

ADF Education

MEET ADF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT LUCINDA TEAGUE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT – ENGINEERING DEGREE

Does getting paid to study at the university of your choice and have a guaranteed job at the end sound too good to be true?

Well as an Air Force Officer Cadet, Lucinda Teague has discovered that this is just the beginning of the benefits and opportunities available for Australian Defence Force (ADF) undergraduate sponsorship participants.

Studying Engineering at the Australian National University (ANU), Lucinda first became interested in the undergraduate sponsorship scheme after seeing posters advertising the ADF undergraduate sponsorship scheme.

“When I first saw the posters I dismissed the idea as not for me,” Lucinda says.

“I knew nothing about the ADF and had never considered joining the Air Force, however the more I thought about it and the more research I did, the more interested I became.”

“Even though I knew engineering was the right course for me, I wanted to make sure I was headed towards a career I would really enjoy.”

“The Air Force undergraduate sponsorship has given me that direction and certainty,” she says.

As an ANU student, Lucinda’s sponsorship has given her the freedom to focus on her studies and university life.

“During semesters I don’t have day to day contact with the Air Force; I’m free to be a uni student like anyone else,” Lucinda says.

“Undertaking an Air Force undergraduate sponsorship doesn’t mean I can’t follow my interests either. I’m required to do the necessary core subjects for my degree but I can still pursue other areas of study, such as my philosophy elective unit,” she says.

Once Lucinda completes her degree, she will then move onto her full-time career as an Electronics Engineer Officer in the Air Force.



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“I was attracted to the Air Force as I saw it as the most technically advanced service; I also liked the additional training I receive in things like communication and management,” Lucinda says.

“I would definitely recommend this avenue of entry to others.”

“If it wasn’t for the sponsorship I don’t think I would have joined; this way I get a more gradual introduction to the Air Force lifestyle.”

“There are so many benefits, from being paid to go to uni, not having to worry about working to support yourself, to the free medical and dental, and rental assistance,” she says.

“Then there is the guaranteed job at the end of your study which encourages and motivates you to keep fit while doing something really interesting and good for the country.”

“Even though I have just joined, I already feel like I am member of a big family that I am really proud to be part of,” Lucinda says.