To celebrate Youth Week 2022, UQ and the Queensland Government invite UQ students under 25 to brainstorm the most pressing research questions we need to resolve for the future.

At Carpe Futurum, a special youth research forum on 1 April 2022, facilitator and fantasy writer Professor Kim Wilkins will immerse you in imaginative games to create a vision of the future you want to inherit. Together, you'll generate some of the research questions that will need to be answered to allow your ideal future to become a reality.

As well as being able to influence the direction of future UQ research, participants will be eligible to apply for research scholarships valued at up to $5000 each.

What are the issues young adults want to see addressed by UQ research over the next decade?

Your chance to influence UQ's future research agenda

The Carpe Futurum forum is designed to give young people a say in UQ's future research direction.

Multiple scholarships valued at up to $5000 available to approved research projects.

Young people with diverse backgrounds and big imaginations are strongly encouraged to participate.

Each successful research project must include at least one member under the age of 25 years.

Half-day workshop – morning tea and pizza provided.

Visit the forum registration page for more info.

Professor Kim Wilkins

Morning tea and pizza lunch provided. Visit the Carpe Futurum registration page for more information.

WHEN: Friday, 1 April (9.45 am–1pm)
WHERE: Level Three, Global Change Institute Living Building, The University of Queensland, St Lucia
Youth Research Grants

In the knowledge-based global economy, in-demand skills include the ability to think and reason critically, develop innovative ideas, analyse data and clearly explain results.

Youth Research Grants (YRGs) provide an opportunity for motivated UQ students to participate in an exciting new educational research experience. Offered for the first time in 2022, the YRG program is designed to bring young students together with one or more of the UQ’s leading academics and researchers to engage in research-related activities for a selected project.

Generously supported by the Queensland Government, these scholarships represent a new direction in scholarship funding as the students themselves will be encouraged to influence and shape the direction of the research program.

Who can apply?

Participation is open to undergraduate (including honours) and postgraduate coursework students (up to the age of 25 years) who are currently enrolled at UQ and who will maintain ongoing enrolment in a UQ program in 2022–2023.

Student benefits

- An opportunity to develop new academic and professional capabilities to enhance employability
- Experience in research as a “test-drive” before embarking on future research studies.

Forum program

9.45 am – Registration and coffee
10.00 am
Welcome – Prof. Rachel Parker, GCI Director
10.15 am
Overview of the workshop/proposed outcomes, outline of how to access scholarships – Prof. Kim Wilkins
10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Imagining 2032 – Using activities borrowed from speculative fiction storytelling, participants are encouraged imagine the best possible future and the steps it may take to get there.
12.20 pm
Wrap-up and questions
12.30 pm
Pizza lunch
(Bookings essential for catering purposes.)

Visit gci.uq.edu.au/events for more information