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**Australian University
& Further Education
Courses Guide**

**Curating your career in
museums & galleries**

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ABOUT MUSEUMS AUSTRALIA

Museums Australia is the national association representing museums and galleries and the people who work and volunteer in them.

Our Mission is to enhance the value of museums and galleries to society by sharing knowledge, developing skills, inspiring innovation and providing leadership.

We advocate for museums and galleries, set ethical standards and run inspiring and essential training and professional development for members wishing to advance their career.

When you join MA you gain access to professional development, advice, and vibrant networking opportunities across Australia.

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

Museums Australia has compiled this directory of relevant university courses available in Australia. It is not a comprehensive guide, but will give you an idea of the breadth of disciplines relevant to a museum career and point you in the direction of the educational institutions that provide undergraduate and postgraduate opportunities.

In compiling this guide, we referenced the Museums Association (UK) *Museum studies: a guide to courses* and the Volunteering Australia website.

This is a living document and will be added to over time. It should be used in conjunction with the Museums Australia national website Careers Centre.

Australian National University

Location:	Canberra
Website:	www.anu.edu.au
Faculty:	College of Arts and Social Sciences
Areas of study:	<p>Ancient history and classics</p> <p>Anthropology</p> <p>Archaeology</p> <p>Art history and curatorship</p> <p>Australian and European history</p> <p>Australian Indigenous studies</p> <p>Biological anthropology</p> <p>Cultural and environmental heritage</p> <p>Design art</p> <p>Development studies</p> <p>Heritage studies</p> <p>Modern world history</p> <p>Museum studies</p> <p>Visual arts</p>
Courses offered:	<p>Bachelor of Archaeological Practice</p> <p>Bachelor of Archaeology</p> <p>Bachelor of Art History & Curatorship</p> <p>Bachelor of Design Arts</p> <p>Bachelor of Visual Arts</p> <p>Graduate Certificate of Arts</p> <p>Master of Art History & Curatorial Studies</p> <p>Master of Classical Studies</p> <p>Masters of Liberal Arts (1 year graduate course in partnership with National Museum of Australia)</p> <p>Master of Museum & Heritage Studies</p>

Canberra Institute of Technology

Location:	Canberra
Website:	www.cit.edu.au
Faculty:	Library and Information Services
Areas of study:	Information and cultural services
Courses offered:	Certificate III in Information & Cultural Services

University of Canberra

Location:	Canberra
Website:	www.canberra.edu.au
Faculty:	Faculty of Arts and Design
Areas of study:	Conservation Cultural heritage History and philosophy Museum studies
Courses offered:	Bachelor of Arts in International Studies Bachelor of Heritage, Museums & Conservation Master of Applied Arts & Humanities (Research)

Charles Sturt University

Location:	Wagga Wagga, Bathurst
Website:	www.csu.edu.au
Faculty:	Humanities, Social Work & Human Services
Areas of study:	Art history History Indigenous Studies Islamic art and design Records and archive management
Courses offered:	Bachelor of Arts Master of Arts

TAFE NSW (North Coast)

Location:	Coffs Harbour
Website:	www.northcoasttafe.edu.au/
Faculty:	Library, Information and Cultural Services
Areas of study:	Museum practice and cultural services
Courses offered:	Certificate III in Arts Administration Certificate III in Guiding Certificate IV in Arts Administration Certificate IV in Library, Information and Cultural Services

Macquarie University

Location:	Sydney
Website:	www.mq.edu.au
Faculty:	Faculty of Art
Areas of study:	Ancient & modern history Anthropology Archaeology Arts practice and management Indigenous Studies
Courses offered:	Bachelor of Ancient History Bachelor of Archaeology Bachelor of Arts Master of Ancient History

Southern Cross University

Location:	Lismore, Coffs Harbour, Gold Coast
Website:	www.scu.edu.au
Faculty:	Faculty of Education & Arts
Areas of study:	Creative arts Indigenous studies Visual arts
Courses offered:	Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Creative Arts Bachelor of Indigenous Studies Bachelor of Visual Arts

University of Newcastle

Location:	Newcastle
Website:	www.newcastle.edu.au
Faculty:	Faculty of Education & Arts
Areas of study:	Creative arts Fine art History Indigenous studies
Courses offered:	Bachelor of Aboriginal Professional Practice Bachelor of Arts

University of New England

Location:	Armidale
Website:	www.une.edu.au
Faculty:	School of Humanities
Areas of study:	Ancient history Archaeology and palaeoanthropology Classics Indigenous studies Local and applied history
Courses offered:	Advanced Diploma in Arts Advanced Diploma in Local, Family & Applied History Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Historical Inquiry and Practice

University of New South Wales

Location:	Sydney
Website:	www.unsw.edu.au
Faculty:	College of Fine Arts School of Humanities & Languages
Areas of study:	Art administration Art and design education Art history and theory Design History Visual arts
Courses offered:	Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Art Theory Bachelor of Fine Arts Master of Art Master of Curating & Cultural Leadership

University of Sydney

Location:	Sydney
Website:	www.sydney.edu.au
Faculty:	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Areas of study:	Art curatorship Museum & heritage studies Visual arts
Courses offered:	Bachelor of Arts GradDip/GradCert/Master of Art Curating GradDip/GradCert/Master of Museum & Heritage Studies

University of Wollongong

Location:	Wollongong, Bega, Bateman's Bay
Website:	www.uow.edu.au
Faculty:	Faculty of Law, Humanities & the Arts
Areas of study:	Creative arts Cultural studies History Indigenous studies
Courses offered:	Bachelor of Arts

Western Sydney University

Location:	Western Sydney
Website:	www.westernsydney.edu.au
Faculty:	School of Humanities & Communication Arts
Areas of study:	Creative arts Cultural studies History Indigenous studies Islamic studies
Courses offered:	Bachelor of Arts Master of Arts (Creative Arts)

Charles Darwin University

Location:	Darwin
Website:	www.cdu.edu.au
Faculty:	School of Creative Arts and Humanities
Areas of study:	History and cultural heritage Indigenous studies and languages
Courses offered:	Certificate III in Guiding Bachelor of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Knowledges Bachelor of Creative Arts & Industries

Griffith University

Location:	Brisbane
Website:	www.griffith.edu.au
Faculty:	Visual and creative arts
Areas of study:	Art history History Indigenous art Visual arts
Courses offered:	Bachelor of Contemporary Australian Indigenous Art Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Fine Art Master of Arts in Visual Arts

James Cook University

Location:	Townsville, Cairns, Brisbane
Website:	www.jcu.edu.au
Faculty:	Arts and Social Sciences
Areas of study:	Archaeology Environment and heritage History Indigenous studies
Courses offered:	Bachelor of Arts Master of Social Science in Environment and Heritage

Queensland University of Technology

Location:	Brisbane
Website:	www.usq.edu.au
Faculty:	Creative Industries Faculty
Areas of study:	Arts management Visual arts
Courses offered:	Graduate Certificate in Creative Industries (Creative Production and Arts Management) Graduate Certificate in Creative Industries (Interdisciplinary) Graduate Certificate in Creative Industries (Professional Communication) Graduate Certificate in Creative Industries (Interactive & Visual Design) Master of Creative Industries (Creative Production and Arts Management) Master of Creative Industries (Professional Communication) Master of Creative Industries (Interdisciplinary) Master of Creative Industries (Interactive & Visual Design) Master of Business (Philanthropy & Non-profit Studies)

University of Southern Queensland

Location:	Toowoomba
Website:	www.usq.edu.au
Faculty:	Humanities and Communication
Areas of study:	Archaeology History Indigenous studies Visual Arts
Courses offered:	Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Bachelor of Creative Arts Diploma of Arts

University of Queensland

Location:	Brisbane
Website:	www.uq.edu.au
Faculty:	Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
Areas of study:	Art history Archaeology History Indigenous studies Museum studies
Courses offered:	Bachelor of Arts Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies Graduate Diploma in Museum Studies Master of Museum Studies

Flinders University

Location:	Adelaide
Website:	www.flinders.edu.au
Faculty:	School of Humanities and Creative Arts
Areas of study:	Archaeology Applied history Cultural heritage management Heritage studies Indigenous studies Visual arts
Courses offered:	Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Archaeology Bachelor of Creative Arts (Visual Arts) Graduate Certificate in Archaeology Graduate Diploma in Archaeology and Heritage Management Graduate Certificate in Maritime Archaeology Graduate Diploma in Maritime Archaeology Master of Maritime Archaeology Master of Archaeology and Heritage Management

University of Adelaide

Location:	Adelaide
Website:	www.adelaide.edu.au
Faculty:	Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Areas of study:	Art history History Indigenous knowledges and society Visual culture
Courses offered:	Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Diploma of Arts

University of South Australia

Location:	Adelaide
Website:	www.unisa.edu.au
Faculty:	School of Art, Architecture and Design
Areas of study:	Art history and theory Arts management Visual arts and design
Courses offered:	Bachelor of Visual Arts Bachelor of Art and Design Master of Visual Art and Creative Practice

University of Tasmania

Location:	Hobart, Launceston
Website:	www.utas.edu.au
Faculty:	Faculty of Arts
Areas of study:	Contemporary arts Fine arts and design History Indigenous studies Writing family history
Courses offered:	Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Contemporary Arts Bachelor of Fine Arts Bachelor of Arts with Honours Bachelor of Contemporary Arts with Honours Bachelor of Fine Arts with Honours Diploma of Fine Art and Design Master of Arts Master of Fine Arts Graduate Diploma of Arts (Specialisation) Graduate Diploma of Contemporary Arts (Specialisation) Graduate Diploma of Fine Art and Design (Specialisation) Graduate Certificate of Arts (Specialisation) Graduate Certificate of Contemporary Arts (Specialisation) Graduate Certificate of Fine Art and Design (Specialisation)

Deakin University

Location:	Melbourne
Website:	www.deakin.edu.au
Faculty:	Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Areas of study:	Anthropology Cultural Heritage History Museum studies Visual Arts
Courses offered:	Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Graduate Certificate of Museum Studies Graduate Diploma of Museum Studies Master of Cultural Heritage Master of Arts

Federation University

Location:	Ballarat, Gippsland
Website:	www.federation.edu.au
Faculty:	Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Areas of study:	History Indigenous studies Visual arts
Courses offered:	Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Master of Arts

La Trobe University

Location:	Albury/Wodonga, Melbourne, Shepparton, Bendigo, Mildura
Website:	www.latrobe.edu.au
Faculty:	Arts, Communication and Critical Enquiry
Areas of study:	Anthropology Archaeology Creative arts Fine arts Indigenous studies History
Courses offered:	Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Bachelor of Creative Arts Master of Arts

RMIT

Location:	Melbourne
Website:	www.rmit.edu.au
Faculty:	Art, Design and Architecture
Areas of study:	Arts management Fine arts
Courses offered:	Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Fine Arts Master of Arts (Art in Public Space) Master of Arts (Arts Management) Master of Fine Arts

University of Melbourne

Location:	Melbourne
Website:	www.unimelb.edu.au
Faculty:	Faculty of Arts
Areas of study:	Anthropology Archaeology Art curatorship Art management and policy Art history Classical studies History Indigenous studies Visual Arts
Courses offered:	Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Fine Arts Master of Art Curatorship Master of Arts and Cultural Management Master of Cultural Materials Conservation Graduate Diploma in Arts Graduate Certificate in Arts

Victoria University

Location:	Melbourne
Website:	www.vu.edu.au
Faculty:	College of Arts
Areas of study:	History Indigenous studies Visual arts
Courses offered:	Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Bachelor of Creative Arts (Honours) Bachelor of Creative Industries Diploma of Library and Information Services

Curtin University

Location:	Perth
Website:	www.curtin.edu.au
Faculty:	Arts and creative industries
Areas of study:	Anthropology Cultural studies Fine arts History Indigenous studies Information management
Courses offered:	Bachelor of Arts Graduate Certificate (Art and Design) Graduate Diploma in Information and Library Studies Graduate Diploma in Records Management and Archives Master of Applied Art and Design Master of Information Management

Edith Cowan University

Location:	Perth, Bunbury
Website:	www.ecu.edu.au
Faculty:	Faculty of Communication and Arts
Areas of study:	History Indigenous studies Visual arts
Courses offered:	Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Creative Industries Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

Murdoch University

Location:	Perth
Website:	www.murdoch.edu.au
Areas of study:	History Indigenous studies
Courses offered:	Bachelor of Arts

University of Western Australia

Location:	Perth
Website:	www.uwa.edu.a
Faculty:	Art, Design and Architecture
Areas of study:	Anthropology and sociology Archaeology Art history Fine Arts Heritage studies History Indigenous knowledge, history and heritage
Courses offered:	Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Design Graduate Certificate in Heritage Studies Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Bachelor of Design (Honours) Master of Heritage Studies Master of Fine Arts Master of Arts

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering is deemed essential for students to understand the real world of museums and galleries and secure a job in the sector

Volunteering in museums and galleries not only benefits the institution, but shows that you have a genuine interest in the sector and will infinitely broaden your understanding of how museums and galleries work. Museums rely on volunteers to help with everything from front of house to archiving, research to conservation, with the result that plenty of institutions now have formal volunteer training programs.

There is a universal catch-22 that you require work experience to secure a job, but need a job to get work experience. The museums and galleries sector is no exception. Volunteering is one way to gain this vital work experience. You will also get more out of your university course if you have work experience, but also think about transferable skills from other sectors that you have been involved in.

If studying on-campus, you might like to ensure that you select a university that either has a museum or check out if there is a museum or gallery nearby where you can volunteer. If studying by distance/online, be sure to visit and sign up to volunteer in your local museum.

Volunteering in smaller museums and galleries will have a similar impact on your experience-building as working there. Starting small

has many advantages as it generally allows (sometimes forces) a worker or volunteer to try out all the different roles within an institution, from curatorial duties, registration and visitor services to creating education programs and designing exhibition. Signing up to be a volunteer in a larger state or national institution will likely result in you only have one or two specific tasks, such as front of house, or guiding.

FURTHER STUDY

Prospective employers recognise that a good course enhances your skills, knowledge, and practical experience. Although you can never be guaranteed a job after you have finished your course, there are a number of ways in which it can help you get ahead. A master's course will help you to grow your professional networks and understand the sector better. It may even give you an edge over other candidates with similar experience. Beyond practical skills, a master's course will deepen your critical thinking about museums and how they can develop. It could also be the gateway to a career in academia if you decide to do a PhD later. Commonwealth funding for postgraduate studies cannot be guaranteed, however, so you must be in a financial position to continue your studies.

