Your career roadmap:

What top employers want and industries of the future
Insights that matter

As a recent school leaver or undergraduate, you naturally hope to forge a meaningful and rewarding career in your area of professional interest.

Yet the effects of globalisation and an increasingly insecure employment market can make for a bumpy ride along the road to your dream job.

Understanding what top employers want and which industries are tipped for future growth can help you make the right choices at the right time, setting you up for a successful and prosperous future.
Sought-after skills uncovered

Employers the world-over seek to identify the best applicants from an ever-expanding global talent pool.

So what skills are they looking for and how can you ensure you’ve got them?

The skills top employers want

While industry knowledge is always essential, local and international surveys consistently reveal that employers and recruiters across every sector look to hire people with these five key skills.¹

- Teamwork and collaboration
- Communication – written, oral and interpersonal
- Digital literacy and capability
- Problem-solving and analysis
- Organisation and prioritisation

More than 50% of future jobs will require significant digital skills.²

16:1

On average, there are 16 applicants for every single skilled professional job advertised in Australia.³

TEAMWORK (n):
to efficiently and effectively collaborate, influence, cooperate and encourage.
Status: Top ranked employability skill.

All of UWA’s degrees focus on developing your communication, research and problem-solving skills – an expectation that today is required of all high-quality graduates.

Did you know?

UWA’s innovative undergraduate course structure is based on a global model and prepares you to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing world.

You’ll also have the opportunity to expand your knowledge beyond one narrow major during your undergraduate course - you can choose to study two majors and complete your degree in the same duration and cost as a single major undergraduate course!
Crystal ball gazing

The global economic landscape is changing, with growth industries set to provide opportunity and security for those with the right skills as well as a clear eye to the future.

Healthcare sector jobs are projected to grow by more than 16% in the next five years.¹
Or
More than 220,000 Australian jobs will be created in health and social assistance by 2018.⁶

Top 7 industries of the future⁴

Health
As life expectancies trend ever upwards and medical technology continues to advance, health spending in every nation is set to rise, as will demand for well qualified staff in this sector.

Finance and wealth management
Growth in accounting and financial services and wealth management products is on the rise, on the back of an expanding middle class and the rise in the number of people looking to secure their future in retirement.

Global private financial wealth is growing, reaching $152 trillion in 2014.⁷

Services
International trade agreements have made way for global market expansion in transport, finance, information technology, tourism, business, scientific, education and engineering services.

The professional services sector is projected to increase by almost 10% over the next five years.⁸
Education

Tourism

Tourism has become a major player in international commerce. As the world’s middle class swells, more people are travelling the world on holiday, with millions looking to experience the unique, the spectacular and the luxurious.

International tourist arrivals grew by 4.3% in 2014 to 1.133 billion.

Gas

Increasingly, gas is the primary energy source in homes, commercial business, industry.

A cleaner and greener energy source than coal, gas has emerged as a key player in the quest for clean air, particularly in fast-growing cities where energy diversification is considered a vital security measure.

Education

Worldwide, demand for private school education is on the rise. Meanwhile, higher education, international education and specialised training programs are surging, driven by rising aspirations for educational attainment.

The education and training sector is tipped to grow by more than 13% in the next 4 years.

Other sectors tipped for significant growth include clean energy, ICT, residential aged care, medical and allied health services and food processing.

Agribusiness

Global demand for food is escalating as the world’s population grows. Opportunities to produce, process and distribute food are more expansive than ever.

Population growth = rising demand for food.
Making the right moves

In realising career success, a lot comes down to good decisions, made early – and the evidence suggests your choice of higher education provider has a clear role to play.

In Australia, graduates from Group of Eight, or sandstone universities, benefit from institutional prestige, earning higher salaries and being more sought-after by employers than graduates from other institutions.13

Almost 1 in 3 Employers Prefer To Recruit Graduates From Particular Higher Education Institutions.14

Top tier qualifications translate to increased employability and higher salaries.

Group of Eight bachelor-degree graduates employed full-time earn 10 per cent more than non-Group of Eight graduates who are employed full-time.15
Where to next?

If you’re keen to set yourself up for a rewarding, successful career, UWA can help you get there.

UWA is the only sandstone university on Australia’s west coast and is ranked 3rd in Australia and 49th in the world for graduate employability.

UWA offers future-focused courses, equipping graduates with the skills mix top employers are looking for. UWA graduates consistently rank as the most employable in the state.

Set your future alight at UWA. Enquire today.
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