Several universities have programs for high achieving students that feature scholarship and enrichment activities. The following are four examples:

**Hallmark Program, La Trobe University:** This program is open to students who achieve an ATAR of at least 85 and who receive an offer to an eligible course.

Students will receive:

- Opportunities to work in cross-disciplinary teams on some of the world’s most pressing issues with access to and mentoring by leading researchers.
- A scholarship to undertake a variety of enrichment activities beyond the classroom including an International Study Tour, a 2-day residential program, and cross-disciplinary projects.
- Guaranteed access to an Honours year.

For information, go to [http://bit.ly/1TCYX7h](http://bit.ly/1TCYX7h)

**Outstanding Scholars Program, University of Canberra:** This program is for students who achieve an ATAR of 95+ or 99+ and who receive an offer for a course at the University. Students will receive:

- A scholarship valued at $5000 p/y for students who receive an ATAR of 95+ and $8000 p/y for students who receive an ATAR of 99+
- A specialised orientation session
- Mentoring by a research active academic
- Access to short courses and seminars only available to research students studying graduate degrees.

For information, go to [http://bit.ly/1ROusrc](http://bit.ly/1ROusrc)

**Chancellor’s Scholarship, Victoria University:** All Year 12 students who gain an ATAR of 90+ and who receive an offer for a course at Victoria University will gain a place in the Chancellor’s Scholarship program. Students will receive:

- $5000 per year (for up to four years) towards their studies
- Mentoring by community leaders from a variety of industries
- An internship
- Access to leadership programs
- Access to university sponsored events.

For information, go to [http://goo.gl/1jCBtH](http://goo.gl/1jCBtH)

**Global Science & Technology Program, Deakin University:** This program is for students who achieve an ATAR of 80+ and who enrol in a course within the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment. Students will receive:

- A scholarship
- Undertake personal, academic, and career development programs
- Complete the Deakin University’s Global Citizenship Program

Students will be encouraged to study part of their course through an overseas exchange arrangement or via an international study tour or undertake a second language. For information about the program, go to [http://bit.ly/1MfFofD](http://bit.ly/1MfFofD)
SCHOLARSHIP & ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Tuckwell Scholarship at ANU: Australia National University is again offering the ‘Tuckwell Scholarship’ for community minded students who are high achievers. 25 successful recipients will be entitled to just under $22 000 per year for the length of their degree. Applications for 2017 study are now open and close Thursday 30 March. For information on eligibility and the application process, go to http://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/

Gap Year in the Army, Navy and Air Force: The Australian Defence Force Gap Year program provides an opportunity for young Australians who have finished Year 12 to experience military training and lifestyle whilst gaining new skills and pay over their Gap Year in the Army, Navy or Air Force. You will earn more than $45,000, have subsidised accommodation and full medical and dental coverage.

There are 11 roles available and applications are now open. For more information and to apply, go to http://bit.ly/1dVvxxV

Are you interested in design and IT? Digital design enables you to design websites and apps and also bring the digital sphere into the public space by designing interactive spaces in the physical world. The following are three institutions that offer digital design courses:

• JMC Academy, http://bit.ly/1Mu3WDH

Science news: Be inspired by the latest stories featured on RiAUS – Australia’s Science Channel. Some of the topics covered this week include:

- Science Meets Parliament 2016
- Science of Scott’s year in space
- The Oscar’s – The Sci-Academy Awards
- The science of cycling: psychology
- Quantum computing

Access the stories at this link - http://bit.ly/1L9RM3o

VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

I Wanna B: This website features videos about occupations, pathways, and training institutions. Young people interview people working in different industries in an engaging way. Some of the occupations covered are as follows:

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To watch the videos, go to www.iwannab.com.au/

SkillsOne: This website features hundreds of videos about trades and occupations in the following industries:

- AgriFood Skills
- Rural & Farming
- Electrotechnology
- Building & Construction
- Property Services
- Community Services
- Healthcare
- Automotive
- Energy Utilities
- Government Skills
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Metals & Engineering
- Manufacturing
- Film & Business
- Mineral Resources
- Information Tech.

There is also a channel dedicated to women in trades and WorldSkills Australia, www.skillsone.com.au/
Ask an industry professional about their career!
The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) invite Year 12 students to submit questions about their ideal career area and they will endeavour to get an industry professional to answer them. If selected, your questions and the answers will be featured in a magazine called ‘Pick My Brain’ which will be published by VTAC later in the year.

If you are interested, send an email to VTAC with the subject line “I want to pick your brain” and tell them the following:

• If you are currently in Year 12 and at what school
• What you are planning to study next year
• What jobs are you interested in when you finish your course?
• What are three questions you’d like to ask someone who has the kind of job you want?
• Is there someone in particular whose brain you’d like to pick?

Email this to vtacmagazine@vtac.edu.au by Friday 18 March to register your interest.

RMIT Apprenticeships and Traineeships on Facebook: Keep up to date with industry news, trade careers, and pre apprenticeship courses at RMIT by joining their Facebook page- http://goo.gl/7szEQQ

Australian Apprenticeship Ambassadors: Join this Facebook page to read about the stories and achievements of young Australian’s who have found career success through their traineeship or apprenticeship- http://goo.gl/2hcuGS

Do you love health and science and would like to diagnose and treat musculoskeletal issues? Osteopathy involves the “treatment of medical disorders through the manipulation and massage of the skeleton and musculature”. Paul Hermann graduated with a qualification in Osteopathy at Victoria University (VU) Melbourne and now owns his own osteopathy clinic and works as an international consultant. Read about his story and the course at VU here - http://bit.ly/1Tl83os

You can also study osteopathy at RMIT, Bundoora campus - http://bit.ly/1Q702xz

For more information on osteopathy in Australia go to - http://bit.ly/1X68L7g

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

- Meet Melbourne University, Bendigo (17), Sale (22), Geelong (23) and Warragul (23), http://bit.ly/1SqQwuul
- 21: Careers in Medicine Information Session, UNSW Clinical School, Albury Wodonga campus, Email Prue Barclay at p.barclay@unsw.edu.au

APRIL

- 8: UMAT Simulation Day, St Vincent’s Hospital, Melbourne, www.nie.edu.au