

RMIT's return to study guide



Returning to study after a break from education?

Considering returning to study, but not sure where to begin?



Returning to study doesn't always mean the same thing to everyone.

You may have finished high school recently or many years ago. You might have studied at university already but are now considering returning to get even more qualifications.

“What made me choose RMIT was initially the flexibility. I was working full time, I was still doing radio, and I wanted to find a course that I knew I could fit in with my life. And when I was looking at options, RMIT stood out to me.”

Luke Mitchell, Advanced Diploma in Business (Public Relations)



Prepare for your dream job

Regardless of where you are in your career, it's never too early or late to get the skills and qualifications to pursue your dream job. Depending on the role and your background, the means to achieving this goal can differ. Whatever your career goals are, RMIT has the courses to get you there.

Break into your industry of choice with an undergraduate

RMIT's undergraduate options include associate, bachelor's and honours degrees. These courses are designed to give you the knowledge and experience to begin working in the career of your choice.

Elevate your career with a postgraduate

RMIT's postgraduate options include graduate certificates, graduate diplomas and master's degrees. These options are designed to expand your knowledge and help you advance your career.

Get ready for the next opportunity with a vocational option

RMIT's vocational options (also known as TAFE) include certificates, diplomas, advanced diplomas and apprenticeships/traineeships. These courses provide a specific skillset and technical qualification. RMIT's vocational study areas range from accounting to carpentry.





Switch to a new industry

Flipping the script in your career doesn't mean starting over from scratch. In fact, it's an opportunity to expand your expertise into a new field or combine your current career with a new skillset.

RMIT's postgraduate courses are the perfect solution. You've got a few options to choose from:

- **Graduate certificate** – A great option if you need specific skills to enhance your existing credentials. This course can be completed in 6-12 months.
- **Graduate diploma** – Gain transferable skills and experience your chosen field in as little as a year.
- **Master's degree** – A master's gives you expertise in a particular discipline, as well as practical, industry-engaged experience. This option usually takes 2 years to complete.

Expand your skills in an uncertain world

Cost of living and job security is often on people's minds during uncertain times. Career and job market trends are the key to discovering opportunities that ease these worries. Here are a few examples from different industries:

- 80% of surveyed employers report that the biggest gap in their businesses is digital skills.¹
- The Australian and Victorian Governments are supporting the education of secondary teachers with new scholarships and post-study opportunities to meet a growing demand².
- Demand for business analysts in Australia is projected to increase by 23.2% over the next five years.³



Save time and money with recognition of prior learning (RPL)

RPL is where your previous work, life experiences and education are considered and may count as credit towards a qualification. This means you don't have to spend time learning things you already know, and you can save on course fees.

Another way your prior experience is considered is a credit transfer – where your previous formal study is assessed. If you can demonstrate you meet the learning outcomes for some of your RMIT courses, then you'll receive a transfer of credit from your previous study to your RMIT courses.

Find out more

¹ RMIT Online. 'Ready, Set, Upskill: Maximising the ROI of skills and training'. Accessed August 2024.

² ABC News. 'Victorian Government offers free secondary teaching degrees to tackle teacher shortage. 2023.

³ Seek. 'Business Analyst – Explore Careers'. Accessed September 2024.

How to balance work, life and study



At RMIT, you can have personal and work commitments but still work towards your career goals. We've compiled some advice to help you nail your own personal study-life-work balance when you return to study.

Think about why you want to study



When considering study and work later in life, you need to ask yourself what your end goal is.

Master of Animation, Games and Interactivity student, Janifer Lai, studied her passion and found that exploring what she loves motivated her to find time in her schedule for study. Janifer's balance came easily because she prioritised what she enjoys.

Lean on your support network



Your family, friends and colleagues care about your passions and life endeavours. So lean on them if you're weighing up returning to study and are looking for their support to help you achieve a healthy study, life and work balance.

Having the conversation to ensure they're aware of your commitments as early as possible allows for open communication. They might even be able to offer support in other aspects of your life to help take the load off and put you at ease when trying to balance study, life and work.

Maintain a balanced schedule



Being realistic with your expectations is the first step in planning a balanced study and work schedule.

Master of Marketing alum, Vinisha Pulikkaprambil, planned a manageable and fulfilling daily schedule around her professional goals, aligning her classes with the skills she needed for her future career.

Use RMIT's support tools



Not only does RMIT offer future student support, but current students can also take advantage of study support tools that can help you streamline your time management techniques, such as an assignment planner and peer mentoring.

Master of Finance alum Matthew Brown noted that the services and locations at RMIT made his time studying that much more engaging and allowed him to strike a work-life balance.

Why study at RMIT?



RMIT University is an international university of technology, design and enterprise.

We are one of the top universities in Melbourne and **the largest dual-sector university in Australia**. Our innovative facilities, hands-on learning opportunities and international reputation with employers are just a few of the reasons why over **91,000 students from 196 different countries** choose to study with RMIT.

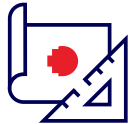
Art and Design¹

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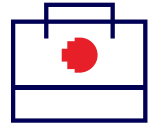
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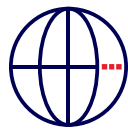
Top 10

in Australia for Accounting and Finance¹



Global Leader

RMIT is recognised for its impact towards multiple global sustainable development goals⁴



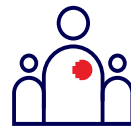
Top 10

in Australia for Engineering¹



19,000+

RMIT students undertook work-integrated learning placements in 2023³



Architecture and the Built Environment¹

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in Australia and

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in the world



3000+

scholarships awarded to our students in 2023



\$2.56M

allocated by RMIT Activator to more than 140 startups since 2015

66.6%

of graduates find full-time employment within four months of graduating²



¹ QS World University Rankings by Subject

² Good Universities Guide 2023/2024

³ InPlace data 2023

⁴ Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2024



What can RMIT offer you?



RMIT Job Shop

RMIT Job Shop is your one-stop spot for career support. They can help with everything from networking sessions to volunteer opportunities to career events.



Equitable Learning Services team

This team supports and creates equal opportunities for students with a disability, long-term illness and/or mental health condition. They also support primary carers.



Global opportunities at RMIT

RMIT is an international university, and our student opportunities reflect that. You can study, work or travel overseas as part of your studies. RMIT has global work, exchange and study experiences to suit your goals and career.



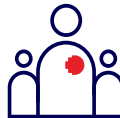
Fee assistance and support at RMIT

If fees and the cost of a postgrad course has you worried, you'll be happy to know that at RMIT there are ways to mitigate course fees so you can stay focused on your goals.



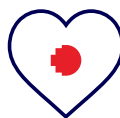
RMIT Activator

If you're an entrepreneur in the making, RMIT Activator can help you open a pop-up store, establish a social venture or commercialise your big tech idea.



Child Care Centre

RMIT City Campus Children's Centre provides daycare to make sure your kids are in capable hands and close by while you study.



Get hands-on with a practical RMIT course

Go beyond the classroom and experience a hands-on learning approach at RMIT. Our commitment to practical learning is more than just talk – our courses are all about learning by doing.



Free TAFE options

Free TAFE gives you the chance to gain the skills you need without any course fees. Eligible students do not pay tuition fees for a range of vocational qualifications associated with in-demand jobs.

“Every teacher comes with immense knowledge and industry experience, which means that the classes we took [were] based upon practical, real-world skills and applications. Even networking and speaking with our teachers is inspiring.”

Isabella Carrafa, Bachelor of Design (Game Design)



Interested in applying?

Starting or returning to study is investing in your future.

At RMIT, the application process can vary depending on the type of course you're interested in and your previous educational experience. If you know which course you want to apply for, just search for it on our website, select the course you're interested in and then click the 'apply' button once you're on the page.

The apply page for each course will contain specific information about intake dates and what you need to start the application process. If you're not sure which course you want to apply for, check out what's available by [browsing RMIT's courses](#).

Need more information?

Get in touch if you have any questions about studying at RMIT.

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