Griffith University Early Start to Tertiary Studies program

‘GUESTS’

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Why offer GUESTS?

The GUESTS program is offered in response to the growing number of high-achieving students looking to stretch their academic boundaries and enhance their Year 12 experience.

The benefits of undertaking the GUESTS program include:

- the opportunity to sample the degree you are considering
- working with students from a range of backgrounds in an academically encouraging environment
- receiving credit for your GUESTS course if subsequently accepted into the related Griffith degree program
- no fees for your GUESTS course, subsequently reducing the cost of your degree
- recognition of your GUESTS study on your QCE
2008 GUESTS OUTCOMES

152 students were offered a place in GUESTS 2008. 126 GUESTS students went on to successfully complete their course. Of these, 68% achieved a grade of Credit or better.
Who is eligible?

GUESTS is available to OP-eligible students from any school, or Queensland Academy IB students, who are achieving at VHA and HA (A, B) level.

Students must be undertaking the applicable pre-requisite(s) for the degree program from which their GUESTS course is taken.

Support from your school and parents/carers is also essential.

A Year 12 Student taking on GUESTS in addition to a full time Year 12 study load is a HUGE commitment, and we remind students at all times that their Year 12 study MUST remain their top priority.

GUESTS is NOT designed to replace the OP as a pathway to Tertiary Study. Applicants who do not meet the GUESTS entry criteria will not be approved.
What can GUESTS Study?

GUESTS students can choose from most first year UNDERGRADUATE courses.

To be eligible to apply for Guaranteed Entry to certain programs, GUESTS students **may be required to complete Required Courses**.

These include programs from Law, Physiotherapy, Education, and Visual Arts.

For further details check the **Required Courses** section of the GUESTS website.

Quotas may also apply.

Popular Study Areas

Arts • Communication • Education

Business • International Business • Law

Health & Medical Sciences • Psychology • Human Services

Information Technology • Engineering

Music • Theatre • Visual Arts • Film & TV

Science • Environment • Aviation

How to choose a course?

Students should view the Program Structure for their desired degree, and choose a first-year, Semester 1 or Semester 2 course from the list offered. Some courses may have university course prerequisites, and students can contact the GUESTS coordinator for advice.
Because of specific entry requirements, graduating GUESTS are NOT able to apply for Guaranteed entry into the following programs:

- All Oral Health programs
- Bachelor of Medical Science (MBBS Provisional Entry for School-Leavers)
- Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery
- Advanced and Advanced with Honours programs
- QCGU Programs

Eligibility for entry to the Oral Health and Medical Science programs will be determined by results achieved in the UMAT (University Medical Admissions Test) and interview, in addition to a QTAC/UAC application.

The Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery program is graduate entry, and students need to have a completed undergraduate degree to be eligible for this program.
Bachelor of Exercise Science (Pre-physiotherapy)/
Doctor of Physiotherapy

Due to the extremely competitive admission process for this program, students seeking guaranteed entry are required to undertake 1014MSC Cells, Tissues and Regulation and receive a grade of Distinction, as well as receive an OP no more than 2 OPs below the previous year’s cut off. Only students who have been approved to undertake 1014MSC will be eligible for guaranteed admission to this program.

For those who don’t achieve a Distinction in their GUESTS course, successful completion of the GUESTS program will still result in Guaranteed Entry for programs such as B Exercise Science and B Health Science – these programs provide excellent pathways into Physiotherapy.
Bachelor of Design

Students wanting to apply for Guaranteed Admission into the Bachelor of Design must complete one of the required courses 1523QCA Drawing for Design or 1513QCA Computer Visualisation and Image Creation and receive a grade of Credit or above. Only students that have been approved to undertake 1523QCA or 1513QCA will be eligible to apply for guaranteed admission to this program.

For student that successfully completed their Design course, but do not achieve a ‘Credit’ or above, may apply for Guaranteed admission into the Bachelor of Fine Art (South Bank) or the Bachelor of Visual Media (Gold Coast)
GUESTS who successfully complete their course with a Grade of Pass or better are eligible to apply for a ‘Guaranteed Offer of Entry’ to an Undergraduate Degree program at Griffith University for commencement the following year.

* Please note that guaranteed entry to some highly-competitive programs may depend on the grade achieved in the GUESTS course. Some examples include Physiotherapy, Design and Pharmaceutical Science.

Once students receive a Guaranteed Offer of Entry, it is unconditional, their place in that program is firm. However, students MUST still meet any required prerequisite(s) for the program.

Guaranteed Offers of Entry are ‘activated’ via the QTAC/UAC application process. Therefore students DO need to apply through QTAC or UAC.
Completed GUESTS
‘Guaranteed Offers of Entry’

I want to take a gap year - can I defer my GUESTS Guaranteed offer?

Yes! Guaranteed offers are the same as any offer made through QTAC/UAC – students can choose to accept, reject or defer their offer (where deferment is permitted).

I want to place another program higher in my preferences than my GUESTS Guaranteed offer - will I receive both offers?

No. Students can place their GUESTS Guaranteed Offer program anywhere within their QTAC/UAC preferences. However, students can only ever receive one offer. Therefore, if an offer into a higher preference is made via QTAC/UAC, the GUESTS Guaranteed offer will be forfeited.

Will I receive my Guaranteed offer if I don’t meet the prerequisite(s)?

No. Although students will receive their Guaranteed offer regardless of their OP, prerequisites must be met.
From 2008, the University is required to report GUESTS’ enrolment and results information to the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA), to be recorded on students’ Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). This is in accordance with the Education Legislation Amendment Act 2006.

Under this legislation, the University is required to supply new, updated and deleted enrolment and results information to the QSA, normally after the “census date” in the first instance, followed by any result recorded for a person on completion of each course component.

**How does this affect GUESTS?**

- students will be required to supply their Learner Unique Identifier (LUI) when applying for GUESTS – the application form has been amended accordingly
- students’ results will be recorded on their QCE – this includes grades of Fail or Fail No Submission
- students who withdraw before the census date (end of Week 4) will not have their GUESTS enrolment recorded on their QCE
- students who withdraw after the census date will have a grade of Withdrawn recorded on their QCE

**It is VITAL that we monitor and follow-up GUESTS’ progression in their courses, and encourage withdrawal before failure!!**
Semester 2 intake

Participation in the GUESTS program is now available for students during second semester. Students do not enrol in both semesters; rather they choose to apply for either Semester 1 or Semester 2.

Students who were unable to take up their GUESTS offer in Semester 1 due to timetabling or other constraints have the option of “deferring” their GUESTS enrolment to Semester 2 (they may need to choose another course).

They will need to inform us of this decision and provide a recent report to show that they are achieving at the same level.

Additionally, students who were unsuccessful in applying for Semester 1, who can demonstrate an improvement in their results to meet the GUESTS entry criteria, are encouraged to re-apply for Semester 2.

Generally the Semester 2 intake will be smaller, and some programs with required courses will not be available for the Semester 2 intake – eg. Physiotherapy, Education and Law.

**REMINDER** - Semester 2 applications are due at the end of May
Application Process

Students apply by completing the application form available on the GUESTS website. Although selection is based primarily on academic results, you should include any additional documentation you feel will support your application. You will also need your Learner Unique Identifier (LUI number).

**Semester 1 intake**

Students can apply anytime after they have received their Year 11 Semester 1 report
Applications close **30 September**

**Semester 2 intake**

Students should apply with their Year 11 End of Year report and Year 12 Term 1 report if available
Applications close **30 May**
The Best place for Information about GUESTS is the Web. On the GUESTS site you will find information about:

- Course Availability
- Important Dates
- Contact Details
- FAQ’s

www.griffith.edu.au/guestsprogram

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