Graduate Certificate in Project Management

Develop your ability to lead projects

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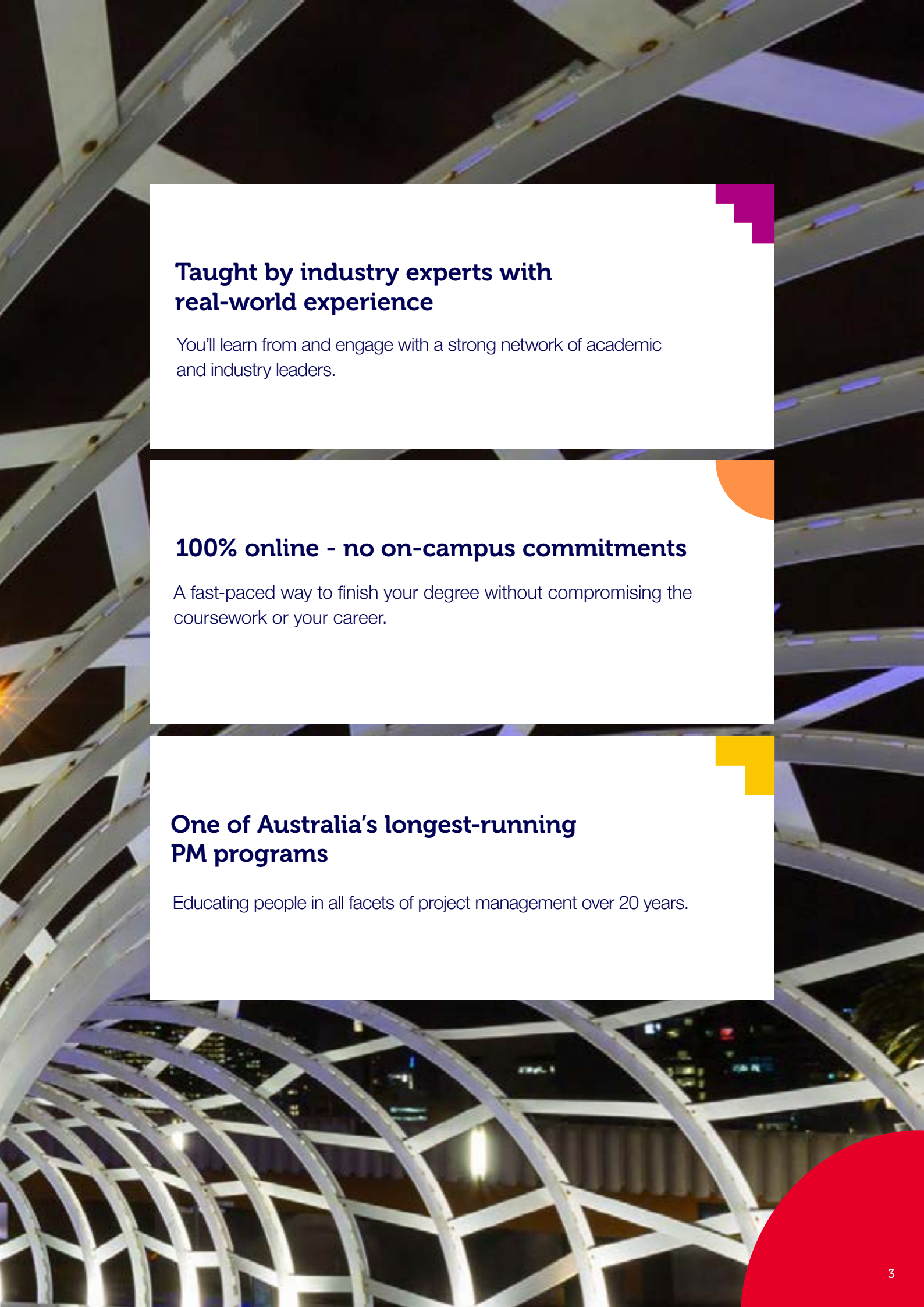


Taught by industry experts with real-world experience

You'll learn from and engage with a strong network of academic and industry leaders.

100% online - no on-campus commitments

A fast-paced way to finish your degree without compromising the coursework or your career.

One of Australia's longest-running PM programs

Educating people in all facets of project management over 20 years.

Program overview

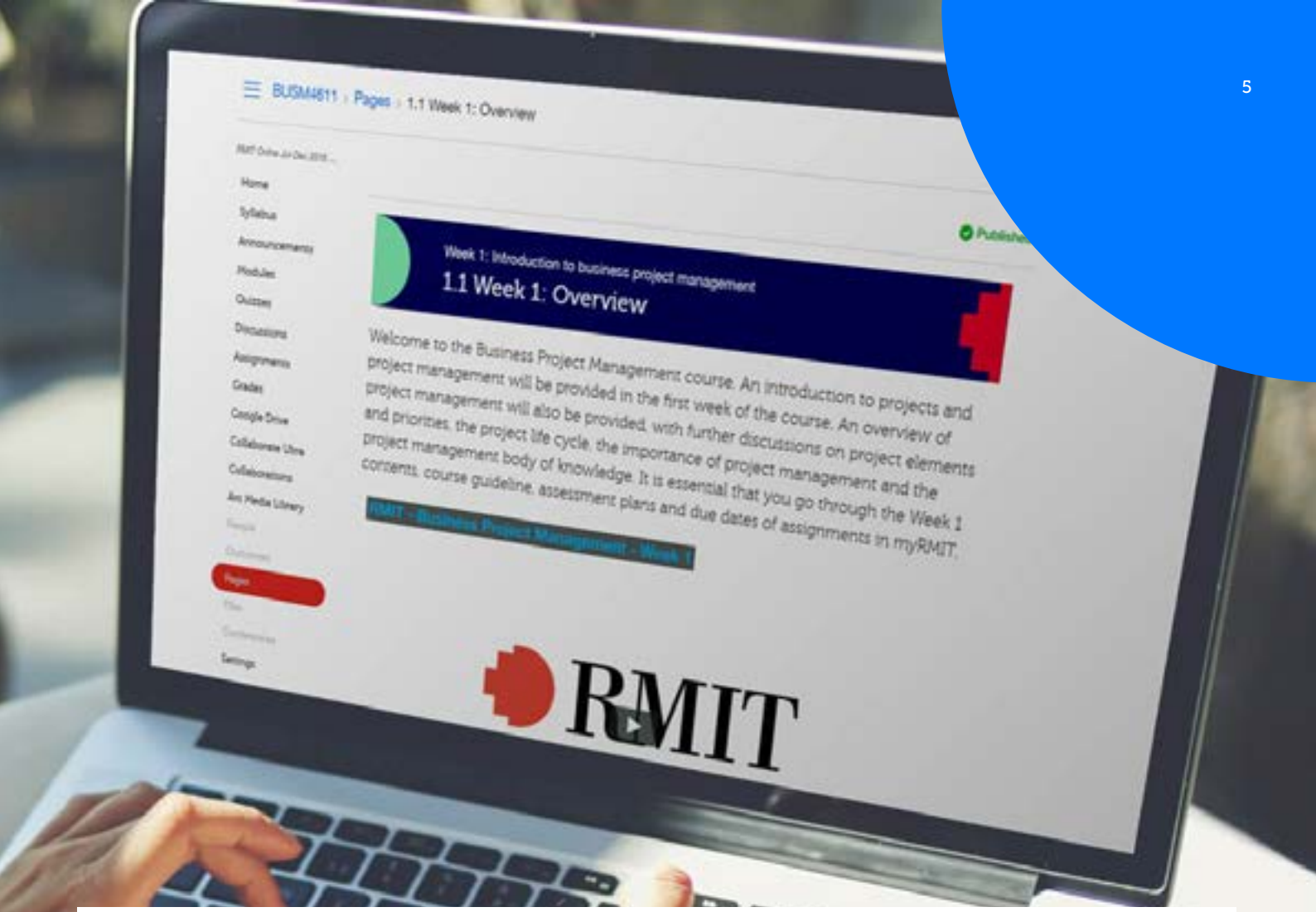
Develop your career in project management with a qualification that equips you with leadership skills that are essential in a wide variety of sectors.

With emphasis on the practical application of theory to respond to current and emerging issues, you will learn how to run complex projects with a range of stakeholders, managing all phases on time and to budget, and contribute to an increase in business effectiveness. Not only with the added convenience of being intensive and completely online, the Graduate Certificate in Project Management provides an excellent pathway to the Graduate Diploma.

The program courses include:

- Introduction to Project Management
- Project Management Techniques
- Project Design for Quality
- Managing Project Teams

Full unit details can be found from page 11



The online student experience

Supporting you through to graduation day

- Access course content and utilise study tools **anywhere, anytime with flex**.
- Our **highly social learning environment** means peer collaboration and networking is simple.
- **Leading industry experts** and academics are there to inform and guide you at every stage.
- **Personalised support and assistance** keeps you motivated and on the road to success.
- **Graduate with a globally-recognised degree** without compromising your life or career trajectory.

What you can expect from each course

Initial communication

Students can use the online forum to introduce themselves to each other and course instructors. This is where students can form ‘study groups’ and find information about course topics, teachers, readings, assignment key dates and grading considerations.

Learning content format

Learning materials consist of a variety of components, including video, text-based content, animations and more. Each week’s content is presented and linked to learning objectives, as well as overall course goals. This provides an environment where students can monitor their progress and prepare for upcoming topics and concepts.

Synchronised study sessions

With at least one per seven-week course, these sessions bridge gaps between the content and student comprehension, and are scheduled well in advance to facilitate student planning. Times are rotated to accommodate students in multiple time zones. These sessions are also recorded and available for review purposes.

Ongoing support and re-enrolment

Each student will have a dedicated advisor to help guide and motivate you through coursework, enabling you to manage your study/work/life balance, and help keep you informed of re-enrolment for upcoming study periods. This one-on-one support continues through to graduation.

Discussion boards

The discussion boards are open throughout the duration of each course, helping to promote critical thinking and interaction. Instructors use tagging/reply features to ensure that all students get important program and course notifications. Discussions are created and moderated by the course instructor or section instructor and, depending on the course, are included in participation grades.

Assessment

While you will have no formalised on-campus exams, all RMIT postgraduate programs include rigorous assessments in the form of case studies, reports, online discussion, interaction and engagement. This ensures that all learning is valuable, authentic and applicable to your work immediately. There may be some tests, quizzes or other online assessments, however, you will not have to attend traditional on-campus examinations.

Discover RMIT online

Explore the RMIT online learning environment and get an insight into what your course and assessments will be like using Discover RMIT Online.

Sign up today

Work-connected learning

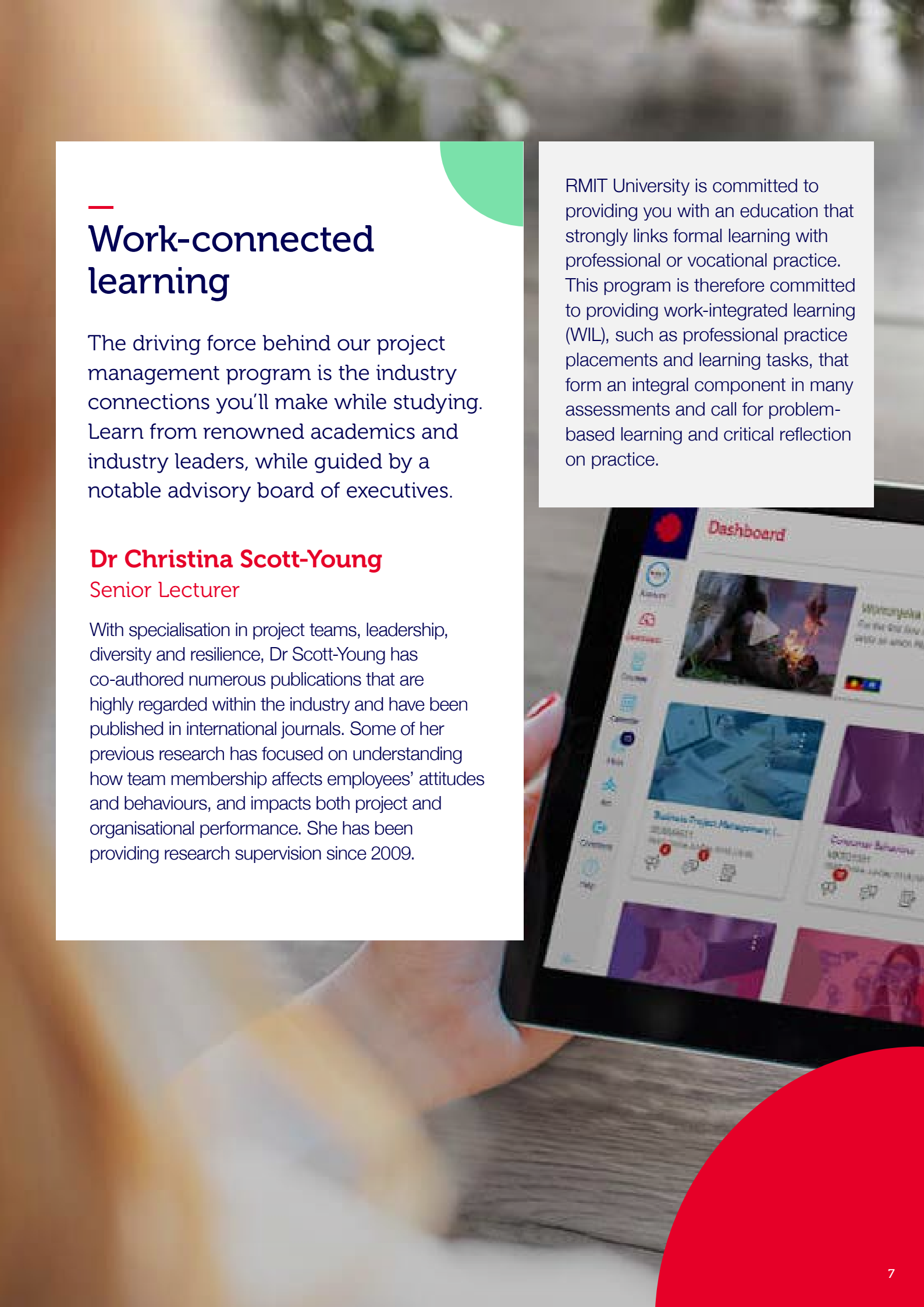
The driving force behind our project management program is the industry connections you'll make while studying. Learn from renowned academics and industry leaders, while guided by a notable advisory board of executives.

Dr Christina Scott-Young

Senior Lecturer

With specialisation in project teams, leadership, diversity and resilience, Dr Scott-Young has co-authored numerous publications that are highly regarded within the industry and have been published in international journals. Some of her previous research has focused on understanding how team membership affects employees' attitudes and behaviours, and impacts both project and organisational performance. She has been providing research supervision since 2009.

RMIT University is committed to providing you with an education that strongly links formal learning with professional or vocational practice. This program is therefore committed to providing work-integrated learning (WIL), such as professional practice placements and learning tasks, that form an integral component in many assessments and call for problem-based learning and critical reflection on practice.



Program details

Fees

2019 tuition fees are AUD$3,360 per course, totalling AUD$13,440 for 4 courses.

See our Fees page for information. Fees apply to 2019 only. Fees are adjusted on an annual basis and these fees should only be used as a guide.

Program intakes

Six intakes annually
(January, March, May, July, September and October).

Program duration

4 courses | 8 months intensive part-time.

Each course is seven weeks in duration and requires a minimum of 15–20 hours a week study.

Nested qualifications

The Graduate Certificate is a pathway to the Graduate Diploma and Masters degree for some students.

Entry requirements

To be eligible for the Graduate Certificate in Project Management, you must have:

- Successfully completed an Australian Bachelor degree (or equivalent overseas qualification, **or**
- A minimum of 5 years professional work experience in a related industry. Applicants with professional experience at a senior level that is less than 5 years may also be considered.

To have your professional experience considered you must include in your application:

- a CV
- a statement that details your experience

English language

International students are required to provide current evidence of English language proficiency for admission to RMIT University.

You can provide your results from one of these three options:

1. an accepted English language proficiency test, **or**
2. an accepted English language provider, **or**
3. a recognised Australian or international qualification.

For detailed information on English language requirements and other proficiency tests recognised by RMIT, visit English language requirements and equivalency information.

Australian student visas

RMIT's Online Graduate Certificate in Project Management does not meet Australian student visa requirements. For an Australian student visa, you must have an on-campus place in a program of study. For more details on RMIT's on-campus programs visit rmit.edu.au.

A new future awaits you

Get in touch with one of our Student Enrolment Advisors today to guide you through the process of starting your online degree.

Further information

studyonline.rmit.edu.au

Every effort has been made to ensure the information contained in this publication is accurate and current at the date of publishing. For the most up-to-date information, please refer to the RMIT University website before lodging your application.

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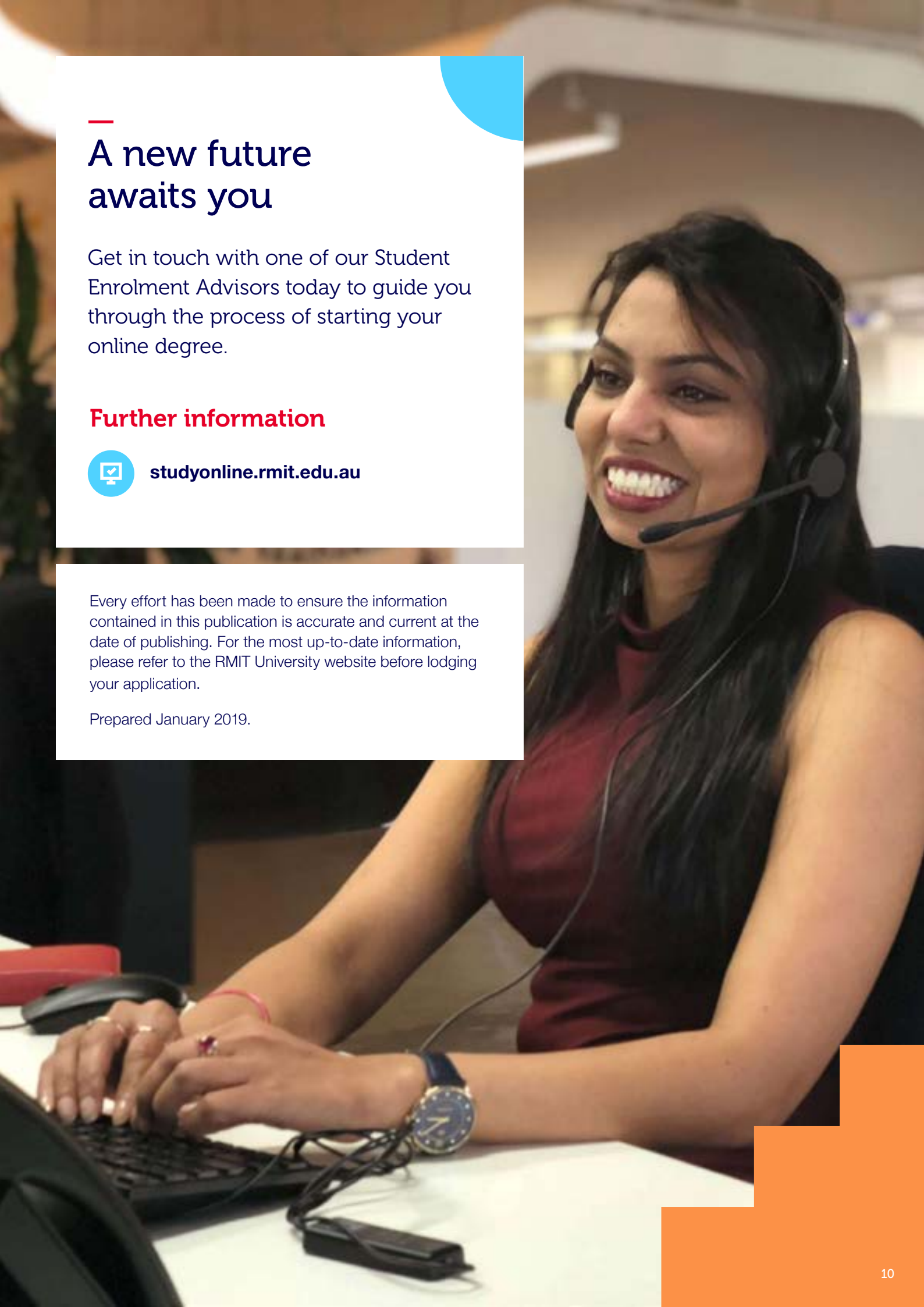

Introduction to Project Management

Course coordinator

Rhea Chenery, Associate Lecturer-Industry Fellow - School of Property, Construction and Project Management

Course overview

Examine the foundational principles that underpin project management practice. You will develop your knowledge of project management techniques and how to scope, plan and manage a project. You will also analyse the legal framework that governs the practice of project management. In addition, your exposure to introductory leadership concepts and principles will develop your ability to identify and manage project team dynamics.

The prime objective of this course is to build on and develop your understanding of best practice principles and practices of project management, then develop your capacity to apply these in any commercial, industrial or professional context.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Scope, develop and manage a project utilising appropriate project management techniques;
- Critique legal cases studies in project management practice and identify the legal implications for professional practice;
- Apply best practice project management principles to assess the efficacy of project management practice in a workplace setting;
- Work as team member and leader to produce a project plan;
- Reflect on the experience of working in a team to improve team function; and
- Undertake individual research within the field of project management.

Project Management Techniques

Course coordinator

Dr Ehsan Gharaie, Senior Lecturer - School of Property, Construction and Project Management

Course overview

The concept of project time and cost management is introduced and explored in this course. You will develop your management skills and expand your knowledge of how to apply these skills across diverse project management projects. You will further develop these skills by utilising specialised software. To support your learning, you will engage in a range of online activities that encourage you to be an active learner.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Select and apply appropriate project management techniques to manage project duration and cost;
- Analyse and apply principles of cost control, cash flow planning and financial administration to ensure effective project management;
- Control project cost and duration; and
- Critically analyse, synthesise and reflect on project management techniques.

Project Design for Quality

Course coordinator

Mr. Andrew Carre, Lecturer - School of Property, Construction and Project Management

Course overview

Examine the processes of design management and documentation, and how these impact on the achievement of overall project objectives. This course will develop your understanding of the various elements that contribute to the project design process. You will build and apply your knowledge of how the project design process impacts on the ability of the project manager to deliver effective project outcomes.

The prime objective of this course is to develop your ability to apply quality assurance and quality control systems to produce a high-level project, while developing your knowledge of quality management and its role in successful project management.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Define and discuss quality objectives in relation to diverse industry projects;
- Apply project management strategies to address stakeholder requirements;
- Employ project lifecycle and process management strategies to enhance project quality outcomes; and
- Apply quality management processes to produce a management plan that is responsive to client needs.

Managing Project Teams

Course coordinator

Dr Michelle Turner, Senior Lecturer - School of Property, Construction and Project Management

Course overview

Examine the role a project manager plays in managing their team, fostering cohesion and managing individual differences. You will explore how different managerial styles determine team structure, and develop your knowledge of how current theoretical frameworks inform team function.

This course will develop your critical understandings of the relation between team management and organisational strategic objectives and vision, and will build your understanding of project team strategies to support positive work.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Analyse effective project team management in relation to both your own professional practice or related experience, industry feedback and theoretical academic knowledge;
- Conduct a literature review of relevant material to support your conception of effective project team management;
- Undertake a case study analysis of an industry-based project team;
- Formulate and justify a series of recommendations to improve project team function and performance; and
- Analyse the relationship between project team management and organisational objectives and success.

Where we rank

As one of Australia's original tertiary institutions, RMIT University prides itself on being a world leader in education, earning its international reputation for creating exceptional, employable and highly skilled graduates.

Five-Star QS ranking for excellence in higher education

37th in the world for the international profile of academic staff*

In the top 15 universities in Australia*

Top 10 in Australia for employer reputation*

** 2017-18 QS World University Rankings*

I chose RMIT because they offered flexible study options. The lecturers have extensive industry and international experience. Through connecting with industry professionals, we know that the scenarios and plans developed in the program are true case studies for the real world.

Edain Reilly
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