

MEDIA RELEASE

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New pilot training program set for launch in 2012

Oxford Aviation Academy (OAA) and Swinburne University of Technology are pleased to announce the launch of a new pilot training program commencing in January 2012 for all students embarking on the Bachelor of Aviation and Bachelor of Aviation/Bachelor of Commerce at Swinburne.

Drawing upon OAA's extensive national and international pilot training expertise, the [Airline Preparation Program First Officer \(APPFO\)](#) has been designed to deliver world-class training to fully prepare professional pilots to pursue a career path in general aviation or to undertake jet endorsement training and move into a First Officer position within an airline upon graduation.

Pablo Mueller, Oxford Aviation Academy's Head – Sales and Innovation, said: *"redesigning the program is an important and innovative step which will address the growing needs of OAA and Swinburne's combined customers as well as the future demands of the industry to receive training which further reinforces flight safety and modern aviation technology as core principles."*

Swinburne's Aviation Discipline Leader, Stephen Fankhauser said the introduction of the APPFO program within the Swinburne aviation qualification combines a world class aviation degree with the innovative quality training provided by Oxford Aviation Academy, a world leader in flight training.

"The APPFO is the first university flying training program in Australia to offer a high performance jet simulator based multi crew cooperation and jet orientation course as standard that will meet [proposed new CASA safety regulations](#)," Fankhauser said.

"We will also be introducing a mandatory skills assessment test as part of the selection process – another first for any university flying training program. The combination of the rigorous selection process and the quality of the APPFO training will well position our graduates within the aviation industry."

Flying training will be conducted at OAA's training centre at Moorabbin Airport in new model, glass cockpit Cessna C172 aircraft and PA44 Piper Seminole multi engine aircraft coupled with the latest generation simulators.

The new program costs approximately \$88,720 which is within the expected limit for FEE-HELP loan assistance in 2012. FEE-HELP loan assistance ensures that training is more affordable and equitable for aspiring pilots.

Upon completion of the APP First Officer Program students will graduate with:

- Swinburne Bachelor of Technology or Bachelor of Aviation / Bachelor of Commerce
- Swinburne Graduate Certificate of Aviation (Piloting)
- Oxford Airline Preparation Program First Officer (APPFO) course
- Commercial Pilot Licence
- Multi Engine Command Instrument Rating

- Multi Crew Cooperation and Jet Orientation Course (to meet the proposed CASA Civil Aviation Safety Regulation Part 61 for multi crew and human factors competencies for Flight Crew Licence holders)
- Credits for all Air Transport Pilot Licence theory subjects

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About Oxford Aviation Academy (OAA)

OAA is one of the World's leading independent providers of innovative aviation training and resourcing services. It is truly unique in its ability to offer a fully integrated global flight crew supply chain.

With locations across Europe, Asia-Pacific and Australia, OAA offers integrated "Total Training Solutions" tailored to meet the particular needs of any airline customer worldwide.

OAA operates: 102 training aircraft, 64 simulators and 10 training centres delivering an innovative and comprehensive portfolio of aviation training courses.

OAA's 3 ab Initio airline pilot training schools are amongst the World's most respected and have trained over 26,000 professional pilots during the past 50 years.

OAA's 7 type training centres combine to offer approved flight crew, cabin crew and aircraft maintenance training on a range of aircraft types including Airbus, Boeing, Bombardier, BAE Systems and Embraer.

Parc Aviation, OAA's resourcing division, is the global market leader in providing aviation personnel on lease to the aviation industry, currently providing 1000 personnel on assignments to over 50 organisations in 30 countries.

OAA is owned by STAR Capital Partners and the GE Corporation.

About Swinburne University of Technology

Swinburne University of Technology has an international reputation for quality career-orientated education and commitment to research. With a strong teaching and learning program with applied vocational emphasis, Swinburne has established many strong links with industry.

The university houses a number of globally recognised and innovative research centres. Swinburne's new Advanced Technologies Centre brings greater research and teaching excellence to the areas of optical physics, sustainable infrastructure and advanced manufacturing.

Swinburne has more than 40,000 students and 2,000 staff across five campuses in the greater Melbourne region, as well as strong international networks through its campus in Sarawak, Malaysia. The university continues to expand its reach by implementing innovative teaching and learning practices, increased spending on infrastructure and developing global partnerships.