

# Media Release



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## Future gazing for biotech and biomedical students

### BIOFUTURES 7-12 July 2008

High school students from around Australia and New Zealand will head to Queensland this weekend for the week-long biotechnology and biomedical engineering forum BioFutures 2008.

The event is organised by the AusBiotech Students Association (ABSA) and sponsored by The University of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology (QUT), Griffith University, Queensland Government, and Biotechnology Australia. The live-in residential program will be based at the University of Queensland with day trips to QUT and Griffith University and tours of the XXXX Brewery and the Australian Red Cross Blood Service.

BioFutures 2008 organising chair Taaibos Human said there were enormous benefits for high school students looking to pursue a career in science and technology.

“BioFutures is a fantastic way for top high school students to experience the university life, and get a real feel for what they want to do in their career,” he said.

“Students have the opportunity meet important industry people, make new friends and gain real-life mentors that they wouldn’t otherwise have.”

Sally Fry, who attended BioFutures in 2006 as a student, is now a member of the BioFutures Committee. Sally is now studying science at the University of Queensland and intends to pursue a degree in medicine.

“BioFutures had such a positive impact on me, I want to make sure that successive students can share the same benefits that I did,” she said.

“The camp really opens your eyes to the endless possibilities of science.”

The first free public event of BioFutures will be the keynote address by Dr Raisa Monteiro at 7pm on Monday, July 7th at Brisbane City Hall. Dr Monteiro is Director of Research and Development at Dendrimed. She has received the 2008 Merck Sharpe & Dohme Advancing BioBusiness Award and the Inaugural Women in Technology - Biotech Rising Star Award.

For more information, go to: [www.ausbiotech.org/events/biofutures](http://www.ausbiotech.org/events/biofutures)

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