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Study makes progress

GETTING a new job is no longer top priority for older Australians, thinking about going back to university.

Research from online institution Open Universities found progressing in a current job, keeping up with ambitious colleagues and showing initiative were all key motivators for taking up study again.

Open Universities chief executive officer Stuart Hamilton said the research showed study was no longer a must-do, but a choice. "It is

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about having some choice in and control over what we do in our future," he said.

The study showed older, successful workers wanted to keep up with younger qualified colleagues.

The research of more than 50 Australians, aged 25-39, who were interested in going back to study, found men were more likely to be financially motivated in career and study decisions.

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