

## GRADUATE PROFILE



Deanna Simpson with the “Tuji”, a youth group in a Kibera slum in Kenya where she volunteered with an NGO to support youth to start small business initiatives

### DEANNA SIMPSON

“ Deanna Simpson, a graduate of dual Bachelor degrees in Social Science (Development) and Arts (Philosophy), is working as a Graduate Policy Officer at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

During her time at UQ, Deanna was awarded a Scholarship from GRM International (a managing contractor of Australian aid programs) which also included an internship working in their Brisbane office. This allowed her to undertake work experience and thus build expertise and test out her prospective career path before graduating. Deanna also arranged an internship with UN-HABITAT in Kenya, for which UQ awarded her with a travel grant.

Deanna said she found studying Social Science a fantastic program because she was able to take courses from a variety of disciplines which gave her a robust understanding of the interrelated issues that exist in the environment in which she would be working as a social scientist. Deanna also said that study at UQ enabled her to acquire general skills and knowledge for success in the workforce, including being able to write well, think clearly and critically, form conceptual links, manage time well and meet deadlines. She said she appreciated having access to very qualified lecturers and tutors as well as engaging with other students – “There are so many challenging issues for today’s world to consider, and so much demand for good ideas and solutions, and universities like UQ are fantastic incubators for discussion and innovation”.



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# Social Science

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# SOCIAL SCIENCE

UQ's Bachelor of Social Science is unique in its approach and delivery, with a strong grounding in social justice, policy research, and links to industry. It provides a foundation in practice-based skills, values and knowledge related to key social problems. Students will major in one of these areas:

- Development
- Environment and Society
- Health and Society
- Social and Public Policy



## Career Opportunities

As a Bachelor of Social Science graduate, you will be equipped with marketable skills including public policy design and evaluation, social impact assessment, public advocacy, social planning, project management and social research. These skills will enable graduates to seek future employment with organisations such as government departments, community service and advocacy agencies, healthcare providers, NGOs and private businesses.

Career areas include:

Government Departments & Agencies (eg Health, Corrections, Communities, Immigration, Local Government)	Policy Advisor/Analyst Research Officer Social Planning Officer Youth Justice Positions Immigration Officer
AusAID, NGOs (such as Oxfam)	Aid Project Officer Researcher Country Officer Social Planner
Health Provision Health Promotion	Health Services Manager Health Policy Officer Community Health Planner
Community Service Agencies (eg family, community, disability services, youth, migrants, children's services)	Program Officer Project Coordinator Disability Support Officer
Business/Private Sector (including consultancy firms)	Applied Researcher/Analyst Evaluation Officer Ethics Advisor Project Manager
Youth Services	Community Support Worker Youth Worker
Education	Teaching Social Science (in conjunction with education qualifications) Education Analyst

## About the Program

As part of the Bachelor of Social Science, students will complete a set of core courses that equip them with theoretical knowledge, policy development and research skills that are sought after by employers.

Distinctive highlights of the program include: a final year supervised real world **research project** linked with an industry partner; and an unparalleled level of social research training. The program's engagement with government, community and commercial organisations offers unique exposure to applying social science research in the workforce.

In addition to the core courses, students undertake one or two of the following majors:

**Development** – offers a social science perspective on international and community development issues. Students focus on strategies to alleviate poverty and inequality, and to develop sustainable societies, communities and environments.

**Environment and Society** – teaches students about the relationships between environmental problems and broader social, political and economic contexts. It provides the skills required to tackle these problems through social and policy change.

**Health and Society** – provides an understanding of the social, cultural, economic and ethical factors influencing health and illness. Focus is placed on the way the health system works, and on gaining the skills relevant to becoming a social science worker in the health sector.

**Social and Public Policy** – teaches the technical skills required to analyse social and economic problems and develop, implement and evaluate policy solutions. This major connects social sciences to the world of practical politics.

Students also take courses in a elective courses from the social sciences, humanities or other fields.