

Queensland Overseas Foundation

Industry Snapshot

COMMERCIAL COOKERY AND PATISSERIE

The QOF encourages and supports recent Commercial Cookery and Patisserie graduates to expand their vocational horizons by working overseas.

Why Support the Queensland Overseas Foundation?

International work experience can provide young Chefs and Pastry Cooks with opportunities to experience firsthand a range of cuisines and cooking techniques and technologies they might not have access to in Australia. By heading abroad, young Commercial Cookery and Patisserie graduates will be able to visit and work in top restaurants and network with outstanding industry professionals. They will return to Queensland with new knowledge and understanding of their industry and the skills to compete with the best in the world.

Our alumni of Commercial Cookery and Pastry Cook recipients are a testament to this.



Richard Ousby 2007 QOF Scholarship Recipient

Richard has had a remarkable career including his significant appointment as Executive Chef for Stockhouse Restaurants in Brisbane and Melbourne. After being awarded a QOF Scholarship, he travelled to the United Kingdom where he worked at the famous three Michelin star establishment, Waterside Inn on the River Thames in Bray. On his return to Queensland in 2011, he was awarded the prestigious Electrolux Australian Young Chef of the Year Award, a year later, the Aqua Panna and S. Pellegrino Young Chef of the Year Award in Venice, Italy.

"To young people thinking about taking an international work and study experience I say - do it - take a risk. The experience is invaluable for not just your professional life but your personal life too. It can be scary but it is an endeavour worth taking."



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Cassandra Baker 1997 QOF Scholarship and 2015 Bursary Recipient

Cassandra has been the beneficiary of both a QOF Scholarship and a QOF Global Connections Bursary. With the support of her QOF Scholarship she travelled to the United Kingdom where she worked in many prestigious establishments for two years and gained a wealth of professional experience. Upon returning to Brisbane, she used this experience to secure a Head Pastry Chef position and eventually she started her own business, Urban Bites. Cassandra is currently employed by TAFE Queensland Brisbane at Southbank as a Workplace Training Officer for Bakery and it is in this role she was awarded a QOF Global Connections Bursary. Her Bursary enabled her to travel to Villepinte, France to attend the Europain International Baking Trade Show in February 2016.

"The QOF has been an enormous support to me throughout my career. I am so grateful for the experiences I have had with both my Scholarship and Bursary."



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About the Foundation

Since 1976 the Queensland Overseas Foundation has supported over 110 Queenslanders from all trades and vocations to test their wares overseas, to bring back valuable skills and to build global careers that impact the world.

The Foundation is a voluntary, non-profit organisation, providing young people with the opportunity to broaden their vocational horizons and improve their career prospects by working overseas.

The Foundation is sponsored by industry and supported by the Queensland Government. It operates through a Board of Governors representing a range of industries and expertise.

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**QOF Scholarship
Commercial Cookery and
Patisserie Recipient
Roll Call**

Richard Pascoe (2013) | Cassandra Blyth (2008) | Tammy Cole (2008) | Richard Ousby (2005) | Cheryl Callender (2004) | Daniel Crichtlow (2001) | Cassandra Baker (1997) | Sarah Cooper (1995) | Nathan Van De Belt (1994) | Angelo Leonforte (1993) | Juanita McDermott (1993) | Aaron Maree (1991) | Allison Achilles (1991) | Lindsay Weber (1980) | Peter Fahey (1979)