENTURE GUIDELINES

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

UQ Startup Adventures are available to students currently enrolled in coursework at The University of Queensland (i.e. undergraduate, honours, graduate certificate, graduate diploma, masters levels of study or students enrolled in research higher degree (RHD) programs), and who remain enrolled for the duration of their activity.

Full-degree international students are welcome to apply. Students must have completed at least one semester of study (i.e. at least six units of credit) at UQ before applying for a grant.

Applicants must:

- have previously participated in Idea Hub Unlimited, LeadHers, UQ Weekend of Startups, ilab or Startup Academy
- be fully available for the entire program
- have a minimum cumulative GPA of 5.0
- be enrolled to UQ in 2019 and have at least one semester remaining of their degree

Grants are not available to:

- international students returning to their home country
- UQ staff members employed on a full-time basis
- Students who have already completed a UQ Startup Adventure

OBLIGATIONS

- Students are expected to participate in the full four weeks of the program and to attend all additional networking and development activities.
- Some students may be in a position to volunteer and provide programming or technical assistance, however, most students will shadow the founder of the startup they are matched with.
- Students will be bound to confidentiality and will be clearly informed of their legal and performance obligations.
- Students are expected to share their UQ Startup Adventure through daily photos, weekly vlogs and/or blog posts. This will be clearly outlined prior to departure.
- If a successful applicant withdraws from the Startup Adventure after 15 November 2019, the successful applicant will be required to reimburse UQ for:

- (i) all cancellation fees associated with flights and accommodation; and
- (ii) any funds that may have been received prior to cancellation within 30 days of withdrawing.

HOW TO APPLY

The UQ Startup Adventures have a merit-based, competitive application process. Applicants must complete and submit the current electronic application form located in StudentHub.

HOW APPLICATIONS ARE ASSESSED

The UQ Startup Adventure participants are determined by a Selection Panel consisting of representatives from the UQ Student Employability Centre and UQ Faculties taking into consideration the following at the time of application:

- the relevance of the activity to a students' entrepreneurship endeavour and how it will aid professional development toward an entrepreneurship journey;
- the strength of each application and the responses to the application selection criteria;
- academic merit (cumulative GPA on the students UQ studies report).

In addition to the assessment of the level of academic merit, applicants will also be assessed against their responses to the following questions:

- How have you been involved in the UQ and greater Brisbane startup ecosystem?
- Why are you interested in entrepreneurship in the startup destination you have applied for?
- What advantages do you believe a placement at a startup in the startup destination you have applied for will provide you?
- What skills, experience or cultural attitude will you offer your hosting startup?

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- After the closing date, all applications will be checked to ensure their eligibility. If your application does not meet the criteria, you will be informed via email. Please note that meeting the eligibility criteria does not necessarily result in an acceptance being awarded.
- The UQ Startup Adventure Selection Committee will convene to assess all applications and acceptance will be awarded accordingly.
- All successful and unsuccessful students will be notified by email within four weeks of the closing date.
- Successful applicants will be required to submit their bank details and travel details into StudentHub and will be paid within six weeks of the closing date.

- Successful applicants will fill out a questionnaire on the type of startup you would ideally like to be matched with along with your skills and CV. Your profile will then be sent around to our partnering startups who will contact you when there is a match.

TIPS

For application and interview preparation, you can book in a consultation with your UQ employability team:

- BELSET www.bel.uq.edu.au/set
- EAIT www.eait.uq.edu.au/employability
- SEC www.employability.uq.edu.au

FAQS

Q. How will I be matched with a startup?

A. If you are selected you will fill out a questionnaire on the type of startup you would ideally like to be matched with along with your skills and CV. Your profile will then be sent around to our partnering startups who will contact you when there is a match.

Q. What kind of roles can I expect to be doing?

A. You could be doing anything from being a marketing lead or drone technician to being part of the R&D team or a system analyst.

Due to the nature of startups, we work with different startups each year. We do our best to match your skills-sets and interests with the roles available.

Q. Will I have free time?

A. YES! There are plenty of free time during the weekends. During the week you will be required to attend startup events held daily at different locations and run by the local startup community.

Q. Do I need to organise flights and accommodation?

A. No, the UQ Idea Hub team will organise your flights and accommodation.

Q. What does the scholarship cover?

A. The scholarship funding covers flights, accommodation, some stipend money, travel insurance, business cards for networking, the placement at the startups and participation to various events to socialise with the local community.

Q. Do I need to apply for a visa?

A. Yes, you are responsible to apply for your visa. Domestic students can apply online for the ESTA type visa. International students need to check their visa application process with the American Consulate. UQ Idea Hub team will provide you with the required information, letter of support and briefing prior to application. Acceptance into the San Fran Startup Adventure pends visa approval. Students are to cover all costs associated with visas.

Q. What if I withdraw from the Startup Adventure?

A. If you withdraw from the Startup Adventure after 15 November 2019 you will be required to reimburse UQ for all cancellation fees associated with flights and accommodation, and the stipend payment within 30 days of withdrawing.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further Startup Adventure information including opening and closing dates please see

<https://ventures.uq.edu.au/startup-adventures>