

Queensland Overseas Foundation

Industry Profile

CONSTRUCTION

QOF Scholarships encourage and support recent trade graduates from across a range of construction related industries to expand their vocational horizons by working overseas.

Why Support the Queensland Overseas Foundation?

Construction industry graduates have much to gain from overseas work experience. By heading abroad, young construction personnel will be exposed to world leading construction practices, materials and technologies and have the opportunity to work on iconic construction projects. 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 construction award recipients are a testament to this.



Mostyn Higgs 2013 QOF Scholarship Recipient

Mostyn completed a Certificate III in Carpentry at TAFE Queensland SkillsTech and a Certificate IV in Civil Construction at RudTek. He used his scholarship to travel to Dubai where he has been working on major infrastructure projects including his current position as Construction Manager for Brookfield-Multiplex working on the iconic building 'The Opus'. Mostyn has found that despite facing a number of challenges while on his scholarship, he has gained an enormous amount of experience, not only in construction but also in management.

"Although I strongly believe Australia is an industry leader in construction, there is so much that we can learn from international markets."

"Dubai is well known for iconic projects, and I'm excited to learn different methods and ways of building to bring back to the team here in Queensland."



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Leo Primus 2009 QOF Scholarship Recipient

Leo was awarded a QOF scholarship in his vocation of Project Management and he travelled to Malaysia, Thailand and Singapore to work on a major infrastructure project. Leo was a part of a \$6 billion dollar rail project connecting Thailand in the north with Singapore in the south. During his scholarship experience, he was responsible for \$380 million dollars worth of construction works, over 150 personnel from five different countries and a number of consultants spanning South-East Asia, Japan, Germany and Italy. On his return to Queensland he was hired as a Development Manager for AV Jennings and he has continued to work on an impressive list of projects in Queensland.

"I learnt to problem solve, communicate and adapt to a foreign place and foreign experiences. Money can't buy these experiences but they have all proven invaluable."

"After getting through the challenges of tunneling in a remote Malaysian jungle, there are not too many challenges I am not capable of working through today – personal or professional."



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About the Foundation

Since 1976 the QOF has awarded scholarships to over 110 Queenslanders from all trades and vocations to test their wares overseas.

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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