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QTAC to deliver 20,000 offers in time for Christmas

Over 20,000 tertiary applicants will be granted an early Christmas wish this Thursday when they receive offers to study at university or TAFE in 2018.

For the second year running, QTAC will release offers in December ahead of the major semester 1 offer round on 16 January, allowing applicants to find out sooner if they've been accepted into their chosen course.

According to QTAC, the five most popular Queensland courses for 2018, based on number of first preferences, are:

1. JCU – Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery
2. QUT – Bachelor of Business
3. UQ – Doctor of Medicine (MD) (Provisional Entry for School-Leavers)
4. UQ – Bachelor of Arts
5. QUT – Bachelor of Engineering (Honours).

Health continues to be the most popular field of study. Along with medicine, physiotherapy and psychological science are preferred choices for 2018.

QTAC CEO, Dr John Griffiths, said the popularity of these courses reflect the growing demand for allied health professionals, who make up over a quarter of Australia's health workforce.

"Allied health is growing in response to increased demand for services across the disability, mental health, aged care and health sectors," Dr Griffiths said.

"While traditional health programs remain popular, there is a trend toward courses leading to health careers outside medicine, dentistry and nursing that support patients through a variety of therapeutic, diagnostic and technical services."

Dr Griffiths also acknowledged the demand for engineering courses, taking the opportunity to encourage students to apply for the Australian Government's Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarship Program.

"The scholarships offer students from regional and remote Australia improved access to and assistance with completing their chosen science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) course. Scholarship recipients can receive up to \$18,000 to assist with the financial costs of study, as well as \$500 towards an internship of their choice," Dr Griffiths said.

For more information on the Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarship Program, visit www.qtac.edu.au/scholarships/rresp.