Ascend
The Executive eXcelerator Program.
Designed for ambitious and seasoned business leaders looking to fast-track their journey to the top, through a transformative 8 week online learning experience.

Get future fit, fast. Start now.
You’ve put in the hard yards and you’re almost at the top of your game. So how do you reach the next rung in your career ladder and ascend to the coveted realm of CXO or CEO?

QUTeX can help you get there by building the critical capabilities, cutting-edge knowledge and global networks required to be successful as a leader.

Our prestigious Ascend Program offers career-boosting training and leadership coaching, condensed into a rapid format, allowing you to step up and make an immediate impact in your organisation, without impacting your personal world.

Secure your seat in the c-suite.

What you will learn.

Navigate your organisation as your leadership responsibilities increase:
- Develop a highly informed global perspective that will help your organisation seize new opportunities and compete successfully well into the future
- Lead with greater purpose and presence to better meet strategic objectives and inspire others and increase personal resilience
- Deepen your self-awareness through executive and peer coaching, mentoring from QUT facilitators and powerful leadership networking events
- Master key leadership skills including negotiating and harnessing the power of emotional intelligence
- Build a strong network of peers who will be an enduring source of support, advice and personal connection
- Receive QUT alumni status upon completion of Ascend, becoming part of a global alumni network.

Is Ascend right for you?

The program is designed specifically for high-performing leaders seeking to:
- Secure their place on the senior executive
- Advance to CXO
- Reach the heights of CEO
- Supplement their entrepreneurial vision with executive business acumen.
A career-changing learning experience.

This career-changing program promises a powerful learning experience, enabling you to engage systematically with complex issues. You will experience a dynamic learning process with cycles of knowledge acquisition, experiential learning and insight generation through personal leadership development and executive coaching.

**Introduction:**
Face-to-face pre-program orientation, including networking dinner and guest speakers.

**Session 1: Designing a compelling vision**
- Singular purpose, laser focus
- Futurist thinking
- Transformative strategy and visioning
- Creativity innovation

**Session 2: Leading in a complex world**
Surfing the waves of change
- Leading digital disruption
- Global business leadership
- Customer trends
- Embracing diversity
- Engaging and leading change

**Session 3: Strategic decision-making**
Design, adapt and execute
- Organisational design
- Behavioural economics and cognitive bias
- Global mindset
- Finance and investment
- Driving strategic initiatives

**Session 4: Self-aware leadership**
Embracing your authentic character
- Leading with emotional intelligence
- The authentic leader
- Building culture
- Mindfulness as a core practice

**Session 5: Crafting a high-performance culture**
Maximising human potential
- High performance leadership teams
- Distributed leadership
- Ambidextrous teams
- Aligning and executing vision, strategy and culture
- Engaging talented people and leading multi-generational organisations

**Session 6: Executive presence**
Maximising your impact
- Authoring my leadership story
- Evolving leadership through personal transformation
- Moving from constantly “doing” to “being”

**Session 7: Managing strategic relationships**
Leveraging influence
- Board
- Investors, collaborators and partners
- Customers and markets
- Societal, private and public stakeholders

**Session 8: Power, politics and leadership**
Cultivating power
- Dealing with powerful others
- Ethical leadership
- Courageous leadership
- Practical wisdom

**Completion:**
Face-to-face post-program celebration, including networking dinner (optional).
The best leaders are made, not born.

How you will learn.

Recognising the time sensitivities of today’s executives, the program is delivered in an interactive, facilitator-led, online learning environment. This enables you to access learning at a time and place that’s convenient without losing the benefits of peer-to-peer networking and executive-level coaching advice.

The program is broken down into manageable, weekly sessions designed to accelerate your learning process through assorted learning activities:

- Enjoy a wide range of engaging online learning activities, including video and audio content, and technology-enabled interaction
- Investigate real-world case studies and scenarios
- Interact with your peers and educators through discussion forums and debates
- Apply what you learn each week in short questionnaires and task submissions, culminating in the ability to drive transformative change in your organisation through internal and external insights and leadership frameworks

Who you will learn from.

Ascend is developed and delivered by a transdisciplinary team of skilled QUT educators, cutting-edge researchers, award-winning authors and former C-Suite professionals.

You’ll benefit from world-class academic knowledge combined with real industry experience and you’ll build strategic relationships with like-minded leaders that will strengthen your professional networks now and into the future.
Technical requirements.

In order to complete this program, you’ll need a few basic tools to support your learning experience:
- Current email address
- Access to a computer and the internet with web camera and headphones for virtual classrooms
- PDF Reader
- Microsoft Office.

QUTeX certificate of completion.

This program offers you the opportunity to earn a certificate of completion from the university for the real world – QUT.

What is QUTeX executive education?

QUTeX is a broad, flexible, learning paradigm helping individuals and organisations get future fit through specialised short courses, professional development and executive education. This unique, progressive approach enables learners to extend existing skills, learn new skills, become more adaptable, more resilient, more agile and ultimately more valuable in the future.

Availability.

Visit qut.edu.au/qutex for more information on upcoming program intakes and optional extras.

Fees:

Ascend Executive eXelerator (Certificate) $7,900 incl GST
Includes 8 online workshops, orientation and completion celebrations and 3 x 1hr executive coaching sessions.

Optional extras:
- 360 Leadership Review (Including 90 minute debrief)
- Additional Career Coaching Bundle (6 hours)
- EMBA Extension Unit (12 credit points).

To learn more about this program or other learning solutions offered by QUTE, please contact:

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