

# How to apply for a university lecturer position in Australian universities

As a university lecturer your responsibilities include planning lectures and tutorials, delivering lectures and tutorials to students, providing guidance to students, marking assignments and exams, stimulating effective discussion with students, attending faculty meeting and conferences, consulting with academic boards and committees as well as many other responsibilities regarding university procedure and student learning. As a university lecturer has many responsibilities, they also need to have many skills to carry out their day-to-day tasks, such as exceptional communication and information sharing skills, organizational skills, basic technical skills (especially in the last year with the rise of online university learning), as well as skills that assist to keep the students engaged and enjoying their learning. A university lecturer career is a very complex yet rewarding career path.

There are 3 main steps you will need to take to apply for a university lecturer position in Australia:

## **1: Complete high school education.**

You will need to complete your Senior Secondary Certificate of Education and qualify for enrolment into a university.

## **2: Complete a bachelor's degree and higher education.**

To apply for a university lecturer position, the first step is completing an undergraduate degree in your chosen area of expertise. It is common for a university lecturer to complete more than once bachelor's degree in their area of interest. It is then important to complete a post graduate master's degree or doctorate in the relevant discipline, as it is important for a university lecturer to be knowledgeable in their field.

It is important to note that lot of universities highly regard having a teaching degree alongside the degrees in your area of expertise, so you may want to consider completing a Bachelor of Education.

However, in some fields, such as law and engineering, lecturers may be chosen based on a wide range of industry and / or professional experience rather than graduate qualifications. Currently enrolled postgraduate students may also be invited to undertake part-time teaching work.

## **3. Apply for a job as a lecturer**

Once you have completed your study and got all certificates, you can start looking for university lecturer positions. You are also able to get in touch with specific institutions if there are some available lecturer positions. While applying for the job, you will need to create your professional cover letter and set up your CV/ resume. You need to show your intention and explain why you are right fit in that position. Do not forget to include references from internships or apprenticeships.

A good university lecturer is very knowledgeable in their field so it can also help to work in the area of expertise, this can help put you above other candidates. So, the key to landing a university lecturer position is to expand and further your expertise and knowledge.