



# Federation Access Studies program (FAST)

**Make the leap to university with the Federation Access Studies program (FAST).**

**If you don't have an academic background or study skills, or if you have finished Year 12 but don't have the entry requirements you need to start a degree, this may be the perfect pathway for you.**

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# Welcome to Federation University Australia

We're thrilled that you've taken the first step towards a degree with Federation University. Whatever your passion or career goals, Federation has everything you need to get out there and make your mark in the world and feel supported in the process.

Starting or returning to study is a huge transition but a great decision for your future. Federation University is ranked #1 in Victoria for graduate starting salary and #2 in Victoria for full-time employment within four months of students completing their course (Good Universities Guide 2024).

We're one of Australia's oldest universities with a long and strong history, and we draw on this experience to take us into the future. We're a smaller university, but this means we can be more agile, innovative and progressive in our response to regional and industry needs.

For more than 150 years, we have partnered with community and industry to ensure we're educating and training graduates for the jobs and skills needed for the future of work in booming regional areas.

We have campuses in Ballarat, Berwick (Melbourne), Churchill (Gippsland) and Horsham (Wimmera). Our campuses are set in beautiful surroundings with stunning scenery and plenty of quiet nooks and crannies to absorb yourself in your studies.

Whether you're a secondary school student, you're returning to study or you're starting something completely new, Federation University will give you the tools and support you need to thrive in your academic journey and beyond.



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Federation University Australia acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters where our campuses, centres and field stations are located and we pay our respects to Elders past and present. We extend this respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and First Nations Peoples.

The Aboriginal Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters where our campuses, centres and field stations are located include:

<b>Wimmera</b>	Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia, Jupagulk
<b>Ballarat</b>	Wadawurrung
<b>Berwick</b>	Boon Wurrung
<b>Gippsland</b>	Gunai Kurnai
<b>Nanya Station</b>	Mutthi Mutthi and Barkindji



# Why enrol in Federation Access Studies program (FAST)?

**FAST** is a single semester program that will teach you how to adapt the skills you already have to study effectively, including how to write for academic purposes, research, and use university systems, and how to apply all these skills to your studies.

This program is an ideal pathway if you don't have an academic background or the necessary entry requirements to start a degree. It's also a great stepping stone if you have a TAFE Diploma or Certificate IV and wish to progress to university studies.

**FAST** also offers an elective maths course for students who want to study an Engineering degree. Successful completion of the Introduction to Technical Maths course satisfies the entry requirements to apply for an Engineering degree.

**Once you have successfully completed FAST, you are guaranteed a place in one of Federation University's undergraduate degrees.**



# We're investing in your future

## Scholarship information

At Federation, we offer a wide variety of scholarships and grants which give you the opportunity to succeed in your studies without the stress of financial pressure.

We strongly urge all new students to explore your scholarship options - ranging in value from \$300 to more than \$18,000 - chances are that there will be an opportunity for you.

### How to apply

**Step 1** Access the Scholarships and Grants page [federation.edu.au/scholarships](http://federation.edu.au/scholarships)

**Step 2** Use the custom filters to see which scholarships you are eligible to apply for

**Step 3** Select the 'view' button to read more about the scholarship

**Step 4** Apply for the scholarship via our Scholarships and Grants portal

**Step 5** Once in the portal, you can manage your application and apply for other scholarships and grants

OR

[Find out more →](#)

# Am I eligible?

## Entry requirements

### Current Year 12 applicants

**Applicants should turn 18 in the year of commencement OR have completed Year 12 or equivalent.**

Year 12 applicants will be ranked based on their ATAR and ATAR Adjustment Factors – e.g. Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) and Subject Adjustments.

**Federation Access Studies (FAST):** A study score of at least 18 in any English. For the Mathematics unit FASTP1013, the prerequisite is Year 10 Mathematics (or equivalent). Students who have completed Foundation Mathematics are able to enter this stream.

**Federation Access Studies (FAST) for Engineering and Mathematical Science:** A study score of at least 18 in any English and either satisfactory completion of Units 1 and 2: Mathematical Methods or Specialist Mathematics or satisfactory completion of Units 3 and 4: General Mathematics. This stream applies for entry into any Federation University degree that has the prerequisite of Mathematical Methods or Specialist Mathematics and requires successful completion of EDMTH1000.

*Any applicants who have not met the English or Maths prerequisites through Year 12 results (e.g. VCE VM, VCAL or un-scored VCE) will be required to complete a literacy or numeracy test to determine their eligibility for admission. To qualify for entry into the FAST Engineering and Mathematical Science stream, applicants complete the Technical Maths entry test.*

### Non-Year 12 applicants

**Admission criteria for applicants with a higher education study**

Applicants should turn 18 in the year of commencement OR have completed Year 12 or equivalent.

Applicants who have previously completed Year 12, TAFE Diploma or Certificate IV are eligible to enter the program without completing a literacy and numeracy test.

Applicants who have not completed Year 12, a TAFE Diploma or Certificate IV will be required to complete a literacy and numeracy test to determine their eligibility for admission. For entry into the Engineering and Mathematical Science stream, applicants need to complete the Technical Maths entry test.



# What's in the detail?

## Program information

### Fees

There are no tuition fees for this enabling program. Domestic students eligible for a Commonwealth Supported Place are exempt from paying the student contribution amount.

### Other fees

You will need to pay the [Student Services and Amenities Fee \(SSAF\)](#).

### Other study costs

You can also expect to pay general costs for books, equipment and stationery of up to \$250 during the program.

### How to apply

Year 12 students apply to VTAC

[Year 12 students apply here →](#)

Non-school leavers apply via direct application

[Non-school leavers apply here →](#)

### Location

Mt Helen (Ballarat),  
Berwick,  
Gippsland (Churchill)  
and Online

### Study duration

0.5 year full-time  
(60 credit points = 0.5 EFTSL)

### Intakes

Semester 1 & 2

### Study load

Contact hours for on-campus students are: full-time = 13 hours per week, part-time = 7 hours per week. In addition, students should allow extra time for independent study and completion of assessment tasks.

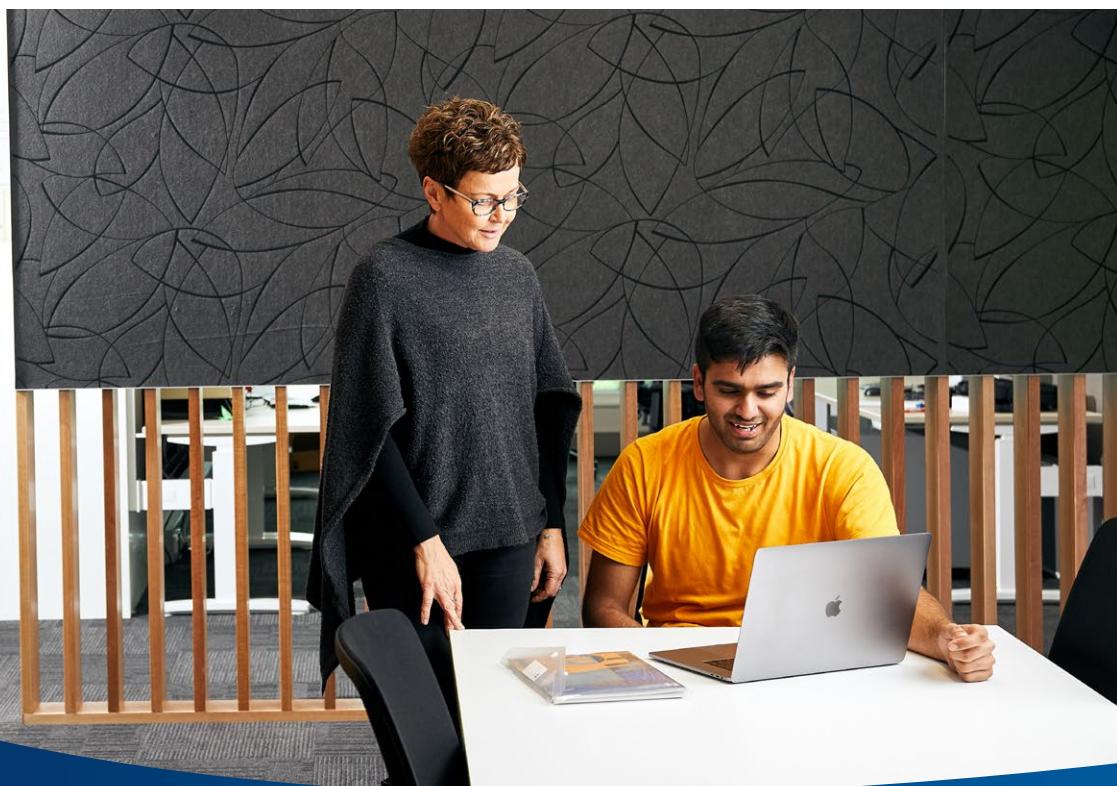
Online students: Online students may study entirely online without attending classes. Online times are available each week for regular access to staff. As a guide, students should allow up to 10 hours a week per unit. If you intend to enrol in FAST as an online student alongside full-time work and/or carer responsibilities, we encourage part-time study.

# What's in the detail?

## Study streams & structure

Electives include EDMTH1000 Introduction to Technical Maths and FASTP1013 Mathematics and Introductory Statistics.

SAMPLE STRUCTURE - FEDERATION ACCESS STUDIES PROGRAM (FAST)			
YEAR 1	SEMESTER 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>UNDERSTANDING UNIVERSITY LEARNING ATSGC1369, 15 credit points</li><li>INTRODUCTION TO TERTIARY STUDIES FASTP1011, 15 credit points</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ACADEMIC WRITING FASTP1015, 15 credit points</li><li>ELECTIVE</li></ul>
	SEMESTER 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>UNDERSTANDING UNIVERSITY LEARNING ATSGC1369, 15 credit points</li><li>INTRODUCTION TO TERTIARY STUDIES FASTP1011, 15 credit points</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ACADEMIC WRITING FASTP1015, 15 credit points</li><li>ELECTIVE</li></ul>





# We're a Co-operative University - what does that mean?

The Federation University Australia Co-operative Model – real workplaces, real projects, and real career opportunities.

Co-operative education, or 'co-op' is a well-established international model that prepares students for their future careers by linking them to workplaces as a core part of their degree through co-operative relationships with industry.

Federation Co-op puts students at the heart of education and industry. The model gets students work and world ready, through direct connection to employers, paid placements, career preparation and workplace skill development.

Federation is offering Co-op degrees from 2024, across Science, Engineering, Engineering Technology, Business, IT and IT Professional Practice. Between now and the end of 2025, we will embed Co-op across our suite of Federation University and TAFE courses, with delivery commencing in 2026.

A Co-op course incorporates employer and industry engagement from start to finish. It means that the program is co-designed, co-developed, co-delivered, co-assessed and co-accredited with input from employers and industry.

Our industry stakeholders are excited about Federation Co-op as it addresses skill shortages by inviting them to collaborate on our courses, to identify the real skills that our students need to succeed in their chosen industry. For our communities, Federation Co-op will drive the growth of our regional economies by developing talented local graduates who understand exactly what our regional businesses need.

## What does the co-op model offer students?

You will benefit from working on projects in real workplaces, delivering practical outcomes for industry, government, and not-for-profits, with the work experience you gain contributing to your academic record and completion of your course.

Every student will complete Co-operative Experiential Learning (formerly known as Work Integrated Learning), which includes structured workplace skills and accredited learning in a workplace, with options for paid placements, cadetships, internships, or working on real projects on campus.

Every Federation Co-op course will:

- include transferable skills as well as technical skills to prepare you for your career
- include at least 60 days of workplace learning that contributes directly to your course credits
- give you the opportunity to work alongside industry leaders and build your professional network while you study.

You'll also be provided with a range of opportunities to suit your goals and needs, including:

- shorter 'learning in the workplace' opportunities
- team-based projects for an industry partner
- connections with local and international opportunities, with access to major national and global employers opening up opportunities for travel.

At Federation University, our co-operative education model will provide you with real, meaningful work experience in workplaces using the latest technology, no matter what course you choose.



# Our industry connections are well established

Thanks to Federation's experienced staff and long history, we have some of the strongest industry and business relationships in Australia.

## Co-operative Experiential Learning

We provide Co-operative Experiential Learning opportunities (formerly known as Work Integrated Learning) across all our courses. These workplace learning opportunities can be real or simulated, occurring in the workplace, at university, online or face to face.

Our paid Co-op placements are a specific form of Co-operative Experiential Learning that is unique to Federation University. Every student completes a minimum of 60 days' paid placement relevant to your course – contributing directly to course credits – either full time over one semester, part time over an extended period or in blocks embedded into your subjects. Our Co-op model ensures you graduate both work and world-ready with the opportunity to accelerate your career.

## Industry Placement Program

The [Industry Placement Program](#) (IPP) provides students with an opportunity to gain valuable workplace experience to enhance their knowledge and skills. IPP is a unique pathway for businesses, government, and industry to attract new talent with skills and interests relevant to the workplace.

Find out more about our partnerships →

## Careers and employability

Our [careers and employability team](#) provide career advice, help with finding work while you study, internships and vacation programs, volunteer work, graduate programs, and graduate jobs.

We offer a broad range of services including workshops and programs on a range of employment-related topics (offered both on campus and online). We can help with writing your resume, cover letter, key selection criteria document reviews, job interview preparation and practice, access to volunteering opportunities, and careers information and resources.

We also provide you with access to an online jobs portal, EDGE, which gives you access to a range of current employment, volunteer, and skills development opportunities.

**Our Co-operative Experiential Learning and Industry Placement Program are open to you as a Federation student once you have completed the FAST program. You can access support from our careers and employability team immediately.**

# We're renowned for Supporting our students

We understand that starting or returning to university study is exciting, but that it also involves change with a challenge or two along the way.

To help you meet these challenges, and to succeed, we have a range of student-focused programs and services available that will help you strike the right balance between work, life and play during your time with us.

## Support services

We have an extensive range of personal support services dedicated to supporting your day-to-day wellbeing and activities, including:

- Accommodation
- Scholarships and grants
- Equity and inclusion
- Childcare
- Health services
- Complaints
- Aboriginal Education Centre
- Safer campuses
- Elite athlete program
- Counselling
- Disability support
- Financial information and support
- International student advisory
- Chaplaincy
- Justice of the peace
- Student advocacy

[Find out more about our services →](#)

## Academic support

Access study support, resources and learning advice to help you improve your academic skills - you'll find everything you need to make your studies a success including tips on managing your enrolment, accessing our systems, and finding opportunities to build your career and connect to fellow students, including:

- ASK desk
- Copyright
- Fed Ready
- Help with referencing
- IT support
- Learning skills advisors
- Library
- Online systems help
- Online study hub and booklet
- PASS (Peer Assisted Study Support) program
- Student mentors
- Studiosity study skills
- Subject guides

[Find out more about academic support →](#)



# Fast facts and additional information

We're an institution steeped in history. We started small in Victoria with just one campus in Ballarat more than 150 years ago. Roll on to today and we are making an impact worldwide.

## Our campuses

Our campuses stretch across Victoria, from the Wimmera and Ballarat in the west to Berwick and Gippsland in the east, giving students plenty of choice.

## On campus accommodation

[Fedliving](#) allows you to live on campus and meet new people from a range of backgrounds and courses. First-year undergraduate students are guaranteed accommodation during their first year of study\*.

\*conditions apply

## Useful links

[Aboriginal Education Centre](#)

[Chaplaincy](#)

[Children's Centres](#)

[Counselling](#)

[Disability Support](#)

[Elite Athlete Program](#)

[Higher Degrees by Research](#)

[International Students](#)

[Libraries](#)

[P-Tech](#)

[Student Advisory Service](#)

[Student Careers & Employment](#)

[Student Health](#)

[Student HQ](#)

[TAFE](#)

[Textbooks and study resources](#)



## Have a question?

Book a one-on-one consultation to speak directly to our expert Future Students team now.

[Book a consultation today →](#)

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