

CAREERS IN ARCHAEOLOGY

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY





WHAT IS ARCHAEOLOGY?

- Archaeology is the study of people in the past and the places that they lived in.
 - We do this through our collecting and interpreting *archaeological evidence*.
- Archaeology is relevant to all Australians: only **0.04%** of the Australian story is told through written records.



A HIGHLY MULTIDISCIPLINARY FIELD

- Anthropology
- Palaeontology and zoology
- Geology
- Palaeoecology and palaeoclimatology
- Geography
- Physics and chemistry
- History and art history

ARCHAEOLOGY CAREERS

- **Cultural Heritage Consulting** — Most archaeologists in Australia work for public and private organisations to manage various aspects of cultural heritage affected by development projects, such as mining and construction.
- **Government** — Archaeologists work across federal, state, and local government departments.
- **Museums & Collections** — Archaeologists manage and interpret artefact collections, conduct research, and deliver public programs.
- **Academia & Research** — University-based roles in teaching and research, typically requiring a postgraduate degree.
- **Indigenous Community Organisations** — Working directly with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities on cultural heritage management, repatriation, and land rights matters.



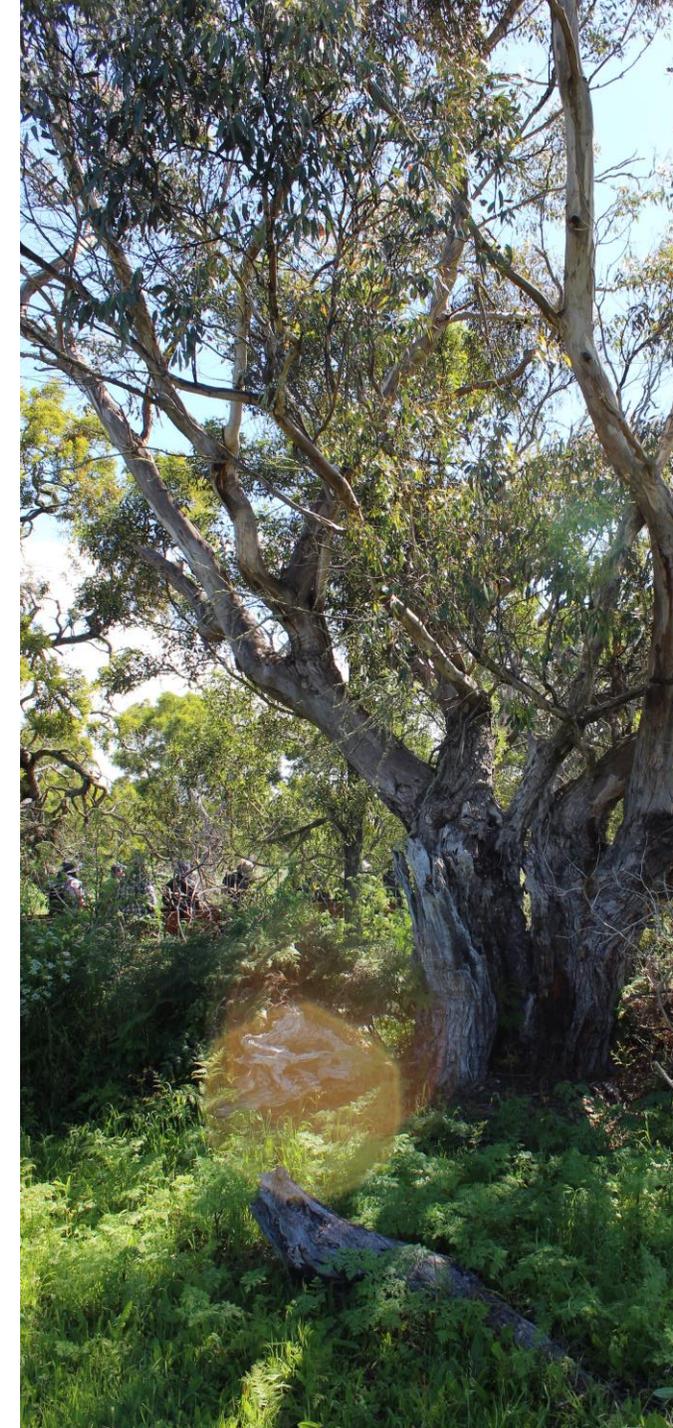


EMPLOYMENT AND RENUMERATION

- Archaeology in Australia is a highly employable discipline.
- 100% employment within one year of graduation for LTU graduates.
- SEEK currently lists around 39 dedicated archaeologist roles across Australia, with more than 200 heritage related roles listed around the country.
- Current advertised roles span a wide range of employers and sectors, including museums, major consultancies, Aboriginal-owned heritage businesses, mining companies, and state government departments in Victoria, Queensland, and NSW.

RENUMERATION

Source	Role level	Salary range
PayScale / industry	Entry level	\$50,000 – \$60,000
National data	Senior archaeologist	\$98,000 – \$113,000
SEEK	General	~\$95,000 – \$100,000



WHY STUDY ARCHAEOLOGY AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY?

- Three simulated archaeological sites on campus for hands-on learning.
- Specialists in Australian archaeology, ensuring graduates met the requirements for registration as Heritage Advisors.
- International and domestic field work opportunities with world experts.
- Specialist labs.
- Internship opportunities with industry partners and labs/field sites run by LTU staff.



ARCHAEOLOGY



**A CAREER IN THE PAST,
FOR THE FUTURE**

