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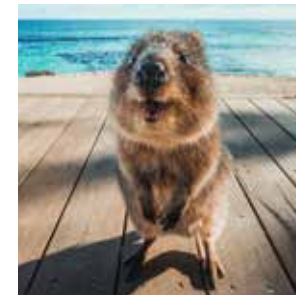
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1: Student accommodation at Kev Carmody House, University of Queensland 2: Live music at Clayton campus, Monash University 3: An Adelaide graduate 4: Quokkas are unique to Western Australia 5: A Deakin University student takes time out with a day at the beach 6: Jacarandas in bloom at St Lucia campus, UQ

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Why go?

Why go all the way to the other side of the world to study when there are so many university options available in the UK? Here are a few things to consider

1 International rankings and reputation

Australia and New Zealand are home to some of the world's most prestigious and sought-after universities, as demonstrated by their standing in international university rankings.

There are four Australian universities ranked in the world's top 30, according to the 2027 QS World University Rankings, with a further six Australian and one New Zealand university ranked in the world's top 100. There are 43 universities in Australia and just eight in New Zealand, so the proportion judged to be among the world's best is indicative of how high national standards are. The UK has around 160 universities; 16 of which are ranked in the world's top 100 by QS in its 2027 report. Four UK

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universities are listed in the top 30. Australia's top 30 universities are UNSW Sydney, the University of Melbourne, the University of Sydney and the ANU. The UK's four top 30-ranked universities are Imperial College London, University of Oxford, University of Cambridge and UCL.

It is important to check and compare different rankings to get a balanced picture.

You can also check international university rankings published annually by the Times Higher Education and the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU).

2 The quality of university teaching and research available

Australia and New Zealand have internationally prestigious, research-led universities, many of which are ranked among the world's best. The qualifications that they award are recognised and respected by employers and universities worldwide.

Australian and New Zealand universities engage in pioneering research in many different fields. The technology for the world's first vaccine for cervical cancer was discovered at the University of Queensland; UNSW Sydney holds the world record for the conversion efficiency of a silicon solar cell; researchers at the University of Melbourne developed a new, non-invasive method for detecting heart rhythm

abnormalities in unborn babies. Governments and businesses worldwide seek the expertise and research power of Australian and New Zealand universities and their discoveries and academics are in demand by organisations ranging from NATO to NASA.

Research excellence ensures a quality learning experience for all students, undergraduates and coursework postgraduates included, as research discoveries and knowledge filter down to inform all levels of teaching.

See the individual university profiles on pages 37 to 59 for more details.

➡ Australian and New Zealand universities are engaged in pioneering research in many different fields

3 A chance to broaden your horizons

Going to university is not just about studying. Where would you like to live for a few years? Studying in a different country is a unique opportunity to experience a different culture and lifestyle. As an international student you will have the freedom to live in New Zealand or Australia for the duration of your course; the time to immerse yourself in a different lifestyle and the chance to travel – all while getting a world-class, internationally recognised university education.

Living such a long way from home for an extended period of time isn't everyone's cup of tea and it can be challenging, particularly at first. But if you are independent by nature, with initiative and a sense of adventure, there are some amazing experiences to be had. Depending on where you are, once classes are over you can head to the beach, go skiing for the weekend, take in an exhibition or an art gallery, learn to dive, or just explore the great outdoors.

Find out how some students spend their spare time in our Student Stories pages, or online at www.studyoptions.com/student-stories

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4 Flexible courses and dedicated, accessible academics

Degrees are much broader and more flexible in structure in Australia and New Zealand than is typically the case in the UK. Compare the opportunities they offer to those of degrees available in the UK – you may find that one country's system suits your style of learning, and what you want to get out of your degree, more than another.

This flexible degree structure means you will have a much wider choice in the courses that you study and can create a programme uniquely tailored to your interests and career goals. Contact teaching hours for undergraduates and taught postgraduates are typically higher than at many UK universities, and the teaching culture throughout is relaxed and informal. One of the most regular pieces of feedback we get from students (from undergraduate to PhD) is how accessible and friendly they find academic staff to be.

For more details, see page 6-17.

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Is studying overseas the right option for me?

Here are a few things we at Study Options recommend you consider while thinking things through...

"The first – and most important – thing to check is that there are suitable courses available. Contact Study Options to get a list of all the courses available in the subjects you are interested in.

"You can request a course list at www.studyoptions.com/contact, or call us on 0117 911 5610. Once you've got your list, book in an online meeting to talk to one of our student advisors to go through the different options if you would like some help narrowing down the options.

"Once you have looked at courses, the next thing to check is costs. You'll need to budget for

tuition fees and living costs for the duration of your study. Costs can be a big factor in deciding where you decide to apply, so it's important to plan budgets and funding in to your research as early as possible. See page 24 for information about tuition fees and pages 32 and 62 for guidelines on what to expect from the cost of living in both countries.

"Then consider whether the lifestyle in Australia or in New Zealand would suit you, and whether you are ok with the idea of only coming back to the UK once or twice a year. See page 18 for details of student accommodation and campus facilities, and check out the interviews with current students that appear here in the Guide and at www.studyoptions.com."



- 1: Diving with a sea turtle in Western Australia
- 2: Environmental science students at the University of Tasmania doing fieldwork
- 3: Student accommodation at CDU
- 4: Olympic-size swimming pools are a regular feature on Australian university campuses



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5 Strong graduate job prospects

Studying your degree overseas will make your CV stand out to an employer. It gives you an immediate point of difference and employers tell us they would assume such applicants had sought-after traits such as initiative and independence, as well as a valuable international perspective and outlook on life.

Australian and New Zealand universities are also firmly focused on graduate employability and offer both opportunities and support to ensure that students graduate career-ready. These include plenty of options for hands-on, real-world learning in all degrees. Look out for your chance to undertake fieldwork, an internship or industry placement or project during your studies. You can also access career support and mentoring schemes, and at many universities programmes dedicated to nurturing student entrepreneurial talent or ensuring that a research breakthrough has a successful application in the real world.

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6 These are the best places in the world to study certain subjects

Australian and New Zealand universities are recognised as world leaders in a large and diverse range of subjects, including psychology, sport science, mining engineering, accounting and finance, physiotherapy, geology, geography, social work, tourism, environmental science and management and marine studies, to name but a few. Check individual subject rankings, as well as overall university rankings, when doing your research into course options.

Both countries also offer students and researchers unparalleled access to the natural world and amazing opportunities for fieldwork. Marine scientists in Australia, for example, can use the Great Barrier Reef as a living laboratory, or study the waters of Tasmania, which are classed as the cleanest anywhere in the world bar those of Antarctica.

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8 Make the most of your time as a student

Universities in Australia and New Zealand offer a huge range of opportunities for students to maximise their time at university. You can take part in an academic exchange, and study at a partner university almost anywhere in the world for a term or a year. Or undertake an internship, join a voluntary project, get involved with student clubs and societies, or take part in a leadership programme. Or all of the above!

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7 International degree recognition

Australia and New Zealand both have education systems that are based on the UK model and Australian and New Zealand university qualifications are recognised all over the world as being the direct equivalent of qualifications awarded by UK universities.

This is particularly important if you are planning to study a professional degree – for example medicine, veterinary medicine, nursing, engineering or social work. Many of the national regulatory bodies for these professions in the UK, Australia and New Zealand already have agreements in place to ensure that graduates from one country are immediately approved to work in the other once they have full registration. The UK Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS), for example, accredits all of the Bachelor of Veterinary Science degrees taught at our Australian and New Zealand partner universities. This allows students to qualify as vets and return to work in the UK without having to take a registration test or do any further study.

➔ Australian and New Zealand university qualifications have excellent recognition from employers, industry regulatory bodies and other universities all over the world

1: Students take a stroll on the University of Melbourne campus 2: Leigh Marine Science Lab at the University of Auckland, New Zealand 3: Lounging about on the University of Western Australia's main Crawley campus in Perth



How can I find out what courses are available in what I want to study?

You can get a course list from Study Options by completing the online form at www.studyoptions.com/contact, or by contacting us on 0117 911 5610, or sending an email to mail@studyoptions.com

Let us know what you want to study, and at what level. And if there's anything on your wish list, this is the time to tell us about it. Do you really want to go to one particular university? Do you need to be in a specific city or location? This is the time to tell us if so!

We will send you a list of the courses available in your chosen subject. The list will include links to each course's content and structure, as well as details of tuition fees, entry requirements, application deadlines and other key information. Please go through the list carefully. We offer a free, expert, friendly advice service so if you'd like help choosing what and where to study, please call us, email us, or book an online meeting to talk through your options.

What can I study?

New Zealand and Australian universities offer qualifications in a huge range of subjects at undergraduate level, from bachelor's degrees through to master's (by coursework and/or research) and PhD

Despite the fact that Australian and New Zealand universities are a long way from home, the experience of studying at them is in many ways similar to enrolling at a UK university.

The range of subjects available to study at Australian and New Zealand universities is huge. Almost any subject that you can study at university in the UK will be offered by at least one university in Australia or New Zealand. They also offer students the opportunity to study subjects that are not widely available here, such as tropical marine biology, oceanography, Antarctic studies, maritime archaeology, children's literature, Asia-Pacific diplomacy, and Indigenous culture.

Although many academic subjects available seem the same, their content or emphasis may be

different. Australian and New Zealand universities offer a different perspective on widely-taught subjects such as history, literature, politics and international relations and often have a stronger focus on Asian languages, culture and business than on European affairs as a result of their location and economic, historic and cultural ties in the Asia-Pacific region.

Anyone studying natural or life sciences – botany, zoology or marine biology, to name but a few – will get to study very different flora and fauna, much of which will be unique to Australasia, while those studying creative subjects such as music performance and fine art are likely to be exposed to different influences and ideas than those studying the same subjects in the UK. 📞



Undergraduate (bachelor) degrees

The key start point: A bachelor's degree from an Australian or New Zealand university is considered to be the direct academic equivalent of a bachelor's degree awarded by a UK university.

The similarities don't end there, however. Degrees usually take the same amount of time to complete. A standard bachelor's degree – such as a Bachelor of Science, or a Bachelor of Arts – will require three years of study, just as it would in the UK. Professional and specialist degrees (such as the Bachelor of Fine Art, Bachelor of Physiotherapy, or Bachelor of Veterinary Science) require a longer period of study to complete.

Undergraduate teaching and assessment

Teaching methods are similar to those used at UK universities. Undergraduate students are taught using a mixture of lectures, seminars and tutorials, with labs, fieldwork and clinical or industry placements where required. As is the case here in the UK, university students need to be self-motivated and organised about their work in order to succeed. Lectures and tutorials must be backed up by independent reading and research, which you – the student – are expected to organise by yourself.

The teaching atmosphere tends to be less formal than at universities in the UK, and many UK students say that they find academics in Australia and New Zealand to be accessible and approachable if they have any issues with or queries on their work.

Australian and New Zealand degrees are assessed continuously from first year, so marks effectively count toward the final result from the start of the course. This is not



1: Mechatronics students at Curtin University, Perth
2: University of Melbourne Parkville campus
3: Students at NMIT, New Zealand

Contact teaching hours

The number of contact teaching hours an undergraduate student can expect to receive per week is higher than at universities in the UK. A undergraduate student on a Bachelor of Arts in New Zealand or Australia would expect 12 to 16 contact hours per week during their first year, and to be strongly encouraged to study for a further 20-25 hours a week independently. Humanities students typically have some of the lowest contact hours across all three countries.

Did you know?

If you want to experience student life in Australia or New Zealand but are not sure about spending a long time away from home, there are alternatives to consider. Many universities in Australia and New Zealand offer shorter study options, starting from just a term (around four months). See page 26 for more information, or get in touch with Study Options at www.studyoptions.com/contact

Greater flexibility; greater breadth

In New Zealand and Australia, general bachelor's degrees in areas such as arts, science and business are much broader and more flexible than the equivalent degrees in the UK. Students enrolling on one of these degrees are required to select a major, which is the subject they want to specialise in and have written on their degree certificate. Alongside their major, however, students are also able to study a number of other subjects during each year of the degree. These other subjects are known as electives. What you study in your electives is up to you. You might select courses from your Faculty; you might decide to take courses from other areas of the university completely. This approach allows you to effectively construct a degree that is unique to you and your interests, and which can be individually tailored to fit your career goals.

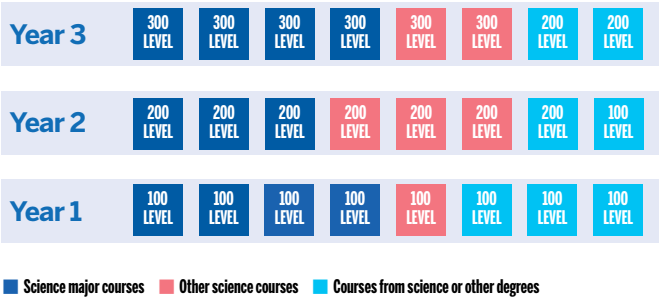
This broad, flexible structure allows you to explore subjects that you may not have had the chance to study

before, as well as to mix and match potentially unusual combinations of subjects.

This structure is very flexible, and forgiving if you get to university and realise that your chosen subject is not what you want to do. In Australia and New Zealand it is not unusual for a student to change their major during their first year, and this does not necessarily impact on the total time required to complete a degree.

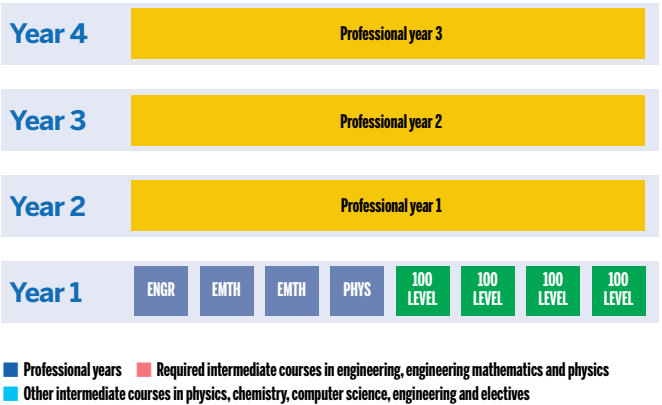
As a first step go to www.studyoptions.com/ contact to ask for a list for your area of interest, or call us on 0117 911 5610.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE



Australian and New Zealand universities aim to produce graduates who are scientists or business people first and foremost, but who then also have specialist knowledge and skills in their chosen major subject – chemistry, finance, geology, marketing, mathematics, management and so on.

BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING

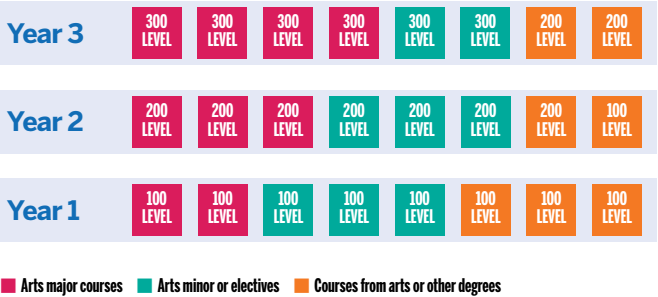


The broad, flexible structure described here only applies to general academic degrees. Students studying professional or specialist subjects, such as engineering (above), medicine, law or social work will follow set, structured study programmes that offer little or no opportunity to take electives from outside their core subject area.

What can I study? Undergraduate degrees

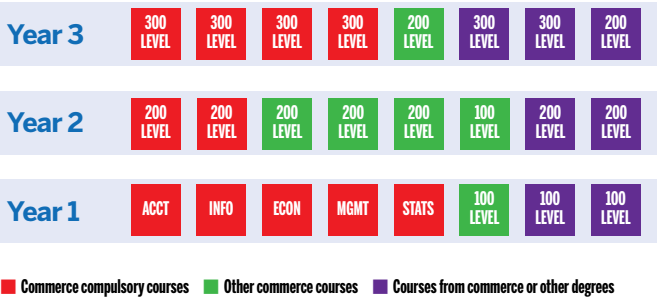
Here are some examples of study plans for different undergraduate degrees in Australia and New Zealand. Please note these illustrations are only examples – many other combinations are possible. Check the structure for the degrees you are interested in carefully to see what opportunities they offer. All course details, including structure and content, are provided on Study Options' subject lists.

BACHELOR OF ARTS

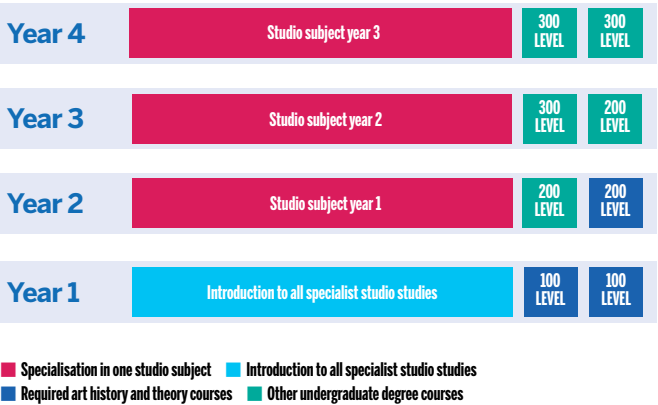


A Bachelor of Arts is the most flexible degree of all, offering students the opportunity to study other subjects from the arts and humanities faculty as well as courses from other faculties alongside their chosen major subject.

BACHELOR OF COMMERCE



BACHELOR OF FINE ART



Students are NOT required to undertake an Art Foundation year before enrolling on a fine art or design degree in Australia or New Zealand. As shown in the example study plan above, in many degrees the first year serves as an introduction to the different studio disciplines. The student then chooses a studio discipline to specialise in during years 2, 3 and 4.

Student stories

How are students enrolled on bachelor's degrees in Australia finding their university experience? We got in touch to find out

Lara Lepage Post

Lara moved to Sydney to study a Bachelor of Science at the University of Sydney in February 2026

“I always wanted to go to Australia. I am from Luxembourg, where it's common for students to go abroad to study. At a study fair in Luxembourg there were so many stands, so many different universities presenting themselves. And then I saw Study Options showing Australia and New Zealand and thought, well, I could just go and study there.

“I applied to five Australian universities and decided to accept my offer at the University of Sydney.

“I arrived in Sydney about three weeks before Orientation, to settle in and sort out my apartment. I am at Student Village. It's not directly run by the University, but it is linked to it, so there are lots of students here. I have a one-bedroom apartment, which I'm happy with. It has a cute balcony, and I have plenty of space and privacy.

“Orientation Week was full on. I went to a high school with only about 400 students, a special high school for athletes, and we didn't have anything like the events that run during Sydney Orientation. Here it's important to go, to make friends, get to know people, to engage. I also really recommend attending the sessions where they explain how the different university systems work! Then I walked over and over the campus with people I met during Orientation, to get my bearings. The campus here is huge.

“I'm studying a Bachelor of Science majoring in biology and minoring in chemistry. It is very interesting being able to choose my units and design my own course, something I wasn't able to do before. Here, I have so much freedom. You can tailor the course depending on what you like and what you want to do. I decided to go for biology and chemistry. Then they insist you do degree core units, those are compulsory. That is mainly data science or statistics, things I'd never done before. Then I had to choose another unit. A faculty advisor recommended I take three science modules then

an elective from a totally different field, something I'm interested in. I chose project management, which is something you come across in all sorts of different industries and roles. But it's also just helpful in life, in terms of picking up skills to help you organise big projects generally. I like the way that study here is personalised, that you can pick and choose.

“Outside of study, I'm an athlete. I play basketball. In Luxembourg I played for my local club and for the national team; here I represent the university team and also play for a local club in Sydney.

“It's a different style – different terminology, different rules. It took me a bit of time to get used to, but Australians are very professional in sports. All the facilities, the staff, the coaching, it's all so professional – more so than I was used to back home! Here you always get three staff at practice, even if only five girls are practicing. They coach, help out and talk to us about upcoming games or events.

“At University it's similar. You've got the manager, physio, head coach and assistant coach. Even when we have small events, like a tournament at the start of the semester against other Sydney universities, they make a big effort – lots of students came to watch, there was a commentator, free drinks, free merchandise. I think that makes sport in Australia very attractive, they make a big deal of it.

“It's a nice environment to be in. As an athlete, it's easier to meet real locals and find a community. Especially in team sports, you are in a team, it's kind of like a family. You meet these people twice a week and at the weekend. So you hang out a lot. And at the start, when you're new to a country, new to university, it's good to have an immediate community. It takes some time to adjust, to get to know people and to find the flow with them. But after a couple of weeks, you're in the team. Australians are very kind and very laid-back. 📍



“I like the way that study here is personalised, that you can pick and choose the modules you want to take

Lara's top tips for applying to Australian universities

1. Start early, make sure you don't have to rush and do everything at once because it's a lot! Get your acceptance organised and your place confirmed as soon as you can, because until you do that you cannot apply for a student visa, and without the visa you can't book a flight or confirm accommodation. So start early, so you can have your visa early, so you can do all the other steps in plenty of time.

2. Don't just look at a university from a perspective of 'oh, it's a beautiful campus'. Really look at what they offer for events and the student community.

3. Find your connections! Before I arrived in Sydney Study Options put me in touch with another student who had applied through them, Marie, and she's now one of my closest friends here.



Sadie Pringle

Sadie is studying a Bachelor of Business Management/Bachelor of Arts at the University of Queensland in Brisbane

“I'd been to Brisbane twice before moving here because my sister also studied at UQ. She's graduated now, but I'd been out to visit while she was a student. It was comforting to think I knew the campus quite well already, but it was definitely much more exciting knowing it was my turn and that everything I was seeing was for me.

“I live at Kev Carmody House, which is part of UQ Res. There are 16 floors of rooms, all with en suites, then a big kitchen at the bottom, a rooftop pool, a gym, a cinema room and a laundry room. My room itself is small, but it's fine for one person. It's got its own bathroom, and you get your own fridge area too. Each floor then has a small kitchenette, which is great if you've done meal preps or for tea or coffee. I love it here; it's great. It also has music rooms, which have drums, DJ sets and monitors to connect music to.

“It's as social as you want it to be, I think. It's not a college. You don't have to speak to anyone if you don't want to! But we first years have consciously made an effort to meet up with each other and get to know one another. And you make your friends through that. Every day I'll go on a walk or meet up with someone from Res, so it's really nice.

“I've got a mixture of Aussie and international friends. It's common for people who are from Brisbane to live at home during uni, so the Aussies in Res tend to be from further afield. One of my close friends is from Melbourne, another is from Hervey Bay. You meet Brisbane people in your course, which is great because you'll meet up and go to theirs or whatever. But in Res the Australians are from further away. Which is good as an international student because it makes you feel everyone's in the same – or a similar! – boat to you.

“I'm studying a double degree; I do a Bachelor of Business and Arts majoring in geography and sports studies on the Arts side. I'm yet to pick a major for the business side.

“I never really had a clear view of what I wanted to study when I was at school. When I was looking at Australian unis I came across dual degrees, which are not common in the UK. I didn't know what I wanted to study so wanted to take subjects I knew I was relatively good at and enjoyed learning. So that's why I chose the dual degree. I'll graduate with two degrees after four years.

“I don't have many more units than other students, but do have to bounce between different subjects, which I enjoy because you get to have variety in what you learn, which I like. I don't think that the workload's necessarily much more,

“The best thing is to have the mindset of going into anything. Just to get yourself out there, meet new people and try it

it's just whether you mind flipping your brain between different things.

“I take four modules per semester. I have lectures for all of them, then tutorials for three. Tutes are smaller, more like school. You can ask questions, get one-to-one feedback, and get into the harder topics. I've also got practicals for geography and sport.

“One of my favourite areas is the sport study, which I didn't expect. I didn't study that in my A-levels. But I've really enjoyed sports. It's socio-cultural foundations and a great debate and a discussion topic. I like classes where you're not just sat watching the lecturer. I like it when people are talking and you get to hear different ideas you wouldn't have thought of and have really interesting conversations.

“I'm also doing accounting for decision making, which I wouldn't have normally picked because I've never been that great at maths or numbers. But I'm really enjoying it. I feel I've got a good balance with my modules because I've got accounting, which I feel is harder, and then management, which feels more like common sense. So I've got a nice balance of subjects that are more challenging and things I find more straightforward.

“When I'm not studying I spend a lot of time just walking or doing exercise or in the gym at RES, but I have also joined different societies. They're all sport at the moment. I do netball on a Friday, and I play mixed football, which is really fun. And I joined social dance, which I just did to do something new. Next term I've signed up for Touch Footy, which I've never played, but

Sadie's top tips

Just do it! 100% just move out here. I honestly think it's incredible. Don't be afraid of homesickness; everyone feels that sometimes and it's normal, whether you are at uni in the UK or somewhere further away.

Don't force yourself to be friends with people. You'll find your people, just be patient. And join as many societies and clubs as possible, especially in the first semester. You can always drop things if it gets too much or you don't like them.

Think about what you want from your uni experience. I know that, given how I like to live and my personality, I would not have enjoyed university in the UK. It's not active enough; there's not enough to do. People here are friendly and laid-back and they are all out and about. It feels like a happy place to live. I've got friends at UK unis who love it, but I hear what they do and think, I would really struggle with that lifestyle. I'd probably be more homesick if I was there, thinking, I don't like this, I'd just rather be at home. Or I've got friends who go home every week and then I think, what's the point in uni? Because then you're just going back and forth. That's just like an extension of school, isn't it?

thought, I'll give it a go for a term.

“I think that's the best thing, just to have the mindset of going into anything. If you're not confident, it doesn't matter. It's just social. Get yourself out there, meet new people and try it. If you don't like it, you don't have to keep doing it!

“I've made friends with a few exchange students, which is really nice. They have a good mindset of always wanting to do and see new things. There was a free weekend recently, so we went to Byron Bay for three nights. Got on Airbnb, hired a car. We've done Gold Coast a few times too, because that's only two hours away and all journeys by public transport in Queensland only cost 50 cents! 📍



Postgraduate study options (taught/by coursework)

What are the options for taught postgraduate courses in Australia and New Zealand? There's plenty to consider. In addition to masters programmes (which can be entirely taught, or studied by research, or by a combination of the two) there are also graduate and postgraduate diplomas and certificates available.

Postgraduate and graduate diplomas and certificates are shorter and less academically demanding than masters degrees. They can be taken as standalone qualifications, but can also be recommended as a first step for students who do not meet academic entry requirements for direct admission to their chosen masters course.

Types of taught postgraduate courses available in Australia and New Zealand

1. Professional development programmes

These enable people who have already qualified in a profession or studied a subject to specialise in a particular area. They include, for example, the Master of Engineering, Master of Marketing, and Master of Education. For a qualified teacher, a Master of Education is an opportunity to study and specialise in education for gifted children, special needs teaching, or school management. An engineer could enrol on a Master of Engineering to become more specialist in a given field, or alternatively to gain a qualification in management for engineering. To be eligible for entry to these courses applicants must usually have relevant work experience as well as a the required academic qualification in their field. These courses are usually taught, though some offer students the option of taking a research module or doing a research project.

1. Graduate entry professional qualifications

These include courses such as graduate entry medicine (Doctor of Medicine) and the Master of Nursing, which allows graduates with degrees in other subjects to train and qualify as nurses. Another popular example is the Master of Teaching, which allows graduates of non-teaching degrees to train and qualify as teachers. Australian and New Zealand universities offer graduate entry professional courses in a range of areas, including medicine, nursing, social work, law, dentistry, physiotherapy and veterinary science, among many others. Some require applicants to have a

relevant or cognate undergraduate degree but others do not, so don't assume that your options will be set by your academic background – contact Study Options to check!

These courses are almost always entirely taught, with very few or no opportunities to undertake study by research.

3. Traditional masters courses

These aim to strengthen and develop a student's knowledge in a particular subject. They are the most traditional form of postgraduate study and include programmes such as a Master of Arts in, for example, History, or a Master of Science in Physics. In order to be eligible for entry to these courses, you usually need to have an undergraduate degree in the same subject, or a cognate subject, to the one you want to study at masters level.

These courses can be taken by coursework, or by research, or by a combination of these two modes of study.

4. Change of direction courses

These enable students who have an undergraduate degree in one academic area to gain a solid understanding of and qualification in another academic area. Examples include the Master

What's in a (course) name?

Study Options says: "If you can't immediately see the course you are looking for, that doesn't necessarily mean it doesn't exist. While qualifications in Australia and New Zealand usually have the same names as their equivalents in the UK, the title of a particular course might be slightly different. So if you can't see your course on our lists please don't give up and assume it isn't available; it might just have a different title. For example, many UK universities use specific degree names, such as 'Bachelor of Finance.' In Australia and New Zealand, the equivalent degree would be a 'Bachelor of Commerce (Finance)'. UK graduates looking for a teacher training course will not find a PGCE (Postgraduate Certificate in Education) because the equivalent courses are the Master of Teaching or the Graduate Diploma of Teaching.

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of Commerce – a broad-based postgraduate programme that provides students with a solid grounding in most major aspects of business before enabling them to choose a specialism, such as marketing, management, or finance. These courses are open to applicants with a first degree in any academic discipline. They are predominantly taught, though some offer opportunities for research projects.

Australia, masters courses can be one, one and a half, or two years long. The duration of a course depends on its academic subject, but also in some cases on the applicant's academic and/or professional background.

The starting entry requirement for admission to postgraduate study in Australia and New Zealand is for the applicant to have successfully completed a bachelors degree, but exact academic and professional backgrounds and achievement standards requirements vary considerably between different courses and universities. Please contact Study Options to get specific details for your chosen courses, or to discuss your case.



How can I find out what courses are available?

Study Options says: "Request a course list from Study Options at www.studyoptions.com/contact, call us on 0117 911 5610, or email us at mail@studyoptions.com.

"Let us know what subject you want to study, and at what level. And if there's anything on your wish list, this is the time to tell us about it. Are you determined to go to one specific university? Do you need to be in or around a particular city or location? Tell us! The more information you provide, the more accurate our advice will be.

"We will send you a list of the courses available in your chosen subject. This will include links to each programme's content and structure, as well as details of tuition fees, entry requirements, application deadlines and any other key information. Please go through the course list carefully.

"Study Options offers free, expert course advice so if you'd like help choosing what and where to study, call us, email us, or set up an online meeting with one of the team to discuss your options."



1: Students at Arts West, University of Melbourne
2: Working in the Plant Accelerator at Adelaide University
3: An environmental science field trip
4: Students at Lincoln University, New Zealand
5: A student in the ECU Biomedical Science Superlab

Student stories

Students enrolled on taught postgraduate courses in Australia report back to us on how they are finding university life

Zara Vorley

Zara is studying graduate entry medicine at Griffith University

“I’d always considered medicine, I think from when I was about 12. But I didn’t want to rush into it. It is a big commitment, and I wanted to make absolutely sure of my decision.

“I studied a degree in molecular genetics at the University of Edinburgh. I spent my third year on exchange in Australia, then went back to Scotland to complete. Then I took a bit of a gap. I was doing research in my honours lab and asked if I could stay on for a few months to help finish the project. I also did a few internships. So I’d already graduated by the time I started the application for graduate entry medicine.

“The application process was definitely more work than I’d expected. Because each university had different requirements and different deadlines, initially I found it overwhelming to try and navigate it by myself. It was only after I’d contacted Sarah at Study Options that I started to feel that I had some direction.

“The first real hurdle was the aptitude test. I had some experience of standardised testing because initially I’d planned to apply to UK graduate medicine, so had taken the UCAT UK during my final year at Edinburgh. When it came to choosing between the two graduate level aptitude tests I ended up going for the MCAT, because I thought the GAMSAT and the UCAT UK seemed more similar and I didn’t enjoy preparing for UCAT UK at all! MCAT looked different. It was content based and I enjoy learning new things.

“Weirdly, I enjoyed the MCAT preparation. It was rewarding to have self-directed learning for a big exam, and when it went well it was very rewarding. And because I’d already finished my degree I wasn’t trying to do two things at once, I could just focus on the test.

“Next came the interviews. I had no previous experience with those. It seemed daunting, particularly the idea that you’re actually being

assessed on your character and whether that’s appropriate for medicine. But after I did my first couple I felt comfortable and after I got my first offer, from the ANU, I started to enjoy interviews more. I started to see it as an opportunity to showcase why I was there, to be very genuine, I think that’s what they look for. And the interviews are good at bringing that out of you.

“I received offers from several Australian medical schools and it was very difficult to decide, but I felt like I was choosing to move to Australia for lifestyle reasons more than anything, because I enjoyed living there as an exchange student. So I picked the Gold Coast because there was sun, there was the beach. I felt the lifestyle would be really nice.

“I also liked the way the course was designed. It seemed modern and innovative and as though they were constantly changing things and looking to improve. And I had heard Griffith was known for being supportive and student-centered.

“There are around 200 students in my year. In the beginning, they have a selection of courses they call the foundations, which isn’t just one thing. It’s many different parts of medicine. So there’s immunology, for example, but also

Zara’s top tip for graduate entry medicine students

Lean into the support offered by the university medical societies. They offer a lot of really good resources – including tutoring – or even practice exams. They also have very close links with the Faculty. The other day, they did an entire anatomy formative assessment where the whole thing was entirely run by the Society. It’s an experience and opportunity I hadn’t seen in the UK. So leaning into the societies has been really positive. They also bring in doctors sometimes to do lectures and workshops, which are really helpful.

very specific things like burns, or shock. They try to start it gently but it definitely picks up around mid-semester into more heavy content. But they do start slowly.

“There are three compulsory courses. One of them is the foundations of medicine, that’s science-based and generally taught online. Then there’s introduction to clinical practice, which includes placements. You do placements in community areas, but not necessarily healthcare centres.

Mine was at a community shelter. And you also do communication skills, which is small group-based learning, similar to a tutorial, practising how to respond with empathy and so on. And the final course is legal and ethics, which is a debate class format.

“The idea of going on placement can be nerve wracking at first, but I think a benefit of starting with a community placement is that a lot of the people in those community centres tend to naturally be very caring people. So it’s easy to make yourself useful. For the first half of the year our placements are community based, and then in the second half of the year they become GP placements.

“Placements are organised by the medical school. They assign you a place, but it seems to be based on where you live, they try to give you places that are easy to travel to. For the GP placements, they give you a roster of practices they have placement positions in

and you select, say, five in order of preference. And then they assign you based on that. So you do get some input, though the final decision of where you go is made by the school.

“When I’m not studying I usually go to the beach! From essentially anywhere you live here, the beach is not far away. Also the hinterland –there’s the beach, the city, and then right behind there’s these beautiful rainforests with lots of great hiking spots. The Gold Coast is quite close to Brisbane and there’s lots to see and do there as well. And in Queensland any journey on public transport only costs 50 cents!

“I have been impressed by the support offered to students here. As soon as you get to campus, the professors are very intentional about being open to supporting students. They’re very invested in teaching, they all seem to really love teaching, which is just nice, as a student, to feel like your learning is a top priority.

“The thing that’s probably impressed me the most, though, is how supportive the students are of each other. There’s no element of competition within my cohort. It’s very supportive. Some of my biggest ‘a-ha’ moments have come from second or third or fourth years holding one hour or two hour tutoring sessions. They are not getting anything out of it, it’s just something they want to do. That has impressed me a lot; it’s really helpful. ☺

Isabella Ricketts

Isabella is studying the Master of Conservation Biology at the University of Queensland. She started in June 2025

“I’ve had family in Australia all my life so knew it would be a safe landing spot for me. I was drawn to studying here because I wanted to pursue conservation. The ecology in Australia is so different and there’s a lot more going on in the field as a whole.

“I did my bachelor’s degree in biology at the University of Bristol. I’d always had an interest in conservation but it really solidified during my final year when I got to take a conservation module, which I loved, and then had two tutors for my final projects who both worked in conservation-centred fields. The questions I was drawn to while working with them left me wanting more – that’s when I started to look for postgraduate courses.

“I looked at lots of places; not just in Australia, but it was always on the list. Queensland was my most obvious option because I

have family here, and because Brisbane, while still a big city, offers so much for an outdoor lifestyle. I can easily walk to the river and see birds, fish, lizards, and the sun – and the UQ course offered a lot of field trips, which let me see much more of what the region has to offer.

“The first few courses were on general conservation, plus work on policy and how conservation fits into other fields (because when you want conservation to work in real life, you have to integrate it into things like business and so on). But there were also a lot of ecology focused courses, which are the ones I prefer. We had some stuff on rainforests and on fire ecology – delving into Australian systems. A marine module too. I’ve also learned to use platforms like GIS, a mapping tool every conservationist uses. There is a real focus on the professional tools, platforms and applications that are available, geared toward the conservation field. So lots of technical learning.

“There’s a lot of contact with people who actually do the work

that we’re learning about. Even if theirs is not your dream job, it’s obviously important to know how every step of a conservation action or intervention would work. So there’s a lot of integration with every step of the process, which I think is really cool.

“The course includes a lot of field work. My favourite so far was Lamington Park, which is a big rainforest national park. You get to camp overnight, and do a lot of sampling in places off path – I would not have been brave enough to wander into the forest otherwise! “The other trip people really love is for marine conservation, where you stay on a research station in the Great Barrier Reef. You snorkel every day and take samples across the reef or island to develop your ideas, so it’s really self-driven.

“The UQ Master of Conservation Biology is not a huge course, there’s around 35 people in my cohort. In the first semester,

everyone studies the same stuff, but in the second there’s more wiggle room in the modules you choose. And now, in my final semester, I’m doing a research project, which is very free range. So you all start off on the same

“The University provides lots of opportunities to meet with, and learn from, people who are already working in the field of conservation

foundations, but then there is flexibility to tailor the course to your individual interests. “UQ provides opportunities to network. There’ll be PhD students who need volunteers to help them collect

data and so on, and occasional events where researchers come together, and invite students who can chat and watch presentations. There are weekly presentations by researchers within, or associated with, the Uni. So plenty of chances to meet and learn from people who are already working in the field.

“In the time off you get there’s a lot more to do than there would be in the UK. I like being outdoors so instead of, say, going to the cinema, here I can go to the reservoir for a swim, or go to the beach. Lots of people I know here share that interest in being outside and have come to UQ for similar reasons to mine. It’s nice to be studying with people who have a similar mindset. ☺

Favourite thing about studying in Australia?

I think the flexibility – that you get to choose what you study in your area of interest – and also how you engage with the teachers. Everybody’s very willing to hear what you have to say and then to take that

on and try and adapt it to some kind of research, or a recommendation for your future. I think that commitment a lot of the professors have toward the students and their willingness to be involved is really nice.



Postgraduate study by research

Research programme options in Australia and New Zealand include masters by research and PhD. All universities welcome research applications from qualified international candidates

How to apply for a research programme

Applying for admission to a research programme in Australia and New Zealand is a very different process to applying for a taught (coursework) qualification. It requires you – the applicant – to do a considerable amount of work before a formal application for admission can be lodged. There are two possible routes to consider:

- Look for an existing research project that you can apply to join as a PhD student
- Apply with an independent research proposal

Where to start

At almost all Australian and New Zealand universities you will be required to check what research projects and groups are already running within a university and to initiate and develop a conversation with a potential academic supervisor, or research project

leader, and to get their provisional approval for your research application. This must all happen BEFORE you can make a formal application for admission.

As a start point, this means identifying the universities and academics working in the area you want to work in. You should then make direct contact with relevant individuals to introduce yourself and your research ideas. At this point, you are looking for the right fit for yourself and your research work. Is this supervisor, or project, or university, right for you? Is this where you want to base yourself and your research?

When you approach academic staff it is essential to communicate your research ideas in a concise, well-thought-through manner. Academics receive a LOT of contact requests from potential research students and are only likely to respond positively to those that demonstrate both ability and commitment.

A research proposal does not need to be perfect, finalised, or even particularly detailed when you first get in touch with an academic, but it does need to provide that person with enough information to decide whether your ideas are something they and their university have the resources and expertise to supervise.

Study Options can provide support with contacting academic staff. If you would like our help at this stage, please contact us at mail@studyoptions.com.

Remember, however, that you will always know far more than we do about your intended area of research. It's therefore very important that you do your own

homework about which Australian or New Zealand universities might be the best fit for you and your research ideas. Try asking your current tutors or other academic contacts for their thoughts on possible destinations for your research, for example, and check to see which Australia or New Zealand-based academics are working in your field, and which universities they are based at.

1: Marine science researchers at JCU 2: A library at UTS, Sydney 3: Barr Smith Reading Room, Adelaide University 4: Monash University 5: Plant science research at Adelaide University



Scholarships for research students

Universities in Australia and New Zealand offer scholarships to international research students so please check the funding options available for MRes and PhD at your chosen universities as a first step.

At some universities, research students who specify within their application that they want to be considered for a research student scholarship are then assessed at the same time as their general application is being assessed, without having to provide any further or specific documentation for the scholarship. At others, however, a separate application is required AFTER an offer to study has been issued. Please check the requirements of each specific scholarship in plenty of time, and contact Study Options to discuss any details you are unsure of.

The majority of scholarships have fixed, strict application deadlines, so make sure you know what these are, and are working backward from them, before you start the application process.

There are also some external scholarships available to research students in both Australia and New Zealand. The Costs And Practicalities section of www.studyoptions.com provides information about financing your study in Australia or New Zealand and where to potentially look for scholarships.

International PhD students in New Zealand are only required to pay local (domestic) tuition fees, rather than full international rates. This is due to a New Zealand Government policy that aims to attract talented researchers to NZ, and which reduces costs considerably.

but it is extremely important and is well worth investing time and effort in. Research applications are often assessed by a committee of academics – your supervisor is the person who can champion your application through this and other internal processes. They are also often good sources of information regarding scholarships and may be able to tell you about options that other people within the university may not be aware of, or provide general advice on applying.

As a start point, please look at the different university profiles here in the Guide and online at www.studyoptions.com to start thinking about which institutions you might want to approach.

free assistance when you are ready on mail@studyoptions.com. Research applications submitted via Study Options are fast tracked through university assessment procedures and are usually exempt from university application fees.

Please see the research information page on our website for full information and for specific instructions on how to apply for a research programme (including how to find supervision) at each of our partner universities in Australia and New Zealand, here: studyoptions.com/research-degrees-mphil-mres-phd/

Application deadlines

In both Australia and New Zealand, research students are not bound to the academic calendar in the same way as a coursework student. Instead, you can start your PhD or your Masters by Research at any date that's agreed as mutually suitable for you and your academic supervisor, or by the head of the research group you'll be joining. There are therefore no strict deadlines to the application process to work to and it is in theory possible for research students to commence their programmes in almost any of the 12 months of any given year. ☺

Search for a supervisor online

Many Australian and New Zealand universities provide an online tool that enables students to search for potential supervisors among their research-active staff. These search functions are all linked from our website research page, at studyoptions.com/research-degrees-mphil-mres-phd/

Finding a supervisor

Establishing contact with a potential academic supervisor can be a time-consuming (and sometimes frustrating) process,

Making a formal application for admission as a research student

Once you have established contact with a potential supervisor and have secured provisional support for your application from them, whether directly or via their university department, please contact the team at Study Options so that we can assist with the formal admissions process.

Study Options can help with university application forms, document certification and visa applications. Please contact us for



Student stories

UK students currently undertaking PhD programmes in Australia
report back to us on how they are finding life as research students

Alexander Waller

Alexander began a PhD in marine biology at the University of Sydney in 2026, after successfully completing an MRes at the University in 2025

“I did my bachelor’s degree in the US, but I’d always had a childhood dream of visiting the Great Barrier Reef, especially after hearing how vulnerable it has become. It might not always be there. During my degree I did summer courses in Mexico and Turks and Caicos, which inspired me to study marine biology, and specifically coral reefs.

“Then I thought, why not do a postgrad qualification in Australia and really get to experience it? I didn’t have any fixed ideas about which university to go to, so for my MRes I tried applying to different universities. It was harder than I expected to get the professors to consider me for a research, rather than a coursework, masters though. I’d done a thesis in my undergrad, but not a full research course as such. I lacked research experience, in their eyes.

“So I spent the summer after graduating on a research project at a local agricultural center. While it wasn’t marine related, it was a really good experience in terms of understanding what a research project entails – coming up with the research question, setting up the experiment, running the experiment, collecting the data, and writing a paper from it. I got my first publication from that.

“That experience confirmed for me that I wanted to do a research masters. But in Australia academics want you to have completed a university research project, and because I hadn’t done that quite a few of them were hesitant about taking me on in their lab. I was a bit of an unknown quantity, I guess.

“I was really fortunate that my professor here at Sydney went out on a bit of limb and gave me the opportunity to join the lab here as an MRes student – I’m very grateful that she took that chance on me.

“Our lab is quite small, there are only six of us, but everyone was super-friendly from the get-go, which really helped me to make a strong start. There are lots of other similar labs to us operating at the University, marine biology labs working on different things, which was also good as it meant I could make friends with people in other labs who have similar interests.

“When I started my MRes our lab had several projects in the works, including one just starting up looking at corals growing in sort of marginal and extreme environments near mangroves. So that’s what my masters project was in. I didn’t start with a specific project in mind. My supervisors had a general topic to work on as part of their grant and research proposals, and it was up to me to come up with the specific research question I wanted to look at. They were really helpful in getting me started and setting out what the expectations were for the report, my thesis and project, and how that aligned with their



topics and funding. It was a bit intimidating at first, not knowing where the project was going to go. But my supervisors and my lab mates were there to help me. The University also provides optional courses that you can take if you feel you’re lacking in a particular area you need for your research. So I was able to take some stats courses, which really helped, as well as other courses related to fieldwork planning and how to set up a research project.

“You need to work out how often

you sample, where you’re sampling, to build a stronger research question, rather than just going out on a limb then realising that you should have done something in the first place. I was also very lucky to have my supervisors help with the planning for my first field trip and actually helping me collect data during it. That set me up well for future field trips in terms of being able to organise everything, and being able to take more experienced researchers from my lab on that trip showed me the best approaches and the level of expectations in terms of what can be achieved in a short time.

“The idea of progressing to a PhD developed during my second year on the MRes. With all the field experience I was getting and the fact I was really enjoying it, I just decided I wanted to keep doing it. I found the whole project – coming up with a research question, going out, collecting the data, and then reviewing the data, analysing it, writing a report, very satisfying. So I decided I wanted to do it for another three and a half years!

“I wanted to stay at Sydney as

I had a really good support system here and enjoyed being here for my MRes. I have the same supervisors for my PhD as I had for my MRes and am in the same lab.

“My PhD is a continuation and expansion of my masters project. That was narrower, looking at spatial gradients and how corals change from mangrove forests to reefs. For my PhD, I’m expanding that to also look at the effects of cumulative climatic disturbances and not just corals growing near mangroves, but also other reef systems. So seeing how corals can respond and adapt, and how that shapes the briefs for the future.

“I’m not sure what my next step will be after the PhD. After doing all these field trips and projects, I feel inspired to potentially go and work at a field station, which would allow me to be out on the reef all the time and get to experience the different research that goes on and be able to help with that. Or continuing with the research with a post doc or as a research assistant in a lab. I love the fieldwork and research aspects and would want a job that allows me to keep doing that. ☺

Helen Vjestica

Helen moved to Perth, Western Australia, to begin a PhD at Curtin University in 2025

“I’d always considered doing a PhD, I always really liked academia, but I never really knew what the options were. When I was in my third year, I was talking to my supervisor about wanting to study abroad for my PhD and it turned out that his partner was from Sydney. Listening to her talk about her experiences and about Australia in general just put it in my head.

“At that point I was working in Bristol as a secondary teacher. I started researching online, looking at the projects available, and came across one that had a link to what I’d studied in my masters and which sounded great. I emailed the supervisor and looked more seriously at the uni and at Perth as a location.

“It turns out the project I’d seen had already gone, but my application must’ve been ok, because that person passed my details on to their colleague, who then contacted me to ask if I’d be interested in working on a different project which hadn’t even been advertised yet.

“My project is electrochemistry for antimicrobial applications, developing surfaces specifically. All the people in my lab are working on silicon-based projects, so we are all linked, but my project is my own. I’m the only one doing antimicrobial.

“I normally start my day in the office. It’s a shared lab though, and everyone’s really helpful. So for example, the other day I had to make a compound, but both me and another guy in the group needed it, so we did that together. It’s really nice that it’s an open plan lab. I’ve never had that before. Normally research groups are in separate labs. So if you ever need to do like NMR, which I don’t really know how to do, I’ll just ask my friend and he’ll help me. So it’s very collaborative, even though you’re doing your own research.

“Coming here has pushed me out of my comfort zone, it is about adjusting to a whole new life, not just new study. The confidence you get from that is really tangible

“I found everything a bit overwhelming when I arrived, even though everyone was so nice. I hadn’t been in a research lab for a few years, since finishing my masters, and my confidence with experiments was low. But everyone was really helpful. I had guidance from my supervisor, but also one of the postdocs in our group is trained on everything. So they would train me really well and then leave me to do it, but they were still there if I needed help.

“The study environment here is great, it feels as though you can go to anyone. People are so friendly, it makes it easy to ask for and get help. I feel a lot more confident now, which is great. Initially it was quite difficult, but now it’s actually nice to realise how much you’ve progressed and how much you’ve worked through.

“I expected living in Australia to be a lot more laid back, which it is. The work-life balance is just as I thought it would be. It’s really nice. All summer we went to the beach every weekend with our friends. I genuinely felt like I was on holiday every time. It just completely resets you. I could have the worst week at uni, but then because I’m swimming and outside all the time, everything seems better. I feel I’m a lot more chilled as a person here.

“One thing I’d recommend anyone looking at study by research do is to look carefully at where you’re moving to – not just the place, but also into your research group. Try to get a sense of whether these are people you’d like to work with, how things run, whether it is going to be an environment that suits you. I’m aware I was really lucky – even though I didn’t do any of that, everything has worked out for me, I’ve landed on my feet.

“I feel I’ve changed a lot as a person since coming to Australia. Coming to a new place where all my support system’s gone, other than my partner, was difficult and overwhelming at first. But it made me really work on myself, to think about what kind of friends I wanted, what sort of new hobbies I’d like. I surf now, for example, which is insane. This experience has made me push myself out of my comfort zone – because I was already out of it by coming to Australia. And I think that is something I wouldn’t have experienced if I’d stayed in the UK for my PhD.

“When you first arrive you’re on your own. You don’t know anyone, don’t have any friends, so you have to put yourself out there. You don’t have your normal environment around you and so studying isn’t the whole thing anymore – it’s more a question of adjusting to a new life as well. The confidence that you get from coming through that is really tangible.

“I’m so glad came here. It’s amazing. Creating a life for yourself in a new place takes effort, and time. It doesn’t just happen! But the effort is so worth it.” ☺



Alexander’s top tips for research applications

1. Don’t be afraid to reach out and cast a wide net. At first I just emailed a couple of professors and was only looking at their recent projects, rather than seeing what’s actually out there. Be open-minded!

2. Don’t be shy of highlighting skills and qualifications. At first I wasn’t selling myself to my full potential. I’d mention I was doing a research project, but could have done a

better job of spelling out that it was a full research project I was running and that it was very relevant to my credentials as an applicant. Don’t downplay things! It’s all well and good attaching your CV to an email, but academics are busy people, they don’t have time to sit there and read all the fine print. So make it easy for them; spell things out!

3. Know what you want to do. It

doesn’t have to be really specific, but knowing what aspect of the field or what topic you want to look at and showing how interested you are in it is helpful. Academics want people who are passionate and genuinely interested in the project. A research qualification is a lot of work and you are going to spend a lot of time researching, reading papers, collecting data, analysing data, so you really have to love what you do!

Student life

What can you expect from university life as a student in Australia or New Zealand? It's not as different to the UK as you might expect...

Your first impressions are likely to be that your chosen university looks much like a university in the UK might do. Just as is the case in the UK, universities in Australia and New Zealand range in terms of both personality and appearance. Some are large, comprehensive institutions, offering degrees in almost every subject with many thousands of students enrolled. Others might be smaller, or focus on a particular set of subjects. Some are self-contained campuses, located on the edge of a city within their own grounds, others have several sites spread throughout a city.

Campuses typically feature a mixture of architecture, depending when the university was founded. The older institutions in Australia and New Zealand were established in the mid- to late-1800s, so are made up of contemporary and period buildings, while another group, set up more recently in the 1960s and 1970s, are more modern in appearance.

Regardless of what they look like, however, they will have all the facilities and features you should expect of modern, well-equipped university campuses anywhere in the world, including libraries, learning spaces, laboratories, cafés, bookshops, bars, and student clubs and societies catering for a wealth of different tastes and interests.

One difference to studying in the UK is that student life has a slightly different focus. At many Australian and New Zealand universities (though by no means all) halls of residence are not automatically the centre of all things social, unlike in the UK.

Many students in the UK study away from home and so at UK universities student halls often form the centre of many students' social lives. In contrast, it's common for Australian and New Zealand students to study in their home town in order to try and save on costs and as a result, student halls are not always the focus of all social activity on campus (and local students are likely to come

from considerably further afield).

If you want to live in a traditional hall culture, please let Study Options know so we can help you identify which universities offer this, and therefore suit you best.

For everyone else, however, this just means that it takes a little more effort to create your ideal student life in Australia and New Zealand. You have to go out and talk to people, to join in, to get involved with clubs, societies, volunteer projects, internships or sports teams – in short, get out there and make things happen!📍



What happens if something goes wrong while I'm away at university?

The first place to go, at the first sign of trouble, is International Student Support. Every Australian and New Zealand university has one of these – a dedicated team of people whose job it is to help with any problem you might be having, whether it is academic, personal, financial or practical. Having trouble with a course? Tell them, they will be able to put you in touch with an academic support service or help liaise with the faculty to

sort it out. Worried that a landlord is not fixing something? Take your tenancy contract to them to check. Can't shake homesickness? Talk to one of the student counsellors.

Whatever the problem, International Student Support will either be able to help you directly, or to refer you to someone else who can. Help is always there, so make sure you ask for it! If you don't tell anyone when something is wrong, they won't be able to help you.



1: Students at Kev Carmody House, a University of Queensland residence
2: Grabbing a coffee on campus at the University of Auckland 3: Taking a break at ECU, Perth

Accommodation

Identifying the right accommodation as a student is key in setting you up for a good university experience, particularly as a new undergraduate student. This takes a little extra planning when applying from overseas. Accommodation application processes are different to the UK and some Australian and New Zealand universities don't have the same quantity of student accommodation as would sometimes be found here. It's therefore important to start looking into the options available early in the process.

What are my options?

The different types of accommodation available are similar to the UK. These include halls of residence, university-run or managed apartments, or renting a room in a flat or a house. Some universities, including the University of Otago, the University of Sydney, University of Melbourne and the University of Queensland, for example, also offer residential college options.

What are residential colleges?

These are usually located on campus, but are managed and run independently of the university – many have historic affiliations to church groups. They are often relatively small in terms of the number of students they house (typically anywhere between 80 – 600 students) and foster a strong sense of community through academic support groups and lots of sporting, musical and other recreational activities. The majority are fully-catered. Some students love the closeness and the level of support they offer; others find that they would prefer a little more independence.

I'm going to be an undergraduate student – what sort of housing should I look for?

We strongly advise that first year undergraduate students opt for some form of university accommodation. Living in halls, a residential college or in university flats is a great way of meeting new friends and offers a layer of extra pastoral and practical support that can be reassuring if this is your first real stint away from home. University accommodation is a key step in managing the transition from school to full-on independent adult living!

I'll be a postgraduate student – what sort of housing do you recommend I look for?

On-campus accommodation in Australia and New Zealand is often dominated by undergraduate students. While there are some halls of residence reserved for students doing higher degrees, and others that offer tutoring positions and accommodation to postgrads (in-house tutoring is commonly found in residential colleges), lots of postgraduate students

prefer to avoid living on-campus and go for private housing instead. This means potentially arriving a few weeks before term starts and living in temporary accommodation while looking for a suitable place to rent.

How would I go about renting a house or a flat privately?

To get idea of what rental prices are like in a particular city, have a look around on a site such as www.gumtree.com.au, which carries free local classified advertising and is a go-to site for many young Australians looking for a place to rent. Once you're on the Gumtree homepage you can click on to the site specific to your destination state. A similar site for New Zealand is www.trademe.co.nz.

While it is always a good idea to research the housing market and rental options in an area or a city before you arrive, so you know what to expect, we would strongly advise you not to sign any contracts until you arrive in Australia or New Zealand. There's usually a big range of properties, prices and locations available at any time and it's difficult to make a properly informed decision unless you're actually there in person to check out all-important factors like public transport links, value for money, what the neighbourhood feels like, safety and so on. Just as in the UK, you will be required to sign a lease or tenancy agreement when you take on a rental property, which is usually for at least six months. Once signed, these agreements are difficult to get out of if the house or flat isn't what you'd expected. So, do the groundwork before you go, but don't commit!

When do I need to do all of this?

We would recommend you start researching the accommodation options at your chosen universities as early as you can (once you have submitted your applications for admission to a course to Study Options, ideally) as on-campus housing application deadlines are often early, and places are limited. The best sources of information are the university accommodation service websites, which often have online application forms as well as useful advice and contacts. If you'd like to discuss the options or want some help with the whole process, please contact us to speak to an advisor on 0117 911 5610 or mail@studyoptions.com.

For information on student accommodation costs, see pages 32 (Australia) and 60 (New Zealand). Also check out our Student Stories [<https://studyoptions.com/student-stories/>] for first-hand accounts of campus life and the housing options different students have chosen to go for





A sporting life

Sport is a key part of life in Australia and New Zealand. Whatever your sport and whatever your level, there is something for everyone

As a university student in Australia or New Zealand you'll have the opportunity to participate in sport at your chosen level of competition – from elite to social – and gain a top-quality education at the same time.

In this feature we look at some of the main sports offered at universities in Australia and New Zealand: Rugby, cricket, swimming and netball. Don't worry if your sport isn't featured here – just get in touch with the Study Options team to ask for the information you need. Universities in Australia and New Zealand offer up to as

many as 45 different sports clubs and, while we can't talk about all of them here, we'd be happy to provide any further details you need.

Australia and New Zealand are home to universities that are some of the best places in the world to study sport. Almost a third of the universities ranked in the world's top 15 for sport-related subjects (QS Subject Rankings 2026) are Australian. The University of Queensland ranks as world number 2, the University of Sydney at number 3 and Deakin and the University of Melbourne are tied at 11. 📍

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Swimming

With a warm climate and a coastline that stretches for over 16,000 miles, it is no surprise that swimming is a popular activity and one of Australia's most successful competitive sports. Olympic-sized pools are common on Australian university campuses and the country as a whole has ten times as many 50 metre pools as the UK.

Swimming at the University of Queensland
The UQ Sport Aquatic Centre in St Lucia offers three heated swimming pools: A 50m Olympic-sized pool, a 25m pool and a shallow pool. Whether you've never swum before or you're an elite athlete,

Did you know?

- Celebrated UK swimming coach and former Olympian Mel Marshall, best known for guiding Adam Peaty to multiple Olympic, Commonwealth and World titles, moved to Griffith University Swim Club in 2025 to work as head coach

UQ has swimming lessons, a class or a squad that's right for you. The centre provides lessons, group fitness Swimfit, and training facilities for many UQ Sport Clubs. For students, there's a UQ swim squad to suit your goals, whether you're a performance athlete racing at the highest level or you simply swim for fitness.

UQ Varsity Squad
The UQ Varsity Squad is targeted at university-aged athletes. The coaching team aims to create a fun and social environment, while also challenging the team to reach their full athletic potential. Many squad members compete for UQ at national events, Uni Nationals, club meets or inter-varsity competitions, but swimmers can also actively participate in this programme without the expectation to compete or attend a set number of sessions a week.

State Squad
This programme provides a key pathway for committed competitive swimmers wishing to become high

level swimmers. These swimmers are actively pursuing swimming as a major sporting interest and are competing at state level or the equivalent, with a goal to work towards a national level. Members should be attending at least seven sessions per week.

National Squad
This programme is for high performance swimmers who are competing at national/international level. Members should attend at least seven sessions per week.

UQ Sport SwimFit
UQ Sport's SwimFit programmes are widely regarded as the most comprehensive you'll find. Our sessions cater to all swimmers – from those who swim purely for fun and fitness, to competitive swimmers, triathletes and surf racers! In addition to competitive swimming you will also have the chance to get involved with activities such as Swimfit, Aquafit and Aqua Running. Visit uqsport.venues/aquatic-centre 📍

Netball

Netball is fully professional in both Australia and New Zealand. In Australia the premier professional league is the Suncorp Super League, which includes eight teams from across Australia. There is also the Australian Netball League plus various state and territory competitions. Netball is one of the leading female sports in Australia. New Zealand is home to the ANZ Premiership, featuring six teams, as well as to the netball national championships and other regional tournaments.

Netball at the University of Melbourne
The University provides three levels of netball competitions: High performance, competitive and social. Melbourne University Lightning is the University's high-performance programme which offers athletes the chance to compete in the Victorian Netball League, Victoria's premier state level competition. The club has teams participating in two divisions, Championship, and 23&U divisions. The competition runs from March to August, with

weekly training that includes strength and conditioning. Team trials are held in late August and preseason starts in November. This programme also has two development teams which play in the Tuesday Open Age Premier competition in Division 1 and 2, where training also includes strength and conditioning. Melbourne University Netball Club provides students with the opportunity to compete at both a competitive and social level. The club has teams entered in the Parkville Netball open age premier competition held at the State Netball Hockey Centre. There are two seasons within the year and competitive teams play in the Tuesday Open Age Premier competition and Monday A Grade, with weekly training sessions available. At a social level, the University Netball Club also has teams in the Thursday B Grade competition also held at the State Netball Hockey Centre and in the University's Tin Alley competition. Visit sport.unimelb.edu.au/clubs/netball 📍



Did you know?

- Netball is New Zealand's most popular female sport with over 150,000 registered players and matches that are regularly broadcast on prime time TV.
- Australia is the most successful country for netball (as ranked by international achievements), having won the Netball World cup 12 times. It is currently number 1 in the World Netball Rankings, with New Zealand at number 2.

Rugby

Rugby union is New Zealand's national sport and national obsession. Every small town has a rugby club; every school has a set of rugby posts and Kiwis grow up playing rugby in the way children in the UK grow up playing football.

The national mens team, the All Blacks, are widely considered to be one of the most successful sports teams in history. The All Blacks have won three Rugby World Cups and have spent more time ranked as the number one team in the world than any other nation since the rankings began.

If rugby is your passion, studying in New Zealand offers an amazing opportunity to play and experience this hotbed of the sport while also studying for a top class degree.

Rugby at the University of Otago

The Otago University Rugby Football Club (OURFC) has a rich history dating back to its founding in 1884. Uniquely, the club boasts the highest number of All Blacks alumni among any rugby club in the country, underscoring its commitment to excellence both on and off the field. The club

focus is on personal growth and development, encouraging members to become better versions of themselves through the sport.

OURFC offers a diverse range of opportunities with its six teams: Three Men's Colts teams (for players under 21), the Premier A team, the Development team, and the Premier Women's team.

The competitive season runs from March to August, beginning with pre-season training sessions in February. These sessions focus on strength and conditioning. The team selection process takes place in mid-March.

Training sessions are at Logan Park, a short walking distance from campus. Matches are played throughout the Otago region, offering a dynamic and engaging experience for players.

While the club is open to players of all skill levels, it maintains a competitive environment, with two of the Colts teams catering to more social grades. This inclusive approach ensures that all members can find a place within the club, regardless of their rugby



experience. OURFC is deeply integrated into the student culture at the University of Otago, fostering a strong sense of community and belonging among its members.

In addition to the traditional rugby season, OURFC offers opportunities to play Rugby 7's through the Seafarer 7's teams, which include both men's and women's teams. The Rugby 7's season runs from September to February, providing a chance to stay active and engaged in the sport during the off-season. Tournaments are held throughout the Otago region, offering a unique and exciting format of rugby for players to enjoy.

Studying at the University of Otago also provides students with the opportunity to watch fantastic professional rugby matches. The Highlanders Super Rugby team and the All Blacks play at Forsyth Barr Stadium, a state-of-the-art, fully covered venue located beside Logan Park, just a kilometre from campus. This allows students to experience top-level rugby and further immerse themselves in the sport's vibrant culture.

For more, visit www.ourfc.co.nz

Rugby at the University of Auckland

The Rugby Club (AURFC) is one of the biggest clubs at the University of Auckland, offering options for students who want to play social or competitive rugby while studying. Established in 1888, AURFC has long been the home of student

rugby in Auckland. It offers a diverse range of teams to cater to players of all aspirations and skill levels, ensuring everyone can experience playing rugby, a sport so popular in New Zealand. They focus on each player's development both on and off the field.

Premier Team

The Premier Team is the pinnacle of university rugby, competing at the highest level in the Auckland Rugby Union, The Gallaher Shield. This team is for those with high rugby aspirations looking to play serious rugby. The Premier Team have been Auckland champions 17 times and are in contention for the title annually. The Premier Team is the best place to be if you want to play rugby at the highest level.

Premier Development Team

The Premier Development Team is a crucial stepping stone for players aspiring to reach the Premier level. It focuses on honing the skills and tactics required for top-tier rugby, offering a competitive yet nurturing environment. Players in the Premier Development Team receive high-quality coaching and have the opportunity to play solid opposition, preparing them for the challenges of Premier rugby.

Under 21s Team

The Under-21s Team is designed for young players transitioning from school rugby through to the senior team ranks. This team

emphasises skill development, physical fitness, and great social connections. With a focus on creating a seamless progression to higher levels of competition, the Under-21s Team provides a great platform for young talent to flourish. It's an exciting and dynamic environment where players can develop their abilities and gain valuable experience.

U85kg Team

For those who fall within the 85kg weight limit, the U85kg teams offer a unique opportunity to compete in a weight-restricted division. This team is ideal for players who want to enjoy the physicality and intensity of rugby without the size mismatches found in open-weight competitions. The U85kg Team is known for its fast pace of play and for being a welcoming, social environment.

Women's Team

AURFC also has a Women's Team. The team welcomes players of all skill levels, from beginners to seasoned competitive athletes. Training sessions focus on developing core rugby skills, teamwork, and physical fitness and the team is a tight-knit group. The Women's Team competes in the Auckland Rugby Union 10s and 15s competitions, providing a platform for female players to showcase their talents and compete at a high level.

For more, visit www.aurfc.co.nz

Cricket

Cricket in Australia almost needs no introduction. It's the birthplace of some of the greatest players in world including Sir Donald Bradman, Shane Warne and Ricky Ponting and home to the MCG (Melbourne Cricket Ground), the SCG (Sydney Cricket Ground) and the Gabba.

Cricket is the most popular summer sport in Australia at international, domestic and local level. It's estimated that over 90% of Australians watch cricket at some level, whether in person or on TV.

In addition to international competitions there is the Sheffield Shield, Australia's premier cricket competition between state teams, and the Big Bash League (BBL), one of the world's biggest Twenty20 leagues with eight city-based franchises from Adelaide, Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne and Sydney.

Cricket at the University of Sydney

Cricket is one of eleven high performance sport programmes at the University of Sydney.

Founded in 1864, the University of Sydney Cricket Club (USCC) is one of the oldest in Australia. The club plays in the Sydney Grade Cricket competition, the premier club competition in New South Wales. They also compete in various intervarsity competitions.

Did you know?

- The first ever cricket test match was played at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) in 1877 between Australia and England. Australia won by 45 runs.



TOP TIP

If you're ever in Melbourne on Boxing Day get yourself a ticket for the Boxing Day Test at the MCG. A key event in the Australian cricket calendar, with a capacity of over 100,000, it is always a sell-out event!

It is a club with 160 years of history, boasting 26 players with international experience including current club member and Australian international Phoebe Litchfield, the former Australian captain who is currently the head coach of the women's team.

The Club expects excellence and success on-field. The spirit of cricket is as important to the Club as any of its victories, and it was awarded the SCA Spirit of Cricket Award in 2023/24 – the seventh time in last 13 seasons since the award's inception.

The Club expects the same level of dedication and passion from our players in their study and their work life. With the strength of the University of Sydney (ranked among the top 25 universities in the world), club members have the opportunity to create a successful life outside of cricket. Its corporate network is full of players and alumni who are successful in a wide variety of industries.

Visit www.sydneyniversitycricket.com.au

Did you know?

- Rugby is New Zealand's national sport and national obsession. Every small town has a rugby club; every school has a set of rugby posts and Kiwis grow up playing rugby in the same way many children in the UK grow up playing football.
- Sydney University's rugby club (confusingly called Sydney

University Football Club) is the oldest club in Australia and one of the oldest rugby clubs in the world – it was founded in 1863.

- The University of Queensland's rugby club, also known as the Red Heavies, has been home to 66 players for the Wallabies, Australia's national mens rugby team.



“ To get some guidelines on what to expect from the current cost of living in Australia please see page 32. For New Zealand, go to page 62

Study costs

How much does it cost to study in Australia and New Zealand?

You will need to budget for tuition fees and living costs for the duration of your course, as well as for flights, compulsory health insurance and the application fee for your student visa.

Each university in New Zealand and Australia sets its own tuition fees for each individual degree. Course costs can therefore vary considerably. Please check annual course fees carefully and compare what your degree costs to study at different universities. Living costs also vary between different places in each country.

It's important to do your research into costs carefully and to factor finance and funding into your thinking as early as possible. If you are working to a specific budget, costs could end up being the key factor in your decision of which university to study at.

Can I get a part time job while I'm studying?

Yes. Provided you are studying a course that is at least one year

long, you can work part-time on a student visa in both countries. You will be limited to 25 hours per week during term in New Zealand, while Australia allows students to work up to 48 hours per fortnight (you are able to work full time if you want to during the holidays in both countries). Working part time can be a big help with living costs, but it is rarely enough to contribute to international tuition fees. See pages 34 and 64 for more information about working while on a student visa.

Can I use a UK student loan to help pay for study costs?

No. It is not currently possible to use UK student finance to pay for any university course outside the UK (unless the overseas study is an integral part of a UK degree). Unless you are a citizen of Australia or New Zealand you will not be eligible to get a student loan in Australia or New Zealand. The UK government does not currently offer scholarship

schemes or student loans to help with international study. For most students, university study in Australia or New Zealand needs to be privately funded.

Are there any scholarships to study in Australia?

Yes, almost all Australian universities offer international student scholarships. For undergraduate and postgraduate coursework students, these tend to be awarded as a reduction in tuition fees (typically between 20 and 50%). Almost all university scholarships are awarded on academic merit; they are not given in recognition of a student's ability or achievements in areas such as sport, or music, and are not awarded on the basis of financial need.

The majority of scholarships are offered by the universities directly, so check their websites for the latest information on what is available via www.studyoptions.com/scholarships-and-funding.

We also aim to highlight any scholarships we feel are particularly applicable to students applying from a UK curriculum background on this section of our website.

What about New Zealand?

International scholarships at New Zealand universities are also generally awarded on academic merit, and as a reduction in tuition fees. As with Australia, scholarships as a rule are offered directly by the universities, so as a first step please check their websites to see what is available via www.studyoptions.com/scholarships-and-funding. You can also use the Education New Zealand scholarship search tool, which is available at www.studywithnewzealand.govt.nz/en/study-options/scholarships

Thanks to New Zealand Government policy, international PhD students are eligible to pay the same tuition rates as local Kiwi students, rather than paying full international tuition fees for doctoral study.

When should I investigate scholarship options?

If you need a scholarship in order to study, please start researching your options as early as possible. We recommend that you check possible sources of funding before making an application for admission to a university. Scholarship application deadlines are often relatively early, and both external providers and university scholarship offices will usually want to see evidence that you are eligible for a place on your chosen course before they can consider you for a scholarship. ☺

“ Annual tuition fees are clearly shown on Study Options course lists – please contact us to get a list of courses in the area you're interested in, and check the fee information for each option carefully

Study costs: The key takeaways

- Research tuition fees and living costs and factor the results into your thinking about which universities you want to apply to.
- Remember that tuition fees are different for each degree, as well as at each university, so expect to see lots of variation in these costs.
- Living costs are also different in different cities – make sure you take this into account.
- Check if there are any scholarships you are eligible to apply for – this could also be a factor that impacts where you apply.
- If you have any questions about tuition fee or living costs, contact Study Options on 0117 911 5610 or at studyoptions.com/contact/

Life after university: What comes next?

How will having a degree from an Australian or New Zealand university affect your graduate job prospects? Study Options investigates

Graduate recruitment is ever more global. Companies, public sector departments and NGOs in this country and many others all now employ graduates from universities all over the world. When a survey for The New York Times asked executives from leading companies in 10 countries to name the top universities from which they recruited, the resulting list included universities from more than 20 different countries.

So how might having a degree from an Australian or New Zealand university impact your career prospects after graduation?

The first undeniable advantage of having an international university education when you are applying for jobs is that it gives you a real point of difference; something that will make your CV stand out from all the others.

It also instantly communicates that someone is likely to have many of the personal skills and attributes that companies and organisations are looking for. Many employers tell us that they would assume that someone who had studied overseas was more independent, self-reliant, resilient and flexible than most.

Try and get involved in as many

different activities as possible while you are abroad. This will make for excellent conversation in job applications and interviews when you return home. Studying abroad gives opportunities few others will have had.

Studying overseas also in itself demonstrates that someone is able to adjust to other cultures, is outgoing and confident with a sense of adventure, has a global outlook and has also made a conscious decision to embrace change – all things that global firms value, and which can otherwise be difficult to demonstrate on a CV.

A focus on future employability is a key feature of Australian and New Zealand university education. As you will see from the university profiles here in the Guide and on studyoptions.com, almost all university qualifications provide opportunities for students to do internships, placements and industry projects – in short, to put academic learning into practice in the real world, to network and to ensure that they graduate ready to hit the ground running in their chosen career.

“ Studying overseas in itself shows that someone is able to adjust to other cultures, is outgoing, has a global outlook and embraces change



The graduate: Kit Chamier

Kit graduated from the Bachelor of Sport Coaching at the University of Canterbury in New Zealand. He's now a registered sport and exercise nutritionist, running his own flourishing consulting business (truefood.je) and a nutrition-driven clinic (bondstreethealth.com)

“ During my degree we had the then All Blacks nutritionist teaching one of the nutrition modules. The Bachelor of Sport Coaching was a general sports science degree, so we did everything – biomechanics, kinesiology, psychology, coaching – but we also did nutrition, and this module really hit the spot with me. I shadowed him for a bit, with the Canterbury Crusaders, and just felt completely inspired.

“I had the best time at UC. It was as though I was on a gap year while studying. I did so much, even on a student budget! Road trips and skiing and hikes up mountains. The New Zealand students were in to all that stuff too, so I wasn't the tourist doing it on my own. They are so passionate about their country, so always up for a trip!

“I didn't know what I wanted to do after uni. I did a general degree so I could get a bit of everything.

“The broad structure of my degree has really paid dividends because I'm consulting every day now, and the coaching content has really come into its own. We did whole modules on body language, communication, eye contact, the way you sit, the way you listen, and that has been one of the best things I could have ever done; it has really fed into what I do now. On a standard science degree you wouldn't get taught how to counsel and listen and get information from people, but that learning has been so helpful. As I went on to my UK masters and then started working I realised I was drawing on it all the time! We also did modules on coaching with children, and now that I work with

lots of junior athletes it has been so good to have that knowledge of how to work with them and get on their level. The skill sets I picked up have been invaluable.

“The New Zealand atmosphere – the way that they approach lots of things in life, not just academic questions – is motivating. They are practical and pragmatic; they don't just push paper around and arrange another meeting – they get on with it and get things done. That's a good way to be!

“After UC I went to Oxford Brookes to do a Masters in Sport and Exercise Science and Nutrition. That allowed me to register, and therefore to practice, in the UK. I didn't really know what I was going to do – the general idea seemed to be that everyone would go off and work for a professional sports team – but I came home to Jersey and got a job at a high end gym as their in-house nutritionist. I was there for nine months and thought, I can do this myself. I approached some clinics, took some room time, worked up the business, built the branding and marketing and did the networking, and I've been on that roll ever since.

“I founded my business in 2013. The safer option would have been to go and work for a big team, but I've always had that independent streak. I was the first registered nutritionist practicing in Jersey, which was a help but also a detriment, because it wasn't seen as a normal thing to get regular advice from a nutritionist, as you would with a physio. But you've got to trust your instincts. I've been busier and busier at each location I've been based at. ☺

Short term options: Tester Semester

If you'd like to get just a taste of studying at university in Australia or New Zealand, rather than enrolling on a full degree, you can study for four, or eight, months with Tester Semester or Exchange.

Tester Semester allows you to enrol at an Australian or New Zealand university for one or two semesters (terms). What would you study? That's up to you! You get to choose what modules you want to take while you are there. Courses from different faculties are available, and you can combine subjects in any way that you like.

Tester Semester students take three or four courses per term. If you want to get involved in lots of extracurricular activities at uni – sport, travelling, student clubs and societies and so forth – you might opt for three courses, to ensure you have time to do everything. If you are using it as a trial run for university, or you need to use this study toward a degree in the UK or elsewhere, you might take four.

Why take a Tester Semester?

Tester Semester allows you to add overseas study to your list of life experiences. It will give academic (as well as geographical) breadth to your studies, as you'll have the chance to take courses that might not typically be offered in the UK, or which are taught from a fresh perspective.

Tester Semester also provides all the benefits of studying abroad – the chance to experience a different culture and lifestyle; to travel and try new things; develop your initiative and self-confidence; and give your future CV a point of difference – without having to commit to doing a full qualification overseas.

Tester Semester can also be an invaluable chance to experience study at university level and to try out different academic subjects, before you commit to a full degree anywhere in the world.

Consider the extracurricular opportunities too – this is a great

option for anyone who loves sport. Whether you are into running, rugby, cricket, netball, hockey, rowing, swimming, or anything else, during a Tester Semester you'll get the chance to experience great facilities, a sports-mad culture, a climate that's conducive to being outside a lot and training methods considered among the world's best, all at the same time as studying.

Who can take a Tester Semester?

1. Gap year students

Tester Semester can form part of a gap year after leaving school. The flexibility of Tester Semester, which allows you to take a wide variety of courses from different areas of the university, means that it is a great way to try out different degree subjects, but also a great chance to see how you get on with university more generally.

If, during your Tester Semester, you find that you love studying overseas and want to stay to

complete a full degree, it's straightforward to convert to a full bachelors course (Study Options can help you with this process).

If you decide you'd rather come back and enrol at a UK university, you will be returning home having amassed experiences and insights during your time overseas that will serve you well going forward, in other university applications, job applications and life in general!

2. Current university students looking for an alternative to Exchange

If your home university does not have an exchange agreement with the university you want to study at in Australia or New Zealand, you can use Tester Semester as a direct alternative to Exchange as a means of studying abroad during your UK degree. This means planning your overseas study carefully to make sure you will be able to take your academic credits back to your UK degree. 

Where can I do a Tester Semester during my gap year?

The following four universities are among several in Australia and New Zealand that accept gap year tester semester students

University of Sydney

The University of Sydney offers a dedicated programme for gap year tester semester students, with state-of-the-art learning environments and academic support services in one of the world's most beautiful cities. A Gap or First Year Study Abroad experience is a brilliant way to experience Australia's exciting culture, develop global connections in your chosen profession, and gain a competitive advantage in the graduate employment market.

Tuition fees: Approximately A\$13,000 per semester (term)
Available start dates: February or August each year



University of Western Australia

Take the opportunity to study at UWA's beautiful campus, next to the Swan River in Perth. You can choose to complete three or four units of study during your semester at UWA, and will have the opportunity to select those units of study from a huge range of different academic subjects, many of which involve fieldtrips and travel to let you make the most of exploring WA, considered to be one of the world's biodiversity hotspots.

Tuition fees: Approximately A\$11,000 if taking 3 units; A\$14,500 if taking 4 units
Available start dates: February or July each year



Adelaide University

You can study for one or two semesters as a Tester Semester (Study Abroad) student at Adelaide University. Known for its affordable cost of living, Adelaide also offers a busy and vibrant lifestyle with open-air theatre, comedy and festivals in summer, art exhibitions and light displays in winter and sports events and film festivals all year round. Gap year students can select either three or four units per semester from a wide range of study areas including creative industries, science, environment, sustainability and tourism, sport and events among many others.

Tuition fees: A\$6,200 – A\$9,100 for 3 units; A\$8,200 – A\$12,200 for four units

Available start dates: February or July each year



Deakin University

Deakin's campuses are spread across the state of Victoria, offering a mix of bustling city life, stunning coastal views and friendly, diverse student communities ready to welcome you. You can choose to complete your semester of study in Melbourne, Geelong or Warrnambool. Build lifelong friendships, enjoy exciting events and experience a lifestyle that balances study with adventure. Regardless of which study units you select, you'll experience the same high standard of education and vibrant campus lifestyle as the Australian students you'll study alongside, while also gaining valuable international perspectives and experiences.

Tuition fees: Approximately A\$9,000 for 3 units; A\$12,000 for 4 units
Available start dates: February or July



Exchange

Exchange programmes are only open to students enrolled at UK universities that have formal exchange agreements in place with Australian and New Zealand unis.

The advantages of participating in an exchange are, first, that you will pay your usual tuition fees to your UK university for the overseas study, so there are no additional tuition fees. Second, there will be a cross-crediting arrangement in place already, so transferring your academic credit back to your UK degree should be straightforward.

You may, however, be limited in your choice of overseas university

destinations, as you will only be able to apply to universities that your UK university has exchange agreements set up with. Places are often limited, and therefore competitive. As a general rule, universities are only able to send as many students out on exchange as they receive in return. This can mean that even if a university has lots of agreements set up, there may only be a handful of places available on each. Check this carefully! Applications for a place on exchange are made via your home university. Most students go on exchange during their second year of undergraduate study.



For more information on Tester Semester options in Australia and New Zealand, contact Study Options on www.studyoptions.com/ or contact or mail@studyoptions.com



Tester Semester: The practicalities

How much does it cost?

In Australia, tuition fees range from A\$7,000 to A\$16,000 per semester while in New Zealand they average around NZ\$13,000 per semester.

When would I go?

The academic year in the southern hemisphere runs from February to November. Tester Semester is available to take in semester 1

(February through to June), or in semester 2 (July – November) though please note not all courses may be available in S2. Please contact Study Options to discuss start date choices.

Do I have to leave the country as soon as the term ends?

No. Your Australian or New Zealand student visa will allow some time after finishing to stay and travel if you want.

How to apply

Follow our step-by-step guide below for a stress-free application experience. And before you start, check out some of the questions we get asked most often about the application process, below

Study Options is a free service for students. How can we help you?

- We provide full assistance with making and submitting your applications (including screening to make sure they are as strong as possible). See www.studyoptions.com/how-apply
- We are able to waive university application fees for very strong applicants. Please contact us to discuss.
- We offer full pre-departure support, including helping you to secure the right accommodation, get the right medical insurance, locate any key campus clubs or services that you require and lots more! See www.studyoptions.com/costs-practicalities
- We provide a full student visa application checking and support service. See www.studyoptions.com/visas

I haven't finished my A-levels/IB/BTEC yet. Can I apply now for a conditional offer?

Yes. The majority of undergraduate applications to Australian and New Zealand universities are made during the final year of school.

You can make applications as soon as you have details of your predicted results. Please send your applications to Study Options by the last Friday of April in year 13.

You will be applying for a conditional offer of place for your chosen degree at each university. These work in exactly the same way as a conditional offer issued by a UK university, in that they will state that your place is dependent on you achieving certain grades or scores in your final exams.

Once you have received conditional offers, you do not need to do anything further until you get your final results. You can hold your Australian and New Zealand university offers alongside any offers you receive from universities in the UK, or elsewhere, and make a decision of which to accept when you receive final exam results.

I am in my final year of undergrad. Can I apply for a conditional offer?

Yes. You can apply during your final

year of undergraduate study. Any offer given would be conditional on you achieving specified standards in your final university exams. Here, we recommend you apply by the end of April of your final year.

Alternatively, you can wait until you finish your degree, and then apply with final grades and full academic documents. Here, you would be applying for a full or unconditional offer. If taking this route, we recommend applying immediately after graduating.

Your decision on which of these application routes to take might depend on when your chosen course starts in Australia or New Zealand. The majority of courses start in semester 1 (February). If applying for this intake, you can select either of the application options above. Some courses, however, also have an option to start in semester 2 (July). If you wish to start in semester 2, please ensure you apply for a conditional offer of place, as outlined above.

Will I have to sit a test in order to apply?

As a rule, no. Undergraduate and postgraduate applications are assessed primarily on the basis of your academic achievements

(predicted or actual, in A-Levels, BTEC, IB etc, or university degree).

The exceptions are applications for medicine or dentistry (school or graduate entry) and in some cases to postgraduate business or law programmes, which can sometimes require aptitude tests. Some postgraduate applications will require a detailed CV, others may ask for academic references. Creative courses, such as fine art, music and design often require a portfolio of work. Please contact Study Options to check what will be required for your applications.

When do courses start?

The academic year in Australia and New Zealand starts in February. Semester 1 runs from February to June, semester 2 from July to November. Almost all university courses can be started in the first semester; some can also be started in the second.

My applications are ready! Where should I send them?

Please submit all applications to mail@studyoptions.com. We check to ensure they are correct, complete, and as strong as possible before uploading them to the admissions teams for assessment.

1 THINK CAREFULLY

Is studying in Australia or New Zealand right for you? If the answer is yes, get in touch and tell us what you want to study, and at what level. If there's anything on your wish list, this is the time to tell us about it. Are you determined to go to one particular university? Do you want to be in a specific place? Let us know! www.studyoptions.com/contact Call 0117 911 5610

2 RESEARCH YOUR OPTIONS

We will send you a list of courses available in your subject(s). This will include links to content and structure for each, as well as details of tuition fees, entry requirements, application deadlines and any other key information. Go through the list carefully. We offer free, expert, friendly advice, so call us, email us, book a Zoom meeting or come to the office to talk through your options. The goal at this point is to create a shortlist of universities to apply to.

5 THE DECISION

If you have been offered a place, we will send you your formal offer letter and a guide to the next steps, including how to accept your offer, and what you need to do next.

CONTACT STUDY OPTIONS

0117 911 5610
mail@studyoptions.com
www.studyoptions.com/contact

The Study Options team are available Monday – Friday to speak via phone, online, or email. Let us know what questions you have!

3 GET YOUR APPLICATION FORMS

When you've decided where to apply, download application forms from www.studyoptions.com/how-apply or request PDF copies via email (mail@studyoptions.com) or phone (0117 911 5610). Each form provides clear instructions on how to apply.

4 SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATIONS

Send your applications to Study Options at mail@studyoptions.com. We check to make sure everything is correct and complete, and as strong as possible (we will be in touch to discuss if there is anything we think would strengthen or benefit your applications at this point). Then we upload the applications to the university admissions teams for assessment.

6 GETTING READY TO GO

Once you've accepted your place, Study Options offers help and support with sorting out your accommodation, travel plans, applying for a student visa for Australia or New Zealand and anything else you need to arrange. If you need help with anything, at any point, just ask.

7 FINAL PREPARATIONS

Follow all the instructions in the university pre-departure information carefully regarding when you need to arrive (you must get there in time to attend International Student Orientation and Enrolment, which is usually held around one week before the start of term). Book your flights, then practice throwing various things on the barbie, start referring to flip-flops as 'jandals' (if you're heading to New Zealand) or 'thongs' (Australia), obtain a large, roomy suitcase or rucksack and throw a big farewell party...

8 YOU'VE MADE IT!

...Arrive at your chosen university in Australia or New Zealand!

Australia

Australia is the world's sixth largest country but has a population of just 28 million. Known for the diversity of its landscapes and famous wildlife, there's a lot to explore and an incredible amount of space to do it in

The sheer size of Australia can be difficult to take in. Individual features are vast. Queensland's Great Barrier Reef, for example, covers an area bigger than the UK, Switzerland and Holland combined; equal to around 70 million football fields. The wild, beautiful Kimberley region in Western Australia covers an area approximately three times the size of England, yet has only one sealed road! And travelling from Sydney in the east to Perth in the west is a journey that takes well over five hours by plane.

This enormous landscape contains breath-taking natural diversity, from the harsh and beautiful desert interior (the Outback) to the rainforests of tropical northern Queensland, the alpine ranges, grasslands and wetlands of Tasmania and the glorious golden beaches that can be found in almost every state.

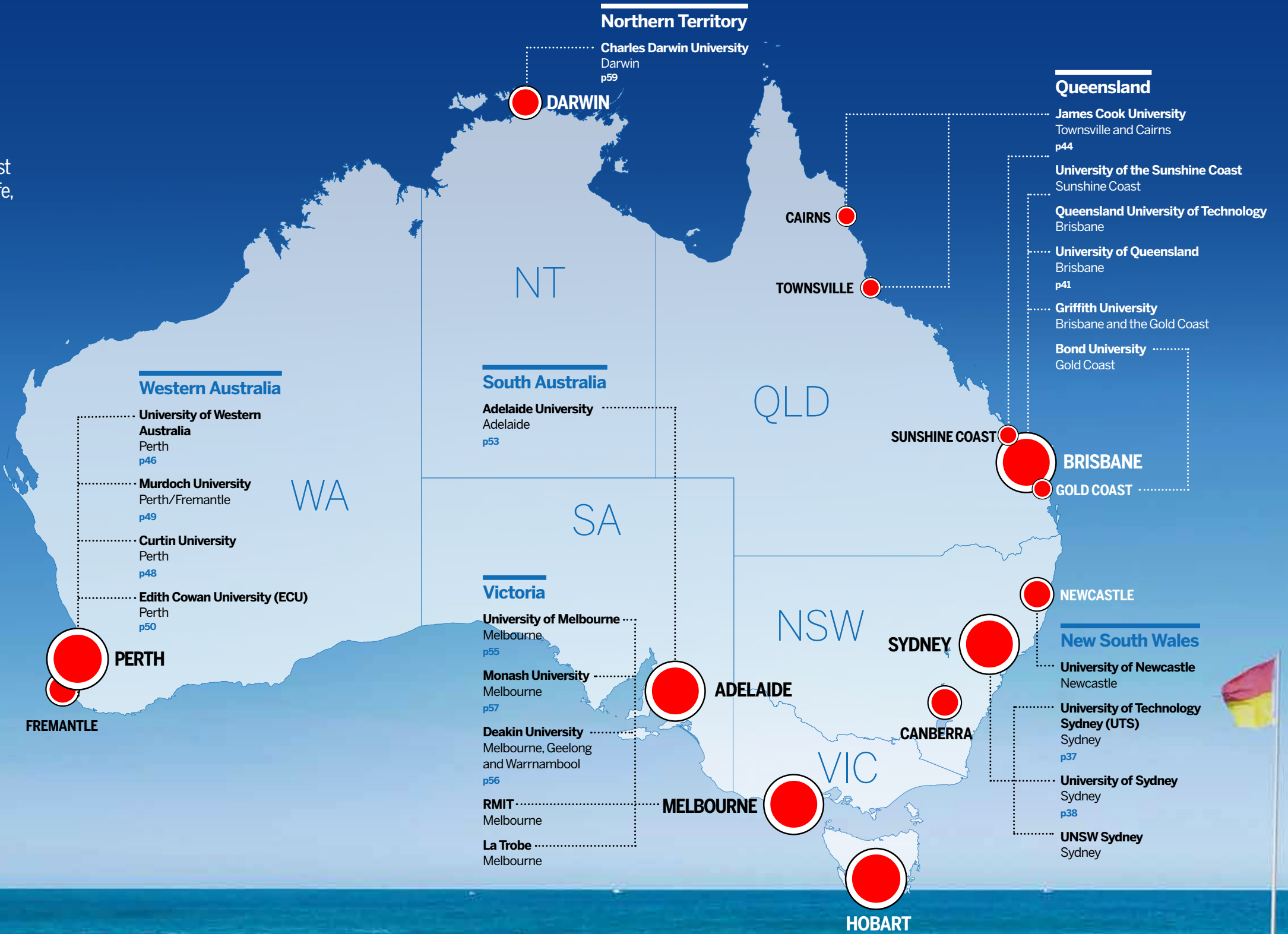
Australia's sunny climate and outdoor lifestyle means there are a huge number of ways to get out and about, whether that means a run on the beach, yoga in the park, diving at the Reef or joining in with Australia's love of competitive sport. Cricket, Aussie Rules, swimming, football, netball, rugby – league and union – and tennis are just some of the sports with high public participation levels.

Australia's population is small relative to its size. The country's desert interior is inhospitable and as a result most Australians live within about 20km of the coast, with most of those concentrated in a southeastern curve from Adelaide up to southern Queensland.

Australians tend to be friendly, welcoming, confident types. The national stereotype is based

on hard work, hard play and a sense of humour with a relaxed, easy-going approach taken to most things. Irreverent and democratic, the Australian love of cutting the overblown or overserious down to size is evident everywhere, from politics to billboard advertising.

Australia's cities are vibrant, cosmopolitan, busy places which offer residents and tourists alike huge amounts to see and do. You could study in glamorous Sydney, with its instantly recognisable landmarks of the Opera House and the Harbour Bridge. Or perhaps you'll prefer Melbourne, with its relaxed, sophisticated, coffee-and-craft-beer-loving people and hidden laneway bars. Or the vibrancy of sunny Brisbane? The economic powerhouse that is Perth? The laidback gentility of Adelaide? The choice is up to you...





Dollars and sense: Australia

How much does it cost to study in Australia? You will need enough to cover your living costs while you study, on top of paying for your university tuition fees. Here's an idea of what to expect

How much money do you need to live as a student in Australia? There's no simple answer to this question, as it depends on where you are and what you are studying as well as on your individual everyday needs and habits. What one person might consider an everyday necessity others think of as a once-a-term treat. Having said

that, here we'll try to give you a rough idea of what to expect.

When preparing your budget, remember to factor in how long you intend to be in Australia each year. The Australian academic year is typically 40 weeks long, and many of the online cost calculators and example budgets provided by Australian universities online work

on the assumption that you will be there for just those 40 weeks. If you want to stay over the summer and work, or travel (both of which you are entitled to do on an Australian student visa) it is likely that you will need to allow extra budget to cover this.

The single biggest living cost for every student is housing. Each university offers several different accommodation options and we recommend looking into them, and factoring the likely costs that they involve, into your budget as early as you can.

Fully-catered halls of residence or residential colleges are good for having lots of things included in the overall fee, so you don't need to worry about allowing for them in your weekly budget. Fees are generally payable at the beginning of the semester, usually as a lump sum. Halls of residence and residential colleges can vary in terms of what's included in the fee, but you can generally count on getting all your meals, plus all your

utilities, covered. The fee may also include internet, laundry facilities, access to a gym room, and so on. Check the websites carefully to see what is (and is not) included in the price.

All you are then left to worry about are any additional course costs (such as textbooks, art materials, field trips and so on) and spending money for nights out, trips away, and everyday treats like takeaway coffees. Which some people find easier to manage, particularly in their first year away from home.

Fully catered accommodation, however, does not allow for much flexibility in your budget. Having a large chunk of each semester's budget pre-allocated may not leave you with much left over, and does not give you the option of, for example, going for cheap eats for a while to save some cash.

Self-catered university flats or halls of residence offer all the security of fully catered halls (not having to worry about utilities, only

Working while you study

Australian student visas usually allow full time degree students (undergraduate and postgraduate) to work up to 48 hours per fortnight in the academic year and unlimited hours during holidays.

All Australian universities have a Student Job Search service, to help students find part-time work during term and in the summer holidays. If you want to find part-time work, make sure you access this service as soon as you can and check the job boards regularly, as new offers come in on a rolling basis.

If you already have experience in a particular area – whether it's serving behind a bar, office work or waiting tables in restaurants – it is a good idea to do a bit of preparation before you leave home, in order to make sure that you hit the ground running in your search for work once you arrive in Australia. Take an up-to-date CV with you, as well as references from previous employers. The minimum wage in Australia, as of July 2026, is

A\$26.44 per hour before tax.

If you intend to get a job that involves serving alcohol, please bear in mind that you will need an RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol) certificate in order to do this in Australia. It is possible to do your RSA training online and get the required certificate before you arrive, although note that not all Australian states accept online courses – New South Wales, for example, insists on face-to-face RSA training.

The majority of the students who apply to study in Australia through Study Options do choose to work while they study. Please remember, however, that there is no guarantee of finding part-time work, and definitely no way of knowing how long it might take you to get the job – or the wages – that you want. It is important to plan your budget with this in mind. Don't assume you'll be able to step off the plane straight into a high-paying part time job – have a backup plan!

having to pay per term, being on or close to campus so lower travel costs etc) but give you the added flexibility of being able to control your food bills.

The amount people spend on food varies hugely, but if you can cook, are happy to shop around for ingredients and take leftovers to campus the next day for lunch, this can work out to be a less expensive option than fully-catered.

Renting a room or a flat privately is not something we recommend for new first year undergraduates but lots of returning students and most postgraduates opt to stay in private rental accommodation to give themselves as much financial flexibility as possible. While renting

privately may appear much the cheapest option at first, don't forget that you will need to budget for food, utilities, internet, local travel (if living away from campus) and the set up for your flat (any missing furniture, linen, kitchen kit, hire of television and/or white goods) on top of the weekly rent. Also remember that the lease on private housing is likely to be for 52 weeks, so if you are not intending to stay on past the academic year, you might end up paying for housing that you don't use. The amount of rent you pay will partly be determined by the number of people sharing the property – generally, the more of you there are, the lower the rent will be. ☺



Accommodation and everyday costs

Australian universities provide helpful guidelines on what to expect from living costs including different accommodation options, food, transport and utility bills. Scan the QR codes or click the links below to find out more.



Adelaide University
Adelaide, South Australia

www.studyadelaide.com/life/cost-of-living



Murdoch University
Perth, Western Australia

www.murdoch.edu.au/study/fees/cost-of-living



Griffith University
Brisbane and the Gold Coast, Queensland

www.griffith.edu.au/life-at-griffith/australia/cost-of-studying



UNSW Sydney
Sydney, New South Wales

www.unsw.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/fees



The University of Queensland
Brisbane, Queensland

www.future-students.uq.edu.au/university-life/living-in-brisbane/cost-living



UWA
Perth, Western Australia

www.uwa.edu.au/study/Student-life/cost-of-living



University of Melbourne
Melbourne, Victoria

study.unimelb.edu.au/student-life/cost-of-living



ANU
Canberra, ACT

www.anu.edu.au/students/program-administration/fees-payments/estimated-cost-of-living-in-canberra

Cost of living: What's the bottom line?

Australian universities recommend that international students budget from A\$30,000 per year for living expenses. This is a general figure – some locations are more expensive to live in than others – so it's important to check the information on each university's website, or speak to Study Options, to get more specific guidelines. Bear in mind that all the figures quoted on these pages are approximate, and the cost of living will vary according to lifestyle. All costs are given in Australian dollars.

Loaf of bread: From \$3.50
Milk (2 litres): From \$3.50
Takeaway pizza: Starts around \$15
Takeaway coffee: From \$5
Pint of beer in a pub: From \$10
Bowl of noodles at a restaurant: From \$15
Cinema ticket (student concession): From \$12
Backpacker accommodation: From \$30 – \$40 per night for a bed in a shared dorm
Return flight from Sydney to Melbourne: From \$200

Student visas: Australia

Anyone enrolling as an international student on a course lasting four months or longer in Australia will need a student visa. Study Options will provide full support through this process but here are a few key things to know before you start

What type of visa will I need?

For all levels of study in Australia you will need to apply for a subclass 500 student visa. This must be applied for using the online system, at <https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login>

When should I apply?

You can only apply for a student visa after you have received a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) from your chosen university in Australia. To get a CoE, you must have received a formal offer from the university, accepted it in full and paid a deposit toward your tuition fees.

Is there an age limit?

No, there's no age limit on getting a student visa for Australia.

Can I still get a student visa if I've already had a working holiday visa for Australia?

Yes, your working holiday visa status has no impact on a student visa application, assuming that you didn't break any immigration rules during your working holiday visa (such as overstaying, or working when your visa didn't allow you to). If you had any such issues during or after your WHV please contact Study Options as soon as possible to discuss.

How much does it cost to apply?

The student visa application fee (full degree) is currently A\$2,500, which needs to be paid when you submit your online application. If you have dependents joining you on your visa, such as your partner, there will be additional fees to pay at the point of application. If you are already in Australia on a different visa there may also be an additional fee to apply for your student visa. The visa application fee is reviewed every year on July 1.

How long does a student visa last?

Your student visa will be issued for the length of your course (including holidays) and will also allow you some time to remain in Australia at the end of your course.

How long does it take to get?

Visa processing times vary. Many are granted automatically but you should allow at least four weeks if applying by yourself and up to eight weeks if applying with dependents. We recommend applying for your visa as soon as you have your CoE. Please don't book any travel (unless the details can be easily amended) until you have been granted a visa.

When can I travel to Australia?

You can book your flights and

Can I work while on a student visa?

A student visa usually allows you to work up to 48 hours a fortnight during term, and full time in the holidays if you want to. The visa will be issued with 'permission to work', though please note you are not allowed to begin working until your uni course has started. Work that is a formal, registered part of your university course is not included in the limit, but unpaid or voluntary work IS included in the limit.

All information correct at time of going to press (14 September 2026) but is subject to change. Please check the Australian Department of Home Affairs (Immigration and Citizenship) at immi.homeaffairs.gov.au for the latest information.

If your questions aren't covered by the information here in the Guide please call Study Options on 0117 911 5610, email mail@studyoptions.com, or use the online form at www.studyoptions.com/contact to ask a question or arrange an online meeting

travel to Australia as soon as your visa has been granted.

What will I need to apply?

Your country of passport and the university you will be going to will determine what evidence you need to show for your student visa application. Please check the criteria at immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500 before you begin. As a start point, however, you will need your CoE, the application fee, your passport number, and evidence that you have an Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) insurance policy. You'll also need to answer questions to show that you satisfy the genuine student criteria and to provide supporting documents to show you are a genuine student. Please contact Study Options if you want to discuss these requirements.

Do I need to provide any health documents or checks?

Citizens of the UK or Ireland are not currently required to have a health assessment except in certain circumstances, for

example if you are going to Australia to train as a doctor, dentist or nurse, or if you are likely to work or train in an Australian childcare centre during your course. You may also be required to do a health assessment if you have spent more than three consecutive months in another country in the last five years.

Can I apply for another visa when my course ends?

Under current Australian visa rules if you have completed a university bachelors, masters or research degree that was at least two years long you will be able to apply for a Temporary Graduate Visa. Please see left for more details.

Is it possible for me to stay permanently in Australia once my course has finished?

It may be possible for you to apply for other temporary or permanent visas for Australia at the end of your course. Please visit the Australian Department of Home Affairs (Immigration and Citizenship) at immi.homeaffairs.gov.au to check your options. We also recommend speaking to a

Study to stay?

Some of you, particularly those looking to go to Australia as students with a partner and/or children, may be hoping that your course of study leads to a more permanent move. This is possible. Study Options has been helping students apply to study in Australia for over 20 years, and in that time many have chosen to make Australia their long-term home by applying for permanent residency after finishing their course.

"The first thing I always say to anyone wanting to do this is remember: Nothing is guaranteed. Immigration rules change regularly; occupations go on and come off the in-demand list. There is a lot to think about when applying for a permanent visa and each case will be different. You'll be

assessed on many factors including your age, qualifications, skills assessment and proficiency in English. You may also get extra points for studying in a certain area of Australia.

"Study Options is not a migration agency and so cannot advise on permanent residency visas, but I can connect you to a registered migration agent who will be able to map out your journey and advise what options exist for you (and your family) after you have studied.

"If you'd like to find out more, please get in touch with me for a chat (call 0117 911 5610 or email mail@studyoptions.com). Look forward to hearing from you!"

Stefan
Stefan, Study Options

Temporary graduate visas

Your Australian student visa will be valid for the length of your course and allows you to remain in the country for up to three months once your course has finished. But what happens if you want to continue living in Australia after you graduate and get some work experience?

If you want to keep living in Australia after completing your studies it is your responsibility to ensure that you can move on to an appropriate further visa that will allow you to do this. Remember that immigration rules change regularly, and visas that are available at the start of your course may not be available by the time you graduate. Check immi.homeaffairs.gov.au for

the latest information. That said, however, according to current policy, if you graduate from an Australian university course that meets eligibility requirements you may be eligible to apply for a temporary graduate visa.

Temporary Graduate Visa (subclass 485)

This is a temporary work visa which will allow you to work full time in Australia for a defined period of time.

1. Post-Vocational Education Work Stream

This visa allows full work rights for you (and your partner, if applicable) for 18 months (Hong Kong and

British National Overseas passport holders may stay for five years) from issue. You will only be able to apply for this visa if you satisfy certain criteria, the main one being that the qualification you hold relates to an occupation on Australia's Skilled Occupation List. This stream is designed for graduates meeting the Australian study requirement with an associate degree, diploma or trade qualification.

2. Post-Higher Education Work Stream

This visa allows full work rights for you (and your partner) for up to three years (Hong Kong and British National Overseas passport holders

may stay for five years). This stream is for applicants meeting the Australian study requirements with a degree level qualification or higher.

Second Post-Higher Education Work Stream

Designed for graduates holding a post study work visa wanting to further extend their stay to work in Australia, this visa allows a further stay of between one and two years, depending on the regional location of the institution you graduated from (that allowed you to apply for your first temporary graduate visa) and/or the regional area you live in as the holder of a temporary graduate visa.



New South Wales

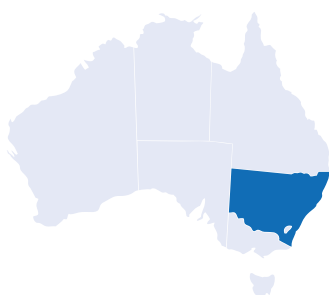


1 Sydney by sunset A view of the harbour and the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge **2 Cape Byron Lighthouse** at Byron Bay, north eastern NSW **3 The Blue Mountains** **4 Colourful houses** are a common feature in the Sydney suburb of Paddington **5 Bondi Icebergs Swimming Club** at Bondi Beach, Sydney



New South Wales is Australia's most populous state – around a third of all Australians live in NSW – and its largest economy. Valued at almost A\$700 billion, it accounts for around a third of Australia's total economic output. Though justly famous for its vibrant, glamorous, wealthy capital, Sydney, there is much more to explore in New South Wales, including the majestic Blue Mountains and the Hunter Valley, one of Australia's best-known wine-growing regions. NSW also has over 1,000 kilometres of coastline, which includes seemingly endless stretches of golden sand as well as hipster beachside towns like Byron Bay.

Population: Around 8.5 million
Size: 800,628sq km
State capital: Sydney
Universities: University of Sydney, University of Technology Sydney (UTS), UNSW Sydney, the University of Newcastle
www.visitnsw.com



University of Technology Sydney (UTS)

Join a community shaping the future. UTS is one of the top 100 universities in the world (QS World University Rankings 2027). We're also Australia's leading technology university. We offer undergraduate, postgraduate and research programmes across a range of study areas, including:

- Architecture and building
- Business
- Communication
- Criminology
- Design
- Education
- Engineering
- Health
- Information technology
- International studies
- Law
- Science and mathematics
- Sustainability
- Transdisciplinary innovation

Connect with industry

UTS began as a technical college in the 1800s, teaching practical skills to working people. Today, we're an advanced research university that hasn't lost touch with the real world.

At UTS, learning is enhanced by our strong industry connections. Most of our degrees include practical learning – like major projects, internships and site visits – where you can apply your skills to the real world. Many are also accredited by professional associations that are recognised locally and globally.

Why study with us?

We're Sydney's city university.

We're in the heart of one of the best student cities in the world. Our neighbours are pretty cool too – UTS is part of Sydney's tech precinct, among some of the world's most innovative companies and startups.

We're a leading technology university.

Our success stems from our practical approach and our use of advanced technologies to research, learn and create.

We've built a campus of the future.

UTS is woven into the fabric of the city of Sydney, so you can easily move between work, study and play. Thrive in our modern studios, labs and workshops, where innovation comes to life.

We have connections that count.

Our industry partners shape our courses and provide insight into the real world. If you're ready to solve the problems of the future, join us.

Our students come first. When you study with us, we'll support you at every stage. Our support services include academic help, housing and career support, health and counselling services and student-run clubs.

Diversity defines UTS. We're committed to making a safe and inclusive space for all our students.

Research at UTS

Our research programmes connect you with the great minds of your field. Step into modern labs and workshops to find peers and make breakthroughs. Join our research community and make an impact.

Move between study, work and play

We are located next to Sydney Central Station. Our buildings are Sydney icons, like our Business School, designed by Frank Gehry.



1 Andy Roberts The UTS campus is woven into the fabric of Sydney, located next to Central Station **2 Kwa Nguyen** Students grab a coffee between classes **3 Anna Zhu** UTS is famous for its emphasis on practical, real-world learning

And we're part of Sydney's innovation precinct, where you can join UTS Startups, the largest startup community in Australia. Picture Sydney – blue skies, good transport, local beaches, great coffee. All that's missing is you!

Student support

Life in a new city can be a challenge, but we can help. At UTS, you'll find a dedicated support centre for international students.

More than just a job

Ready to work? UTS Careers offers free advice sessions, CV reviews and career workshops. You can also access student job boards, job fairs and global alumni networks. You can also gain leadership skills with UTS BUILD or volunteer with UTS SOUL during your studies.

Scholarships at UTS

UTS offers one of Australia's most generous scholarship programmes. From faculty awards to full-tuition scholarships, our financial support can help you thrive. Please check the range of UTS scholarships and awards available to you at <https://int-scholarships.uts.edu.au/>

The University of Sydney

Leadership for good starts here

Start your leadership journey at the University of Sydney and create a future with impact.

We're ranked in the top 30 universities in the world and are known internationally as leaders in education, research, student experience and graduate outcomes.

Our graduates are highly ranked for graduate employability and go on to be leaders in their fields. Among our 430,000 alumni are Nobel Laureates, Pulitzer Prize winners, Australian prime ministers, humanitarians, teachers, inventors and medical innovators. The University of Sydney was founded on the principle of giving everyone the opportunity to realise their potential through education and still holds that belief strongly today. We strive to ensure our students have every opportunity to live up to their potential from day one.

Follow your interests. All of them...

We offer the widest breadth of courses of any university in Australia, with more than 400 areas of study and over 100 majors and minors. No matter what you choose to study, our flexible degree structures enable you to create your own path. You'll have the opportunity to combine global experiences and advanced learning, and undertake internships and work placements that will enable you to graduate from the University ready for work.

Why choose Sydney?

- Ranked first in Australia by the US News Ranking
- Ranked in the top 30 universities in the world by the QS World University Rankings 2027
- 100+ majors and minors to combine your interests across disciplines
- 260+ clubs and societies to enrich your student life

Areas of study available include:

- Architecture, design and planning
- Arts and social sciences
- Business
- Education and social work
- Engineering and computer science
- Law
- Medicine and health
- Music
- Science

Real-world projects and internships

We offer a range of opportunities to work on real-life projects with leading industry partners throughout your studies. Most of our degrees offer embedded or elective placements and internships that range in duration from two weeks to a full year. Each hands-on programme is tailored to your area of study and will enhance your employability.

Our campuses and facilities

Our iconic Quadrangle might be what springs to mind when you think of the University of Sydney, but we also have working farms, a field station on the Great Barrier Reef and many more. Our teachers, researchers and students are based all over Australia.

Our main campus is only 10 minutes from the centre of Sydney and is surrounded by shops, cafes, restaurants and the inner west cultural hubs of the city.

We continue to transform facilities for future generations of students and to invest in world-class infrastructure, including the Sydney Nanoscience Hub, the brand-new Engineering and Technology Precinct and Susan Wakil Health Building. Our purpose-built facilities bring together students and staff from multiple disciplines and place them at the forefront of innovation, learning and research.

University life

Learning isn't confined to the classroom. With more than 260 clubs and societies, ranging from social justice to chocolate appreciation, you're bound to find one that interests you. The University's diverse community of students is made up of more than



1: St Andrews College, one of seven residential colleges on the main Camperdown campus
2: The steps up to the Sydney Law School
3: Inside Sydney Business School 4: A quiet moment in the Quadrangle 5: The interior of the Charles Perkins Centre, a multidisciplinary research centre dedicated to improving global health 6: The Quadrangle



32 cultural groups and over 130 nationalities, enabling you to make new friends from all around the world.

We also have the largest student mobility programme in Australia, partnering with more than 250 universities in over 40 countries, so you can set yourself up for a global career.

Our campuses and facilities

We have a network of campuses in Sydney and beyond – from the inner city of Sydney to the Great Barrier Reef, we have teachers, researchers and students based all over Australia.

Our main Camperdown/Darlington campus is located close to the heart of Australia's largest and most international city as well as Sydney's world-famous

ocean beaches. Our iconic heritage-listed sandstone buildings share the campus with state-of-the-art teaching, research and student support facilities.

The University of Sydney is home to the new Chau Chak Wing Museum, located on campus, which has already won three national museum awards.

Some of our faculties and schools have dedicated campuses, including the Sydney Conservatorium of Music in the heart of Sydney's CBD, near the Sydney Opera House, and the Sydney Dental School in Surry Hills. We also have several other facilities across the state from research units and farms at our Camden campus to clinical schools in hospitals across the city and state of New South Wales. [S](#)



THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

Established: 1850
Location: Sydney
Student population: Over 70,000 (includes more than 25,000 international students)
Go to: sydney.edu.au/study
CRICOS: 00026A **TEQSA:** PRV12057



Queensland

Queensland, which covers the northeast corner of Australia, is the country's second-biggest state and third-biggest economy, with significant industries including mining, agriculture, banking and retail. It's also one of Australia's top tourist destinations. Nicknamed the Sunshine State, Queensland is home to five of Australia's 11 World Natural Heritage areas: The Scenic Rim National Parks, K'gari (formerly Fraser Island), Riversleigh Fossil Fields, the Wet Tropics (including Daintree National Park), and the Great Barrier Reef – one of the natural wonders of the world. Queensland's huge size means that its geography and climates vary considerably, from tropical rainforests to coral reefs, mountain ranges to desert interiors.

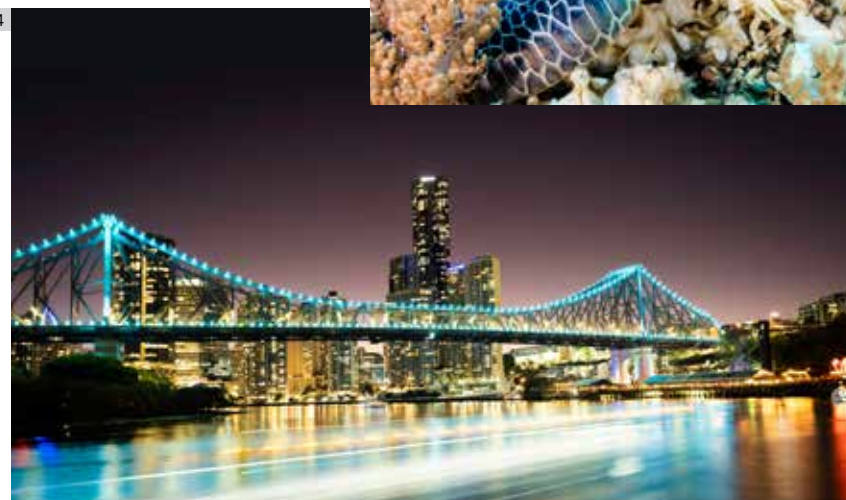
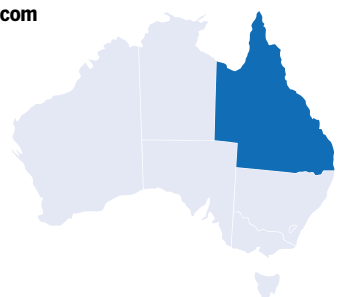
Population: Around 5.7 million

Size: 1,730,648sq km

State capital: Brisbane

Universities: The University of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology (QUT), James Cook University, Bond University, Griffith University, University of the Sunshine Coast

www.queensland.com



1 Daintree National Park in far North Queensland **2 Brisbane** city centre **3 A turtle** on the Great Barrier Reef **4 Brisbane** as seen from the Brisbane River **5 Wallaman Falls** is the highest waterfall in Australia, located in Girringun National Park, part of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area



Australia
The University of Queensland

The University of Queensland

Welcome to UQ

Studying at the University of Queensland (UQ) is an opportunity to challenge yourself, broaden your perspective and become part of a community that is shaping the future. Located in Brisbane, UQ brings together students from more than 140 countries who come to learn, collaborate and create positive change.

Here, you will study with Australia's most awarded university teachers, exchange ideas with bright minds from around the world and gain the knowledge and skills needed to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

For more than 100 years, UQ

has championed creative thinking, pioneering research and real-world impact. A university consistently ranked among the world's top 50, it combines academic excellence, innovation and an outstanding student experience.

A world-class university

The University of Queensland combines academic excellence with real-world impact. As one of Australia's leading teaching and research universities and a proud member of the Group of Eight, UQ is consistently recognised among the world's top universities for the quality of its teaching, research and student experience.

In the QS World University Rankings 2027, UQ is ranked 40 in the world. The University is also ranked 1 in Australia in the TIME Magazine World Top Universities 2026 and 2 in Australia in the Australian Financial Review Best Universities Ranking 2025. Across individual disciplines, UQ is ranked in the world's top 10 by QS in two subjects and top 40 in 12 subjects.

Research is central to life at UQ. The University's researchers are regularly recognised among the world's most influential, with 39 UQ researchers included in the 2025 Highly Cited Researchers list. Students study in an environment where new discoveries and innovative thinking shape teaching and learning, while working with educators who have won more national teaching awards than at any other Australian university.

Study with flexibility

With more than 300 programmes

across five world-class faculties, UQ gives students the freedom to design a study path that matches their ambitions. Whether you dream of advancing global health, engineering tomorrow's innovations, leading in business or exploring the frontiers of science and the arts, UQ offers opportunities that open doors worldwide.

UQ's programmes combine academic excellence with practical experience. Across disciplines, students benefit from strong connections with industry and government, work-integrated learning, internships, research experiences and community-based projects that bring learning to life beyond the classroom.

Flexibility is another defining feature of a UQ education. Many programmes offer a range of majors, minors, electives and dual degrees, allowing students to tailor their studies to their interests and career goals while developing the critical thinking, communication, creativity and problem-solving skills valued by employers.

Campus life, clubs and sport

University is about more than study, and UQ is renowned for its vibrant campus culture, clubs and societies, as well as its world-class sporting facilities. It is a place where students can make lifelong friends and enjoy a vibrant campus experience.



1 Jacarandas in bloom in the Great Court, St Lucia Campus **2** Students relaxing between classes **3** The UQ Sport Aquatic Centre in St Lucia offers three swimming pools for student use, including a 50m Olympic-sized pool





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Across all UQ campuses, students have access to more than 220 clubs and societies, offering opportunities to connect, explore new interests and become part of a vibrant university community.

An active lifestyle is also an important part of the UQ student experience. The University is home to state-of-the-art fitness facilities, including gyms, swimming pools, tennis courts and athletics track, and has more than 35 sporting clubs catering for all interests and experience levels.

Everyday life is supported by more than 50 cafés and stores, comprehensive on-campus healthcare services and 24/7 library access, ensuring students have everything they need to make the most of their time at university.

Study in Brisbane

Queensland offers an ideal balance between academic ambition and

an exceptional lifestyle. Known for its friendly spirit, love of the outdoors and rich culture, it is a place where students can make the most of their university experience while enjoying the wonderful lifestyle and travel opportunities Australia has to offer. Queensland is renowned for its relaxed, safe lifestyle, subtropical climate, and vibrant and diverse culture.

Brisbane is one of the fastest-growing capital cities in Australia and is recognised as one of the world's top student cities, offering a welcoming environment for all students. It is also one of Australia's most culturally diverse cities, with one in every three of its residents coming from a multicultural background.

Brisbane enjoys more than 240 days of sunshine each year and average maximum temperatures of between 21°C and 28°C for most of the year. The city encourages an active outdoor lifestyle. Green parks, riverside spaces, cafés and cultural precincts are all part of everyday student life.

Excellent and inexpensive public transport makes it easy to travel across the city and between UQ campuses. Beyond the city, Queensland's beaches, islands and natural wonders – including the Great Barrier Reef – are all within easy reach.

Preparing for a global future

A UQ education is designed to prepare students for a lifetime of learning, leadership and global opportunities. Across a wide range of study areas, students benefit from experiences designed to bring learning to life beyond the classroom.

Many programmes of study at UQ incorporate work-integrated learning, internships, industry

placements, research projects, global study experiences and community engagement, allowing students to apply their learning in real-world settings while building valuable professional networks.

UQ is committed to supporting entrepreneurs and future leaders at every stage of their journey, actively encouraging students to explore new ideas, solve complex challenges and create positive impact through innovation and collaboration.

Today, the University's global alumni community spans 190 countries. A University of Queensland qualification is internationally recognised and respected, preparing graduates for opportunities around the world. 



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THE UNIVERSITY
OF QUEENSLAND

Established: 1910

Location: Four campuses: Brisbane (St Lucia), Gatton, Herston, Dutton Park

Student population: Over 55,000

Go to: study.uq.edu.au

CRICOS: 00025B **TEQSA:** PRV12080

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COMMUNITY WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY
OF QUEENSLAND'S ST LUCIA CAMPUS.

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Your future begins the moment you arrive at King's. Starting university is a major step, and our comprehensive Academic & Careers Program is designed to help every student succeed. Academic support includes:

- Dedicated Learning Centre
- Academic mentoring and advice
- Subject enrolment guidance
- Extensive tutorial program
- Exam preparation support
- Individual writing consultation

With more than 100 tutorials delivered each week, King's helps students build confidence, deepen understanding, and achieve their academic potential.

Our Careers & Employability Program provides personalised support for internships, graduate roles, and long-term professional success. Students benefit from:

- Resume and LinkedIn coaching
- Interview preparation
- Exclusive job opportunities
- Employer networking events
- Career mentoring from Old Collegians

The program also includes Careers and Employability Week, along with industry-focused careers events across multiple disciplines. Through distinguished alumni, industry professionals and our global alumni network, students gain practical advice, explore future career pathways and access competitive internship and graduate opportunities.

SUPPORTING PERSONAL WELLBEING

King's is committed to creating an environment where every student feels valued, connected, and empowered to thrive. Our wellbeing framework is based on the work of Martin Seligman's PERMAH model: Positive Emotions, Engagement, Positive Relationships, Meaning, Accomplishment, and Health. Through this approach, students are supported to build personal strengths, develop resilience and maintain a healthy balance throughout their college experience. Our caring and dedicated staff assist with this, in addition to a team of Residential Leaders (RLs) who help foster connection, care and community across College life.

CULTURAL, SPORTING AND COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

Life at King's offers many opportunities to get involved, contribute and grow. King's proudly offers an outstanding sporting program. We are the only Australian residential college with its own Rugby, Boat (Rowing) and Netball Club. Students can participate in sporting tours and competitions, fostering leadership, teamwork, and lifelong memories within these clubs.

The College is also a strong competitor in the Inter-College Competition (ICC) with opportunities across sport and cultural pursuits such as athletics, soccer, debating and choir. These experiences enrich student life and help create a well-rounded collegiate education.

Community service at King's is also central to our community. Collegians are encouraged to contribute through initiatives such as King's in Pink, our annual cancer fundraiser; Bushcare, our neighbouring Landcare program; and local projects with Rotary.



A Community for Life

Life at King's is about discovering your potential, building confidence, forming lifelong friendships, and becoming part of a community that supports you long after graduation.

Apply now: kings.uq.edu.au



Live. Learn. Thrive.



James Cook University (JCU)

JCU is widely recognised as Australia's leading tropical research university. Located in the stunning natural landscapes of North Queensland, it combines academic excellence, world-class research, practical learning experiences and an exceptional student lifestyle. Students benefit from modern facilities, dedicated academics, small class sizes, and a supportive campus community while studying in one of the world's most environmentally diverse regions.

Unique tropical locations

JCU has campuses in North Queensland: Townsville and Cairns, both offering access to some of Australia's most iconic natural attractions, including the Great Barrier Reef, Daintree Rainforest, and tropical islands.

Townsville Campus

Located in Queensland's largest northern city, this campus provides excellent sporting, recreational, and learning facilities, creating an ideal study-life balance. Key facilities at this campus include:

- **Eddie Koiki Mabo Library**, an architectural landmark featuring research collections, learning

support services, and Indigenous artwork.

- **Engineering and Innovation Place**, a leading centre for STEM education, innovation, and digital transformation.
- **JCU Science Place**, an environmentally sustainable science facility featuring advanced laboratories and active learning spaces.

Cairns Campus

Just 20 minutes north of Cairns' centre, this campus is surrounded by rainforest and offers a unique tropical learning environment. Cairns is a gateway to the Great Barrier Reef and one of Australia's most popular tourism destinations. Key facilities include:

- **Australian Tropical Herbarium**, home to over 180,000 plant specimens and a major centre for tropical plant research.
- **JCU Dental Clinic**, where students gain invaluable hands-on experience treating real patients under supervision.
- **The Yeinie Building** integrates health research, clinical training, allied health education, and technological innovation alongside Cairns Hospital.

1: JCU Science Place on the Townsville campus
2: Engineering students at work
3: JCU Orpheus Island Research Station is one of Australia's leading marine science teaching locations



Academic excellence and career-focused learning

JCU is internationally recognised for its strengths in marine biology, environmental studies, tourism, earth sciences, plant and animal sciences, and tropical research. It also offers programmes in:

- Health sciences
- Medicine and dentistry
- Nursing
- Business
- Education
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Engineering and IT

A defining feature of JCU is its emphasis on real-world learning. Many courses include field trips, clinical placements, research projects, and industry experiences which allow students to apply their knowledge in professional settings.

Study and research networks

Beyond its main campuses, JCU maintains an extensive network of study centres, clinical schools and research stations across the state. These offer valuable opportunities for professional placements, community engagement, and hands-on learning experiences. Regional study centres in Mackay, Mount Isa, Emerald, and Thursday Island support healthcare training, community-based research and clinical education while helping improve access to education in regional and remote communities.

World-renowned research facilities

Daintree Rainforest Observatory
Located within one of the world's oldest tropical rainforests, the Observatory allows students and researchers to study ecosystems where two UNESCO World

Heritage areas meet. Advanced monitoring systems and a unique canopy crane provide unparalleled access to rainforest environments.

Fletcherview Research Station

JCU's 'classroom in the Outback', this 1,960-hectare working cattle station supports students of vet science, biology, environmental science, agriculture and geology.

Orpheus Island Research Station

Situated on the Great Barrier Reef, Orpheus Island provides amazing opportunities to study coral reefs, marine ecosystems, mangroves, and coastal habitats. The facility includes laboratories, research equipment, lecture spaces, and field-based learning resources.

A true Australian experience

Life at JCU extends beyond the classroom. Students enjoy a relaxed tropical lifestyle and vibrant campus communities. The Townsville campus is famous for its wildlife, and students may see cockatoos, kookaburras, and even wallabies around campus.

Combining world-class education, practical learning opportunities and cutting-edge research in some of Australia's most spectacular natural environments, JCU offers an unforgettable study experience and a strong foundation for future career success.



JCU

Established: 1970

Location: Townsville and Cairns, North Queensland

Student population: 21,000

Go to: www.jcu.edu.au/
international-students

CRICOS: 00117J **TEQSA:** PRV12077



1: Elizabeth Quay, Perth
2: Kalbarri National Park
3: A quokka, native only to Western Australia
4: Cottesloe Beach
5: An aerial view of Rottnest Island, off the coast of Perth

Western Australia

Western Australia is Australia's largest state, covering a third of the continent – an area some 10 times bigger than the UK. Its population, however, is relatively small. WA is home to some three million people, the vast majority of whom live in and around the thriving, laid-back city of Perth, the nearby port of Fremantle and along the southwestern coast.

Western Australia's size and isolation from the east coast gives it a character all its own,

which has traditionally proven popular with the British and the Irish – you'll find large ex-pat communities here. Many are drawn to the state by its strong economy and wealth; GDP per capita here is almost twice the national average.

There is plenty to see and do in Western Australia, with the southwest of the state in particular prized as one of the world's biodiversity hot spots. Up to 80% of fish, invertebrates and other organisms here are found nowhere else in the world, making WA the perfect living laboratory for study and research.

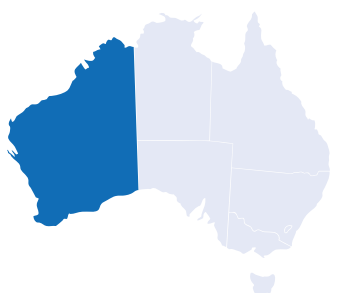
Population: Around 3 million

Size: 2,529,875sq km

State capital: Perth

Universities: University of Western Australia (UWA), Murdoch University, Curtin University, Edith Cowan University (ECU)

www.westernaustralia.com



The University of Western Australia

UWA is the oldest university in Western Australia, established in 1911 with a reputation for excellence in teaching, learning and research. Our vision is to create the next generation of global leaders through experience-rich education and world-leading, trusted research.

As well as being a leading global institution ranked #77 in the world, UWA excels in particular academic fields, with rankings in the world top 50 for the following, according to QS 2026 and GRAS 2025:

- Agriculture and forestry
- Sports-related subjects
- Biological sciences
- Dentistry and oral sciences
- Ecology
- Marine and ocean engineering
- Mining and mineral engineering
- Oceanography

Cutting-edge research

UWA is globally recognised as a research-intensive university and is a proud member of Australia's Group of Eight, which is similar to the UK Russell Group. We are home to many highly acclaimed researchers, including two Nobel Prize Laureates for medicine, and numerous research centres and institutes that produce significant impact through cross-disciplinary research. Our research strengths are dedicated to finding solutions to our world's biggest challenges in areas such as clean energy, sustainable resources, health and biotechnology, frontier technologies, culture and heritage and resilient environment and climate change.

Stunning campuses

UWA's main **Perth campus** is one of the most picturesque in Australia with iconic sandstone buildings, heritage-listed gardens and abundant wildlife, including a family of friendly peacocks! Next to the beautiful Swan River, the campus is just 10 minutes by bus or car from the centre of Perth and from stunning beaches.

The campus is vibrant and multicultural, home to over 25,000 students including around 10,000 international students from 115 countries. We provide a mix of high-tech facilities, studios, labs, tutorial spaces, lecture and performance theatres, in addition

to libraries, cafés, shops, health services, sporting venues and more. With a lively cultural scene, including a museum, an art gallery and seasonal open-air cinema, there is always something fun to do.

It's a short 10 minute walk to the newly renovated **UWA Health Campus** where our medicine students are based. This campus is adjacent to two major public hospitals and globally recognised institutions such as the Lions Eye Institute, Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research, PathWest, The Perron Institute for Neurological and Translational Science, and Telethon Kids' Institute. UWA academics and students actively contribute to cutting-edge research and engage in clinical teaching at the forefront of their field.

At UWA's **Albany campus**, a five-hour drive from Perth, you can complete a full degree, a study abroad semester or undertake fieldwork units in the incredible landscape of the Great Southern. This region is a world biodiversity hotspot and home to a thriving regional community, offering a truly unique learning environment.

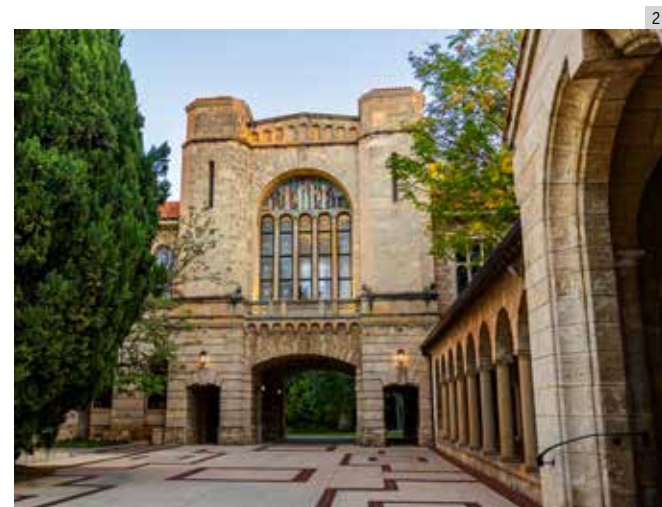
Flexible courses

UWA offers undergraduate, postgraduate and research courses, plus semester-based study abroad experiences in the following subject areas:

- Architecture and design
- Business and commerce
- Data and computer science
- Education
- Engineering
- Health and biomedical sciences
- Humanities and social sciences
- Law
- Medicine and dentistry
- Music and fine arts
- Natural and physical sciences

Our three-year comprehensive bachelor's degrees allow you to design your own degree by selecting two majors from any study area (out of a choice of almost 100), and adding a major or electives from any study area.

We also offer in-depth three or four year specialised degrees, and Combined Bachelors Masters, which allow high-achieving school students to gain both a bachelor's



1: UWA's EZONE student hub for engineering, computing and mathematical sciences students
2: The Great Gate on the main Perth campus
3: Sports science students at work 4: A UWA medicine student uses a PET machine with a willing volunteer 5: Students taking a break between classes 6: A marine science student takes samples from a coral reef



and master's in just four years via an accelerated learning pathway.

Our master's degrees vary from one to three years in duration and provide advanced expertise in your field or profession. You can choose to study by coursework, or by a mix of coursework and research (dissertation).

Our Study Abroad programme allows students to study mix and match units from any UWA School (excluding medicine, dentistry and postgraduate psychology) to form a unique semester of study, taken as part of a gap year following school, or as a university student.

Solid career outcomes

A UWA degree is an investment in your future. UWA graduates consistently exceed national average starting salaries and state graduate employment rates. We celebrate strong industry partnerships, offering our students practical, real-world experiences and professional networking opportunities. Such initiatives include work integrated learning and placements as well as UWA Career Mentor Link, a programme that matches industry professionals with UWA students. Students can seek advice and



information about their direction and goals, while mentors share their industry skills and insights and take an active interest in the student's career development. This hands-on learning approach is highly valued by employers and ensures that our students graduate career ready.

Those who study at UWA in Perth are eligible to benefit from an additional year on the post study work visa, so our graduates can stay and work for up to three years after completing a degree.

Sporting life

UWA has a strong focus on sport, ranking #34 in the world for sport-related subjects (QS 2026). We have over 30 affiliated sports clubs where students can play competitive and social sports such as rugby, football, cricket, rowing and basketball, as well as a fully equipped gym, fitness classes, and a reformer Pilates studio. We also have a long history of supporting athletes competing at the highest level. The UWA Student Athlete Development Programme is home to some of Australia's Olympians and World Champions, and we have the highest number of student-athletes in the state.

Merit-based scholarships

UWA offers a range of scholarships to high-achieving international students, including from the UK. These are usually in the form of a tuition fee reduction and are awarded for each year of study.

The West Australian Government also offers a limited number of Western Australian Premier's University Scholarships which are available to UK citizens.

Find your people

The UWA Student Guild is run by students, for students, and exists to make sure you have the best university experience possible. Take the opportunity to join one of over 180 Guild-affiliated clubs and societies and connect with people who share your interests, from anime to zoology, politics to sports, academia to religion, volunteering and more.

Live on campus

College Row at UWA features five unique, all-inclusive residential colleges, each with its own vibe. No matter which one you call home, you'll find a buzzing community that's got your back, from study support, residential life to great meals and a packed calendar of fun stuff. This is where friendships are created for life and memories are forged.

Crawley Village offers research students self-contained homes providing a quiet, independent, home-like environment within an easy walk of campus. You can also opt to live in the city centre, just 10 minutes away by bus, or our Accommodation Team can help you to secure a private rental. [📍](#)



THE UNIVERSITY OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Established: 1911
Location: Perth
Student population: Around 28,000
Go to: uwa.edu.au/study
CRICOS: 00126G **TEQSA:** PRV12169



Curtin University

Curtin is a global university with campuses in Australia, Malaysia, Singapore, Mauritius, Dubai and Colombo. The University is known as an inclusive, vibrant and future-focused organisation that promotes real-world learning and innovation.

Global recognition

Curtin has long ranked in the top 1% of universities worldwide – a standing that reflects its stated values of excellence, impact, respect, courage and integrity.¹

Curtin Business School is an elite global business school with accreditations by EQUIS, AACSB International and EFMD.

The Faculty of Science and Engineering has a top four world ranking in mineral and mining engineering and top 50 rankings in geology, geophysics, earth and marine sciences, and petroleum engineering.²

In the Faculty of Humanities, Curtin is highly regarded for sustainable futures and planet positive initiatives, which contribute to its top 150 ranking in architecture and built environment.²

In the Faculty of Health Sciences, Curtin has a top 100 ranking for sports-related subjects and nursing² while Curtin Medical School's Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) is the only direct-entry undergraduate medicine degree in Western Australia.

A broad range of study choices

Curtin offers a comprehensive

range of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes across 10 different study areas:

- Agriculture, environment and sustainability
- Architecture and construction
- Arts and creative industries
- Business, innovation, management and law
- Culture, society and Indigenous
- Education
- Engineering, mining and surveying
- Health
- Information technology
- Physical sciences, geoscience and mathematics

Most degrees offer a choice of majors, and students also have the flexibility to tailor their degree with specialisations, to either broaden their skills and career options or deepen their expertise in an area.

Across all 10 study areas, Curtin provides technology-rich learning environments for students that simulate real-world industry settings. Examples include:

- Curtin Engineering Pavilion and Green Electric Energy Park
- Computing superlab and a cybersecurity lab for IT students
- Allied-health clinics, a simulated hospital ward and pharmacy for health science courses
- Media production and photography studios for creative industries and arts courses
- Industry and Community Hub, connecting business and law students with real-world experiences.

1: Students relax on campus at Curtin Perth
2: Teaching and learning in the Cyber Security Lab

their entrepreneurial ideas, and, in 2024, launched a Bachelor of Innovation degree for those who aspire to develop novel businesses and products or services.

A vibrant campus life

The University's main campus, Curtin Perth, is attractive and vibrant, close to the shopping and food area of Victoria Park and the Canning River Regional Park.

Market days, live music, multicultural celebrations and the Guild Ball are just some examples of on-campus events. Curtin's Exchange Precinct is another popular on-campus destination.

Student support

Curtin prioritises student wellbeing by providing on-campus health services, including medical services and a Student Wellbeing Advisory team that offers free support.

Curtin also helps students transition to university study with peer-to-peer tutoring, mentoring, and a range of free study support programmes.

Throughout campus and the student accommodation buildings, Curtin's Safer Community Team provide a 24/7 safety presence and availability, security escort services and vehicle assistance.

On-campus accommodation

Curtin Perth has six on-campus accommodation options managed and operated by St Catherine's and UniLodge. All are in walking distance of the centre of campus, the stadium recreation centre, public transport, food outlets and a local shopping precinct. [S](#)

¹ Position based on Curtin's ranking in the Academic Ranking of World Universities (2025)
² QS World University Rankings by Subject (2026)



CURTIN UNIVERSITY

Established: 1966 (as the Western Australian Institute of Technology)
Location: Perth (also Malaysia, Singapore, Dubai, Mauritius, Colombo)
Student population: Over 66,000
Go to: curtin.edu.au/international
CRICOS: 00301J **TEQSA:** PRV12158



Sought-after graduates

The University's strong industry partnerships are often cited by international students as a key reason for choosing Curtin. These partnerships not only provide work-integrated learning and internship opportunities, they also help ensure that Curtin courses are aligned with industry needs and with emerging trends.

Reflecting the success of Curtin's collaborative approach to teaching and learning, around 88% of Curtin coursework postgraduates were in full-time employment following graduation, according to the Good Universities Guide 2026. In 2026, Curtin was also ranked Western Australia's top public university for undergraduate employment outcomes by the Good Universities Guide.

A history of innovation

Curtin's emphasis on innovation originated with its foundation as the Western Australian Institute of Technology, which transitioned to Curtin University 40 years ago.

Curtin has dedicated workshops for students and staff to develop



Murdoch University



including exercise physiology, biomechanics, skill acquisition, sport and exercise psychology, and exercise programming and prescription. Hone your skills and deepen your advanced knowledge to excel in a career dedicated to elevating athletes, coaches, teams, and sporting organisations across diverse contexts.

Practical and real-world experience

Murdoch courses are built around real industries and real careers:

- **Nursing** Learn in fully equipped nursing wards, treatment areas and simulation rooms using hi-tech audio-visual equipment and computer labs.
- **Veterinary science and agricultural science** Murdoch integrates teaching with practical experience via our on-campus working large animal farm and our Animal Hospital.
- **Chiropractic, psychology and counselling** Reinforce academic learning with practical experience at campus clinics, working alongside professionals.

A supportive environment

Murdoch offers extensive support services for students including a full orientation programme, peer academic coaching and student advisors. Visit our wellbeing hub, The Den, and the International Cafe which offers activities such as therapy dogs, crafters, games, and interactive health and wellbeing events. Join student clubs via the Murdoch Student Guild or start your own! [S](#)



MURDOCH UNIVERSITY

Established: 1973
Location: Perth
Student population: Over 25,000
Go to: www.murdoch.edu.au
CRICOS: 00125J **TEQSA:** PRV12163

Care. It's always been our defining philosophy.

It lives in our community of bold and ambitious people who are encouraged to stand up for what they believe in, pursue their goals with tenacity, and drive the change that matters, knowing they have an entire university behind them.

We've created an environment where you're seen, supported, and known. That is more face-to-face time with your lecturers, stronger industry connections, and the chance to be part of a community that truly cares.

Because a brighter future begins with care. And that brighter future is here.

Perth campus

Our main campus is 20 minutes from the centre of Perth and the historic port of Fremantle. It offers all our courses and a unique student experience.

Our campus is one of the largest in Australia, set among native bushland and wetlands. The learning spaces and campus community provide an immersive, accessible university experience.

The heart of the campus is Bush Court, an oasis of calm in the hectic lifestyle of a student. Relax on the deckchairs between classes, enjoy live music performances, or visit the stalls at Guild Market Day.

From Bush Court, walk over to Boola Katjin to join your class in one of the building's 21 large teaching and learning spaces equipped with Tech-Enabled (TEL) desks to connect and work with anywhere in the world.

Murdoch's drive to be a world leader in sustainability practices is reflected throughout Boola Katjin's construction emphasising locally sourced timber, solar panel

technology and rainwater recycling. Check out the evolving Indigenous artwork displayed throughout the building – a constant reminder that the land on which Murdoch University stands has and always will be a place of learning.

Good Universities 2026 rankings

Five stars for social equity, student support, learner engagement, learning resources, skills development, and teaching quality.

What can you study at Murdoch?

- Agricultural sciences
- Allied health
- Business
- Education and teaching
- Engineering and energy
- Environmental and conservation sciences
- Humanities, arts and social sciences
- Information technology
- Law and criminology
- Mathematics, statistics, chemistry and physics
- Media and communication
- Medical, molecular and forensic sciences
- Nursing
- Psychology
- Veterinary medicine

Bachelor of Science/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

Western Australia's only veterinary degree provides the expertise, skills, and practical experience required to tackle the evolving challenges faced by companion animals, livestock, and wildlife. Take advantage of our on-campus vet hospital and working animal farm and get hands on experience from day one. You can apply from school, or after a year of university study or transfer from Murdoch's Bachelor of Agricultural Science – there are multiple entry pathways.

Bachelor of Health Science/Master of Clinical Chiropractic

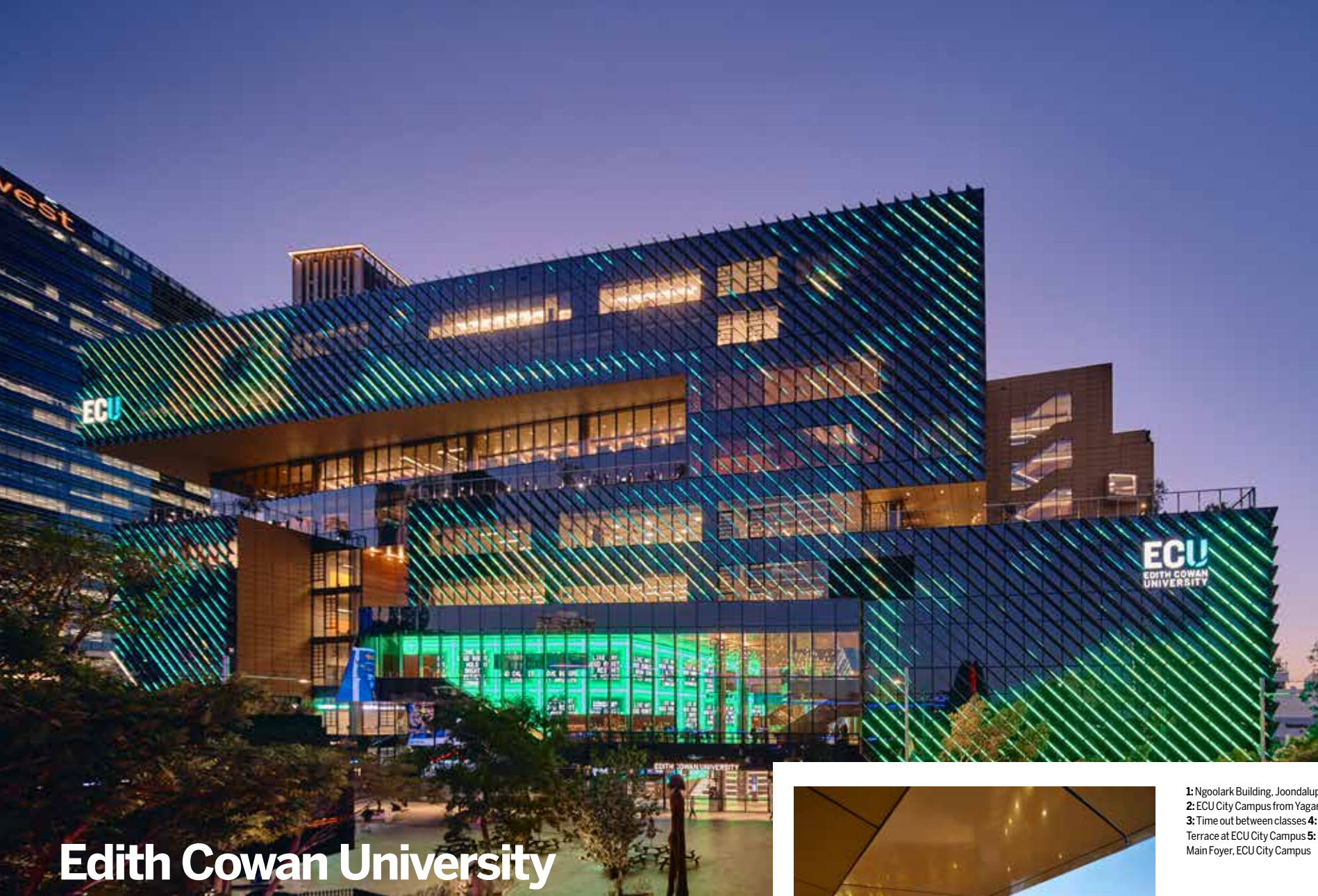
Make a difference by becoming a qualified healthcare professional with the knowledge and skills to assess, diagnose, and manage pain and disability of the spine and musculoskeletal system. Our degree offers a strong scientific foundation and develops the evidence-based clinical skills you'll need to graduate ready to practice.

Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science/Master of High Performance Sport

Develop understanding of areas

1 **Murdoch campus** An aerial view of campus, located between Perth and Fremantle
2 **Chiropractic** A student navigates a spinal training session
3 **Bush Court** This is the heart of campus, with plenty of space for rest, relaxation and pop up live music performances





Edith Cowan University

We are named for an Australian icon
Edith Cowan OBE was the first woman elected to an Australian parliament, a remarkable achievement for the 1920s!

She was a trailblazer who fought tirelessly to improve conditions for women, children, families, the poor, the under-educated and the elderly. And she influenced the course of education in Australia, paving the way for many people to access education they could previously only dream of.

So, when we opened our doors as a university in 1991, we didn't just adopt Edith's name. We embraced her values and her vision.

We champion inclusion and equity, creating a place where people from all backgrounds are welcome. If you become an ECU student, we'll offer our full support through all kinds of dedicated systems, particularly if you experience personal or academic challenges. We even have a Wellness Centre for students.

Our teaching and other staff will

actively engage with you, always making themselves available and prioritising your learning experience. This applies to undergraduate and postgraduate students equally.

No wonder we're consistently ranked one of the best in Australia for things like student support and overall student experience (Good Universities Guide 2026).

Teaching skills for the future

At ECU, we believe that human creativity, combined with the inspiration for learning, has the power to transform lives and to create a better world.

So we'll prepare you by teaching you the skills we know industries and employers worldwide are looking for, such as creative thinking and problem-solving.

We'll encourage you to have a positive mindset, and to see problems as opportunities.

Speaking of teaching, we're also an established Australian leader in the quality of our teaching.

It's a big part of our values. And

it's why our graduates have given us the maximum 5-star rating for teaching quality for 19 straight years in the Good Universities Guide.

Diverse students, diverse staff and diverse courses

As a student, you'll be spoilt for choice at ECU.

There's so much variety across our eight study areas – Arts and Humanities; Business and Law; Engineering; Medical and Health Sciences; Nursing and Midwifery; Science; Teacher Education and the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts.

As a UK-based student, it's important for you to rest assured that our courses and qualifications are internationally recognised, with many being professionally accredited by national and international organisations.

Here, you can expect your learning to go beyond the classroom, with practicum placements in real businesses and



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Explore ECU courses for in-demand professions:

Teacher education and training
ecu.edu.au/teacher-education

Paramedicine
ecu.edu.au/paramedicine

Nursing
ecu.edu.au/nursing

Social sciences, social work and youth work
ecu.edu.au/social-science

1: Ngoolark Building, Joondalup Campus
2: ECU City Campus from Yagan Square
3: Time out between classes 4: The Sky Terrace at ECU City Campus 5: Forum of the Main Foyer, ECU City Campus



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organisations, and opportunities for paid internships, university exchange programmes and international study tours.

Come and study with us on a study abroad programme for just a semester or two, or study towards a full degree. You'll love the place!

We're young and we're curious

ECU is the youngest of the five universities in Western Australia. And like the youngest in any family, we're on a mission to be noticed!

Being young means that we're constantly curious. That curiosity has led us not only to be creative thinkers, but also to consistently undertake world-class research that makes a strong social, economic, environmental and

cultural impact. If you're a naturally curious person and you're interested in doing inspiring research that improves the lives of your fellow humans, we want to hear from you.

We built a university like no other in Australia

We have three campuses – one right in the middle of Perth, ECU City, another one in the city of Joondalup, just north of Perth, and a third in the beautiful South West of our state.

ECU City campus opened in 2026 and has already redefined higher education in Western Australia. This new campus is in the heart of Perth, between the business, entertainment and

cultural precincts, connected by rail and bus links across the city and beyond.

It has brought new energy to Perth's central business district, welcoming thousands of students and staff to study, work and create in the heart of the city. The 11-storey, 'super-level' vertical campus offers collaborative learning spaces, specialist teaching facilities, immersive digital technology and public performance venues. It's where technology, industry and creativity meet to deliver the creative thinkers, adaptive learners and global citizens who will be the leaders of tomorrow. Be among the first to study in Perth's new vibrant ECU City campus. [📍](#)



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UNIVERSITY

EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY

Established: 1991

Location: Three campuses, in Joondalup (Perth); City (Perth centre); and South West (Bunbury)

Student population: Over 30,000

Go to: ecu.edu.au/international
CRICOS: 00279B **TEQSA:** PRV12160



South Australia

South Australia, in the southern central area of the country, is large in size but relatively low in population, with just 1.9 million people. Most South Australians (almost 80%) live in and around the quietly genteel state capital city, Adelaide. Voted of the top ten cities in the world in which to live in 2026 by the Economist Intelligence Unit, Adelaide has built up a great array of sporting and arts events that it plays host to each year, including the Adelaide Festival, WOMAdelaide and the Adelaide Fringe Festival. As well as attracting sports fans and culture lovers, the city is also the gateway to some of

Australia's best wine-growing regions and has long been a favourite destination for foodies from all over the world.

Population: Around 1.9 million
Size: 983,482sq km
State capital: Adelaide
Universities: Adelaide University
www.southaustralia.com



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1 Greenly Beach on the Eyre Peninsula **2 The Spheres** in Rundle Mall, Adelaide, are known by locals as the Malls Balls **3 The Wisteria Arbour** at the Botanic Garden, Adelaide **4 Barossa Valley** sunrise on a winery **5 Glenelg Beach** **6 Kangaroos** on Kangaroo Island, off the coast of South Australia



Adelaide University

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We are Australia's newest university for the future, ranked 79th in the world and focused on making a transformative impact in our world – and yours.

With over 180 years of collective experience and achievement, Adelaide University is built on the legacies of the University of South Australia and the University of Adelaide. As a new, for-purpose university, we leverage the capabilities and resources of our foundation institutions to launch bright futures for contemporary learners and global citizens.

Education and research empower communities, accelerating progress through cohesion and prosperity. Adelaide University is transforming teaching and learning by co-designing degrees with future employers. It delivers leading curriculum and exceptional student experiences, pursuing greater educational equality, expanding research partnerships and aligning with industry.

Our strategic direction furthers our ambitions on the global stage as a member of the prestigious and research-intensive Australian Group of Eight (Go8).

Through meaningful partnerships that foster educational and research excellence, Adelaide University makes a measurable impact, focusing on:

- Addressing intergenerational disadvantage
- Creative and cultural industries
- Health and wellbeing
- Sustainable futures
- The future workforce

Our ambition is to be world leading and world referenced through our

actions and through the success and impact of our students, staff, researchers, partners and alumni community. We believe in the power of education and research to create vibrant communities and to address the multigenerational challenges before us. Adelaide University drives a transformative agenda as a powerhouse for the delivery of excellence and equity.

Discover Adelaide

Regularly rated one of the world's most liveable cities, Adelaide is affordable and accessible. It is a city shaped by stories, the first of which were created by the Aboriginal Peoples of the Adelaide Plains, the Kaurna people. Adelaide is a celebration of diversity with a strong sense of community.

The city balances the best of urban living with beautiful natural landscapes and a close connection to South Australia's regions. Enjoy picturesque beaches like Glenelg, long stretches of coastline in every direction, the rolling Adelaide Hills, famous wine regions, and the beauty of Kangaroo Island. There is always something to explore.

With an evolving skyline, urban renewal and reimagined precincts that feature brilliant hospitality, cultural and sporting institutions, Adelaide is the perfect host city for national and international events. It supports a culture that embraces technological opportunities in education, energy, space, advanced manufacturing, food and wine, creative industries and health services. Adelaide is the perfect city for curious minds.

Exceptional student experiences
You will be part of a rich and

engaging university community with opportunities to develop your employability, so that as a graduate you can help shape the future and thrive in a rapidly changing world.

Adelaide University is home to a diverse global student community with a vibrant and inclusive student experience.

You will be empowered with the skills to transform yourself, your community and the world. Our holistic, integrated approach makes your educational experience accessible and inclusive, including:

- Industry connection for a relevant and real-world education to help you succeed in the future workplace.
- Individual flexibility for your unique needs, personal goals and learning preferences.
- Intuitive and engaging digital experiences.
- A focus on place, culture and community, developing a global outlook while being enriched with Aboriginal Knowledges and perspectives.
- Empowering you to succeed on your own terms, no matter your background.

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1 The Mitchell Building Students outside the Mitchell Building adjacent to the Art Gallery of South Australia **2 Students crossing Goodman Lawns** in front of the Elder Conservatorium of Music on North Terrace

Our commitment to students

We are united in our commitment to support you to become the best that you can be. We do this by recognising every student as unique; making our students feel welcome; embedding and honouring student voices and delivering equity in all that we do.

Your future career

At Adelaide University, future employability is an important part of the student experience. We will support you throughout your university studies to help you prepare for career success. Our aim is to be the best in Australia for graduate employment outcomes.

Employability is embedded into the curriculum and we will provide career support and ongoing opportunities to help you connect with industry and communities.

At Adelaide University you can explore your passions and identity, unlock your potential and discover your purpose. We are aiming for all students of all levels and fields to engage with industry through placements, internships, or entrepreneurial experiences. We are working with more than 200 industry members and employers on programme design to create a highly informed curriculum. 

*Ranked 79, 2027 QS World University Rankings



ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY

Established: 2026
Location: Adelaide and campuses throughout South Australia
Student population: Over 60,000
Go to: www.adelaide.edu.au
CRICOS: 04249J **TEQSA:** PRV14404

Victoria

Located in the southeast corner of Australia, Victoria is the country's second-smallest state but the most densely populated. It's also Australia's second largest economy, responsible for generating around a quarter of its GDP. World leading companies including Bosch, EventBrite, GlaxoSmithKlein and Siemens are headquartered in Victoria.

Most Victorians live in and around the thriving, cosmopolitan, sophisticated city of Melbourne, which lays a strong claim to being Australia's cultural capital and is home to many museums, art galleries and theatres as well as to fantastic bars, restaurants and shopping. Melbourne is also famous for its love of sport and hosts an array of tournaments, matches and events every year,

including the Australian Open tennis, the Australian Grand Prix and the Boxing Day Test cricket at the MCG stadium.

Population: Over 7 million
Size: 227,416sq km
State capital: Melbourne
Universities: The University of Melbourne, Monash University, Deakin University, RMIT, La Trobe University
www.visitvictoria.com



1 Mungo National Park in Mildura, Victoria
 2 Beach huts at Brighton Beach, Melbourne
 3 Melbourne city centre as seen from the walkway along the Yarra River
 4 Melbourne is famous for its cafes and restaurants
 5 The Twelve Apostles on the Great Ocean Road
 6 The MCG, home to the Boxing Day Test, was the birthplace of Test cricket in 1877



The University of Melbourne

The University of Melbourne is an ideal choice for international students seeking academic excellence and an enriching student life at a prestigious university. The University is recognised around the world for excellence in teaching, research, and innovation.

Located in the heart of Melbourne, one of the world's most liveable and culturally vibrant cities, the University attracts students from across the globe who seek a dynamic and international study experience.

The University of Melbourne offers a broad and flexible undergraduate experience, with degrees in agriculture, arts, biomedicine, commerce, design, fine arts, music, oral health and science. Students can explore over 100 areas of study including options in architecture, IT, engineering, and more, while also selecting from a wide range of electives and breadth subjects.

Following an undergraduate degree, students can deepen their knowledge, build specialist expertise, and broaden their perspective through graduate study options.

The University of Melbourne provides a world-class education in one of the world's best cities to live in. Supported by a global learning community, you'll combine academic excellence with real-world experiences, graduating with a qualification that places you among the world's most employable graduates.

Parkville campus

The University of Melbourne has multiple campuses across the state, with the main campus, Parkville, as the heart of academic life. Established in 1853, Parkville campus is within walking distance of Melbourne's city centre and offers a beautiful mix of historic architecture and modern facilities.

The campus provides libraries, study spaces, restaurants and cafes to support your studies and daily life. Sports centres, gyms,

and student lounges help you stay active and connected. With hundreds of clubs and societies, it's easy to meet new people, explore your interests, and feel part of the university community.

What can you study?

We are the leading research university in Australia, with more than 100 research centres and institutes. As a student, you will be taught by experts at the forefront of their fields and learn from the finest minds engaged in breakthrough research. Aligned with leading universities in Europe, North America and Asia, our curriculum will prepare you for excellence in whatever career you choose. Across undergraduate and graduate programmes, we offer the following areas of study:

- Architecture
- Agriculture
- Arts and social sciences
- Biomedicine and health sciences
- Business and economics
- Dentistry
- Education
- Engineering
- Environmental and life sciences
- Food science
- Information technology
- International studies
- Law
- Languages
- Medicine
- Music and fine arts
- Optometry
- Psychology
- Veterinary medicine



Reasons to study at the University of Melbourne

- **Top-ranked university:** No.1 in Australia (2026 Times Higher Education World University Rankings) and No.22 in the world (QS World University Rankings 2027).
- **Outstanding career outcomes:** No. 8 in graduate employability worldwide (QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2022).
- **Life in Melbourne:** One of the world's most liveable cities and Australia's cultural capital.
- **Flexible study:** Choose a major and specialise in your interest area.
- **Student life:** Join over 200 clubs and societies, try new interests and enjoy vibrant campus events. Our students come from over 150 countries worldwide.

Excellent graduate opportunities

The University of Melbourne is known for producing graduates who excel in their careers. The University's alumni network includes Nobel Prize winners, Australian Prime Ministers, and internationally renowned researchers and business leaders.

The University's ranking of No.8 in the world for graduate employability (QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2022) reflects the amazing options available to Melbourne graduates when they complete their studies.

Through partnerships with global companies and industry-leading internship opportunities, students gain valuable real-world experience and connections that prepare them for success after graduation. Melbourne graduates go on to careers in a wide range of fields, including law, business, consulting, and government. 



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

Established: 1853
Location: Melbourne
Student population: 60,000
Go to: study.unimelb.edu.au
CRICOS: 00116K **TEQSA:** PRV12150



1 The Clocktower Building is a well-known landmark on the main Parkville Campus
 2 The Arts West Building is one of the homes of the Faculty of Arts at the University of Melbourne

Deakin University

At Deakin, you'll gain more than a degree, you'll build skills, industry connections and experiences that prepare you for the future.

Recognised as one of Australia's most innovative universities, Deakin combines world-class teaching, hands-on learning and outstanding student support to help you achieve your goals.

With over 60,000 students, 25% of whom are international students from around 100 countries, Deakin offers a globally connected and welcoming environment where all ambitious students thrive.

Career support for life

Deakin is committed to helping its students succeed long after graduation. Through our award-winning DeakinTALENT service, our students get access to personalised career support, industry connections and real employment opportunities. From career coaching and employability workshops to internships, job opportunities and networking events, DeakinTALENT helps students build confidence, experience and professional skills while they study. And, best of all, Deakin graduates can access DeakinTALENT support for life.

World-class facilities

Study in inspiring learning environments designed for the future. Deakin students have access to cutting-edge facilities including advanced engineering labs, clinical simulation centres, industry-standard creative spaces and elite sports facilities.

Our campuses are built to give students practical, hands-on experiences using the same

technology and equipment found in the workplace today.

What can you study at Deakin?

- Marine science
- Sport science and sports management
- Psychology
- Law
- Education
- Communication and creative arts
- Nursing and midwifery
- Environmental science
- Business and management
- Engineering
- International studies
- Humanities
- Medicine and public health

Real world learning

At Deakin, graduate success is at the centre of everything we do. Our degrees are designed with strong industry input and include practical learning experiences that help students build the skills employers are looking for.

Many Deakin degrees include internships, placements, industry projects and opportunities to work alongside professionals, giving students valuable real-world experience before they graduate. With strong industry engagement built into the learning experience, Deakin graduates leave job-ready, confident and prepared for their future careers.

Campuses in great city, coastal and regional locations

Deakin's campuses offer students the best of Australian lifestyle and study experiences.

Our Burwood campus is just 20 minutes from the centre of Melbourne, a city famous for its



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1 A specialised exercise and sports science teaching building at Deakin 2 Melbourne is regularly rated one of the world's most liveable cities

culture, food, music, sport and café lifestyle.

Deakin also has two campuses in Geelong, Victoria's second-largest city, offering a relaxed lifestyle, vibrant café culture and easy access to stunning beaches and the famous Great Ocean Road.

For students seeking a regional experience, our Warrnambool campus combines world-class education with a friendly coastal community and ocean scenery. Deakin is also home to world-class research institutes, including:

- The Institute for Frontier Materials
- The Institute for Physical Activity and Nutrition
- Alfred Deakin Institute
- Applied Artificial Intelligence Institute (A2I2)
- Institute for Health Transformation
- Institute for Mental and Physical Health and Clinical Translation
- Centre for Cyber Security Research and Innovation
- Centre for Sport Research

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

Established: 1974

Location: Four campuses in Victoria – Burwood (Melbourne), Geelong, Warrnambool, and Waurn Ponds

Student population: 60,000

Go to: www.deakin.edu.au/international

CRICOS: 00113B **TEQSA:** PRV12124



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We are a young and dynamic university, ambitious in our goals to make change to the world. With a diverse range of degrees across our 10 faculties and five campuses, Monash offers students the chance to study almost anything.

A top 50 university

Monash is consistently ranked in the top 50 universities in the world. We also continue to be recognised internationally for our excellence in different subjects and disciplines in the 2026 QS World University Rankings by Subject, ranking #1 in Australia and #2 in the world for pharmacy and pharmacology and #1 in Australia for economics and econometrics.

Flagship educational experiences

Monash offers all students rich educational experiences, focused on the challenges defining our world and our future.



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Global Immersion Guarantee

This unit sits at the intersection of society and the environment, where you'll work with leading experts to address some of the most pressing global challenges.

Monash Innovation Guarantee

This is an intensive unit designed to equip you with the skills and mindsets you'll need to lead solutions to the big issues of our time, in any career and workplace.

Research, Experimentation and Discovery

This unit invites you to explore the cutting-edge research happening at Monash. Transform research into practice and build your ability to create change and impact.

A university that prioritises the student experience

Monash understands that you're looking for more than just a place

to learn – you're looking for a place to grow, discover your passions, and meet exciting people. That's why Monash has invested strongly in the student experience, from hosting events and festivals to offering leadership and mentoring programmes, industry networking opportunities, career development and more. Take advantage of our support services, or utilise the exceptional sporting facilities available across our campuses.

Expand your opportunities with a Monash double degree

Monash offers one of Australia's largest ranges of double degrees, giving you the flexibility to pursue diverse career paths. Studying two degrees at the same time allows you to keep options open. You'll build a depth of expertise and develop a range of skills in two different or complementary areas.

A double degree can also save time and money, allowing you to graduate sooner and reduce your tuition costs compared to doing two degrees separately. In most cases, a double degree takes two years less to complete than studying each degree in turn.

Schools and faculties in focus The Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Monash is a world leader in pharmacy research and education. Our challenging courses prepare students for frontline roles in modern patient care and drug discovery and development. You

1 Monash has five campuses in Victoria, including the main Clayton campus, pictured here 2 Clayton is home to eight faculties and some 30,000 students

Monash University by numbers

- Consistently ranked in the top 50 universities in the world
- Ranked #31 in the world in the QS World University Rankings 2027
- Ranked #38 in the world in the US News and World Report 2026-27
- Ranked #1 in Australia for pharmacy and pharmacology (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026)
- Ranked #1 in Australia for business administration*
- Ranked #1 in Australia for education*
- Ranked #1 in Australia for law*
- Ranked #1 in Australia for finance*

will find our highly employable graduates in hospitals, research centres, communities, and drug companies around the world.

Monash Law: Practical legal experience and global opportunities

Monash Law is one of Australia's largest and most prestigious law schools. Our comprehensive legal education blends theory and sought-after practical experience.

Biomedical Science

Biomedical science is the driving force behind the discovery of new ways to prevent, diagnose and treat disease. Monash is a global leader in biomedical research. The Biomedicine Discovery Institute is one of Australia's most successful medical research institutes. [🔗](#)

Biomedical science at Monash: Where can this degree take me? Watch here...



MONASH UNIVERSITY

Established: 1958

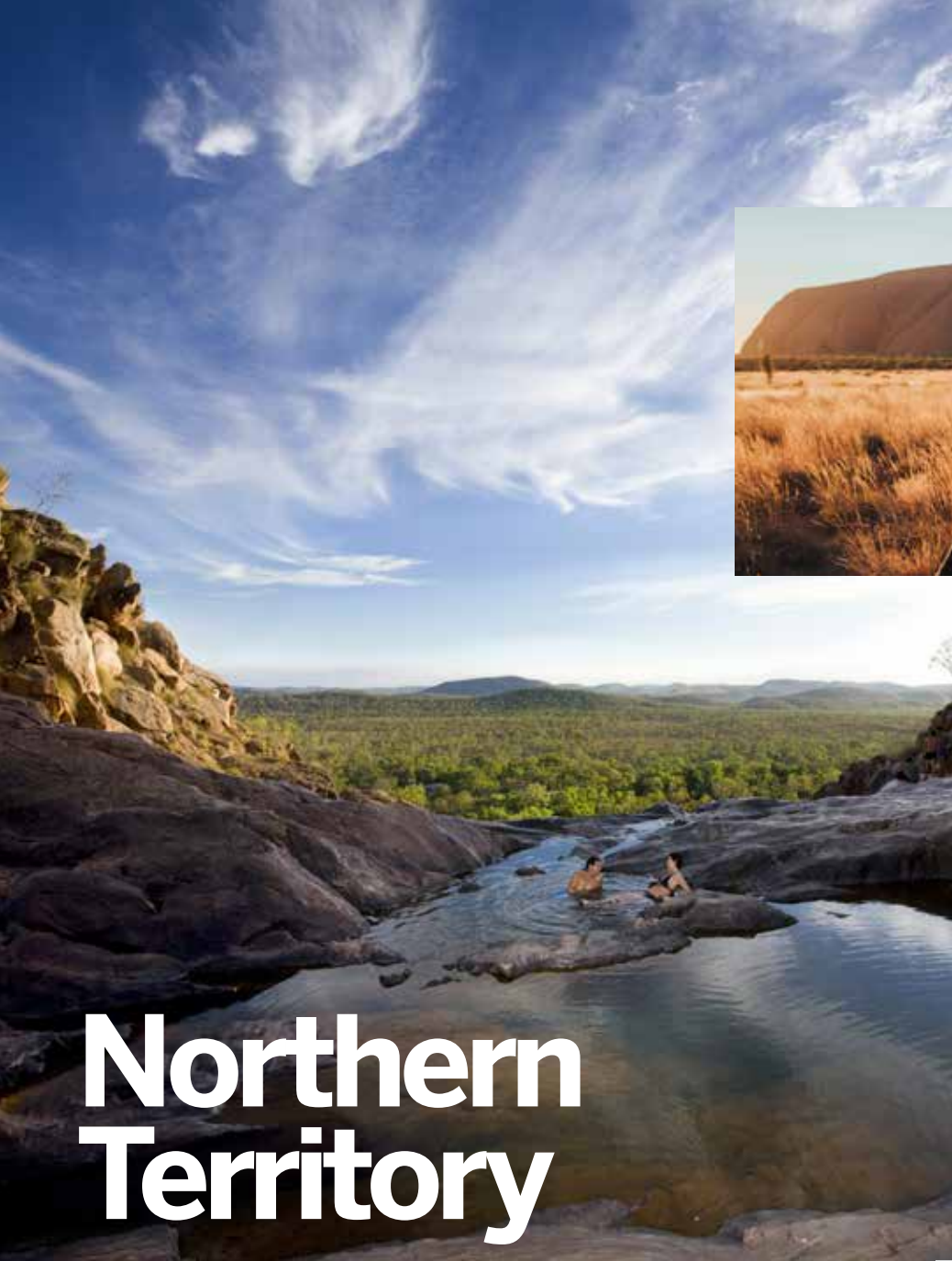
Location: Melbourne

Student population: Approx 86,000

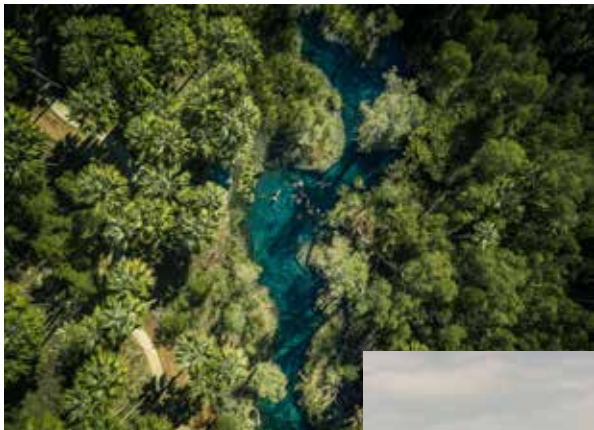
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*ShanghaiRanking Global Rankings of Academic Subjects 2025



Northern Territory

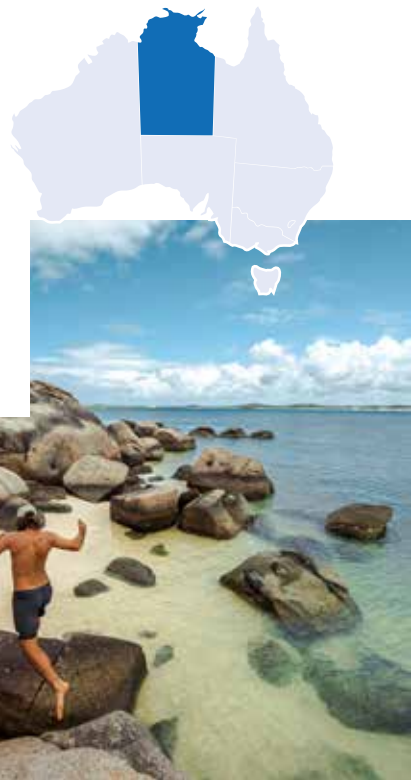


1 Uluru in the heart of Australia's Red Centre
2 Gunlom in Kakadu National Park 3 Bitter Springs seen from above 4 and 5 Hiking is a great way to experience the amazing scenery of the Northern Territory 6 East Arnhem Land.
Images: NT Tourism



The Northern Territory sits in the central and central northern regions of Australia. It's the country's third largest state, yet has the lowest population – around just 260,000 people, concentrated in the capital city of Darwin on the northern coast. The Northern Territory is rich in Indigenous history and incredible landscapes. Uluru can be found here, rising from the vast plains of Australia's Red Centre, as well as the World Heritage-listed Kakadu National Park and the Katherine region, where the tropics meet the Outback. Bushwalking, scenic flights and canoeing are all great ways to experience the state's spectacular scenery.

Population: Around 260,000
Size: 1,421,000sq km
State capital: Darwin
Universities: Charles Darwin University (CDU)
www.northernterritory.com



Charles Darwin University (CDU) is one of Australia's most unique and innovative universities, offering students the opportunity to study in a welcoming, multicultural environment while gaining qualifications that are recognised around the world. Named after the famous naturalist Charles Darwin, CDU is known for its strong focus on practical learning, industry engagement, research impact, and student support.

CDU's main campus is in Darwin, the capital city of the Northern Territory. Darwin is a modern tropical city that offers a relaxed lifestyle, a warm climate, and close connection to nature. Students enjoy beautiful beaches, national parks, outdoor markets, cultural festivals, and easy access to some of Australia's most iconic natural destinations. Darwin is also one of Australia's most multicultural cities, creating a friendly and inclusive environment.

CDU offers a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes across areas including business, IT, engineering, education, nursing, health sciences, psychology, law, social work, environmental science, and the creative arts. Many programmes include work-integrated learning,

internships, placements, or industry projects to help students graduate career-ready.

One of CDU's key strengths is its strong graduate outcomes. CDU has consistently received excellent ratings for graduate employment and starting salaries in Australia. The University works closely with industry partners to ensure its courses are aligned with current workforce needs and with future employment opportunities. This practical approach is especially attractive to students who want to gain real-world experience alongside their academic studies.

CDU is also recognised for its research excellence, particularly in areas relevant to tropical and regional environments, Indigenous Knowledge, environmental sustainability, public health, and engineering. Students benefit from learning within a university that is actively contributing to

important global challenges and community development.

International students at CDU receive dedicated support. Our services include academic support, career assistance, counselling, accommodation guidance, orientation programmes, and student wellbeing services. CDU understands that moving to another country can be both exciting and challenging, so creating a supportive student experience is a major priority.

For students from the UK, studying at CDU can offer both familiarity and adventure. Australia and the UK share strong cultural connections but studying in Australia is an opportunity to

experience a completely different landscape, climate, and lifestyle.

CDU offers a more affordable student experience compared with many larger Australian cities. Living costs in Darwin are lower than in cities such as Sydney or Melbourne, while still providing access to great modern facilities, entertainment and activities.

CDU students are encouraged to think globally, develop practical skills, and become part of a connected community. Whether you are seeking career progression, academic excellence, personal growth, or a new life experience, CDU provides an exciting and supportive environment in which to achieve those goals. [S](#)



CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY

Established: 2003
Location: Main campuses in Darwin (Casuarina, Danala City Campus and Palmerston), plus further campuses in Alice Springs and Sydney
Student population: Over 21,000
Go to: www.cdu.edu.au/international
CRICOS: 00300K **RTO Provider No.** 0373 **TEQSA:** PRV12069

New Zealand

New Zealand regularly features in lists of the world's best places to visit, thanks to its spectacular scenery, friendly, welcoming people and rich, diverse culture

The North Island is where two-thirds of all New Zealanders live and the majority of those are concentrated in the Auckland region. Auckland is by far the biggest city in New Zealand and is the country's commercial hub as well as its most cosmopolitan centre, with large Polynesian and Asian communities. Two harbours and plenty of beaches within the urban area contribute to Auckland's nickname, the City of Sails. Auckland was named among the ten most liveable cities in the world in the 2025 rankings from the Economist Intelligence Unit.

The landscapes of the North Island are, in the main, gentler than those of the South Island, but no less spectacular. North of

Auckland lies Northland, famous for its golden sandy beaches and beautiful sub-tropical climate. Moving south, through the rolling green farmlands of the central North Island and past the city of Hamilton, New Zealand's largest inland city, the landscape changes in the central North Island to become much more rugged, featuring the amazing lunar-like landscapes and walking trails of the Tongariro National Park (a World Heritage Site) and the ski fields of Mount Ruapehu.

The North Island comes to a stop with the city of Wellington, perched at the bottom of the south coast. Wellington is the capital of New Zealand and, though much smaller and lacking

the commercial clout of Auckland, is home to many of the country's national cultural institutions including to the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, the National Opera, the Royal New Zealand Ballet and the country's national museum, Te Papa. It's a laid-back, sophisticated city, famous for its shopping, food and coffee scene as well as enjoying a well-deserved reputation as a centre for music, cinema and the arts.

The South Island usually features heavily in social media stories from New Zealand. Which isn't surprising, given that it does feature arguably the country's most spectacular scenery (the snowy peaks of the Southern Alps, the Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers, the mirror-like waters of Fiordland, the turquoise waters and sandy beaches of the Marlborough Sounds) as well as some of its most dedicated adrenaline-junkie activities (sea-kayaking, bungee-jumping, snowsports and jet-boating to name but a few).

But there is a much gentler side to the South Island as well, and it's the combination of spectacular and soothing that gives it its enduring appeal.

The South Island's small population means there is always more than enough space for everyone – it's frequently possible

to get a golden sandy beach all to yourself here – and the lack of queues, traffic jams and general hassles create an amazingly laid-back lifestyle. The small population, however, does mean that some parts of the South Island can feel remote. If you prefer something more sociable, make sure you head to the one of the main centres. There's Nelson, a beautiful, artist-dominated town at the sunny top end of the South Island; Dunedin, known as New Zealand's 'student city'; Christchurch, the biggest city in the South Island; and Queenstown, New Zealand's adventure tourism capital and all-round party town.

While a big part of the South Island lifestyle focuses on the great outdoors, there's also a huge emphasis on good entertainment and good food. So whether you prefer some freshly cooked fish and chips sitting on the jetty after a day out walking or sea-kayaking, or a night out after a leisurely day spent wandering around a few museums, galleries or vineyards, there's something here for

1 Wellington Walking to the Cable Car, which can take you from the city centre to the VUW Kelburn Campus or on up to the Botanic Gardens
2 Auckland the cityscape by night
3 Cathedral Cove, Coromandel
Opposite: A hiker in the South Island



Dollars and sense: New Zealand

How much does it cost to study in New Zealand? In addition to your university tuition fees you will need to have enough money to cover your living costs while studying. Here's an idea of what to expect

Working while you study

New Zealand student visas usually allow uni students to work up to 25 hours per week during the academic year and full time during holidays. All New Zealand universities have a Student Job Search service, to help students find part time work during term time and in the summer holidays. If you need part-time work, make sure you join this as soon as you can and check the job boards regularly, as new opportunities come in all the time. If you've already got experience in something you would like to keep doing – whether it's serving behind a bar, office admin work or waiting tables in restaurants – get organised before you leave, so that you can hit the ground running in your search for work. Take an up-to-date CV with you, and references from previous jobs. The minimum wage in New Zealand, as of April 2026, is \$23.95 per hour before tax. In order to work in New Zealand you'll need an IRD (tax) number. The IRD is the Inland Revenue Department. It's a good idea to apply for an IRD number as soon as possible after arriving in NZ – you can get an application form at a PostShop. You'll need to show your passport and New Zealand student visa, plus evidence of registration as a student. While most of the students we work with at Study Options choose to work while they study, please remember there is no guarantee of finding work, and definitely no way of knowing how long it might take you to get what you want. It's important to plan with this in mind – don't assume you'll be able to step off the plane straight into a high-paying part time job; have a backup plan/contingency budget!

The amount needed for living costs depends on each individual's requirements (and taste!) People vary hugely in what they consider to be everyday lifestyle essentials, or desirable accommodation. But there are living costs that everyone has to work with, and here we'll try to give an idea of what to expect. When looking at budgets, please remember to factor in how long you intend to stay in the country each year. The academic year in New Zealand is usually 40 weeks, and lots of the online calculators and example budgets provided by the universities assume you will only be in the country for those 40 weeks. If you want to stay over the summer and work or travel (both of which you're entitled to do on a New Zealand student visa) you'll need to allow extra budget for this.

Accommodation costs

The single biggest living expense for all students is accommodation. Each university offers different housing options and we would recommend looking into them, and factoring the likely costs into your budget, as early as you can.

Accommodation option 1: Fully-catered halls of residence or residential colleges

This is a good option if you don't

want to think about buying food or dealing with utility bills when you first get to university. Fully-catered halls can look expensive at first, but bear in mind that hall fees generally include two or three meals a day, as well as all utility bills. Some also include laundry facilities, internet access, and perhaps access to sports facilities. Each hall will differ, so check carefully to see what is and is not included in the price. The full fee usually needs to be paid at the start of each semester in advance, so these costs are also not something you have to manage in a weekly budget. Plus, with so many costs taken care of in one big bill at the start of term, all you're left to worry about each week are any extra course costs (textbooks, field trips, art materials etc) and spending money for nights out, trips away, and everyday treats like takeaway coffees. Which some students find easier to manage, particularly if this is their first real experience away from home, or living overseas.

Accommodation option 2: Self-catered university flats or halls of residence

The disadvantage of fully-catered accommodation is that it doesn't offer much flexibility. So if you



prefer to eat little and often rather than having three hearty meals a day, or you don't like eating at set mealtimes, you might be better off looking at self-catered housing. Self-catered hall costs typically also include utility bills, laundry and so on as above (again check each hall) but you also need to allow for food bills in your weekly budget. The amount people spend on food varies a lot, but if you can cook, are happy to shop around for ingredients, and start taking leftovers to uni the next day for lunch, this can potentially work out a less expensive option than fully-catered.

Accommodation option 3: Renting a room in a house or a flat privately

We don't recommend this option for first-year undergraduates, but many returning students – and most postgraduates – opt for private rental accommodation. Private rental may seem at first to be much the cheapest option, but remember that you'll need to budget for food, utilities, internet and phone, local travel (if living away from campus) and set up for your flat (any missing furniture, linen, kitchen equipment, hire of television or white goods) on top of the weekly rent. Also remember that the lease on private housing is likely to be for 52 weeks, so if you are not intending to stay longer than the academic year, you might end up paying for housing you're not going to use. The amount of rent you pay will partly be determined by the number of people sharing the property – generally, the more of you there are, the lower the rent. ☺

Accommodation and other living costs

All New Zealand universities provide great information on what each of the accommodation options on the left might cost at their institution, as well as helpful tips on what to expect from everyday living costs including transport, food, and utility bills. Scan the codes or check the sites below to find out more.



University of Auckland
Auckland

www.auckland.ac.nz/en/on-campus/life-on-campus/living-in-auckland/cost-of-living-auckland.html



Victoria University of Wellington
Wellington

www.wgtn.ac.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/2049180/money-matters.pdf



University of Otago
Dunedin

www.otago.ac.nz/future-students/accommodation/living-costs/



Lincoln University
near Christchurch

www.lincoln.ac.nz/life-at-lincoln/starting-at-lincoln/money-and-banking/

Education New Zealand also provides helpful information on what to expect from the cost of living in locations all over New Zealand on its NauMai website. Please see <https://www.naumainz.studywithnewzealand.govt.nz/studying-in-nz/before-your-arrival/cost-of-living>



Student visas: New Zealand

Anyone enrolling as an international student on a course lasting three months or more in New Zealand will need a student visa. Here are the key things to know

New Zealand qualification levels

When looking at Immigration New Zealand policies around study visas you will see frequent references to a qualification's 'level', numbered from 1-10. These refer to the New Zealand Qualifications Framework (NZQF), which covers a range of qualifications from certificates to doctoral degrees. The levels are based on how complex the learning is. Secondary school qualifications, for example, are numbered levels 1 – 3 on the NZQF.

- Level 7 qualifications include bachelors degrees, graduate certificates and graduate diplomas.
- Level 8 refers to postgraduate certificates and postgraduate diplomas.
- Level 9 refers to masters degrees (by coursework or by research, or by a combination of the two), and Level 10 refers to PhD programmes.

What visa will I need to study?

If the course you want to study is less than three months long, and you hold an NZ visitor visa, then you do not need to get a student visa to study. If your course is three months or longer, you will need a Fee Paying Student Visa. This visa allows you to study full time in New Zealand for up to four years.

Is there an age limit?

No, there are no age limits to eligibility for an NZ student visa.

Can I still get a student visa if I've already used my working holiday visa for New Zealand?

Yes, working holiday visa status has no impact on a student visa application, provided you didn't break any Immigration rules during your WHV (such as overstaying, or working when your visa didn't allow you to). If you had any such issues with your WHV please tell Study Options as soon as possible so we can advise on your case.

Can I work on a student visa?

Yes, in most cases student visa holders can work up to 25 hours a week during term and full time during the holidays if they wish to.

How much does it cost to apply for a student visa?

Student visa applications submitted via the online system currently cost from NZ\$850. Fees are subject to change each year, so check www.immigration.govt.nz before starting your application.

How do I apply?

The way to apply is to submit your student visa application online, via

the 'Apply Now' button at www.immigration.govt.nz/visas/fee-paying-student-visa/. New Zealand Immigration no longer accepts paper applications for this visa. INZ provides a lot of helpful information for applicants, including a checklist of the supporting documents required for student visa applicants, at www.immigration.govt.nz/visas/fee-paying-student-visa/

Will I have to show any evidence of my finances?

Yes, you'll need to prove you have enough money to live on while you study. INZ will want to see evidence that you have access to at least NZ\$20,000 per year as a university student – this can be shown using bank statements, evidence of a scholarship, or by your family completing a financial undertaking form to guarantee your living costs. You'll also need to show that you have enough money to buy a ticket home.

What about character documents?

All applicants for New Zealand visas, including student visas, need to be of 'good character'. This generally means you should have no criminal convictions. If you intend to be in New Zealand for more than 24 months you will need to include police clearances from each country for which you have citizenship in your visa application. You will also need to provide police clearances for every country you have lived in for five years or more since you turned 17. You can find out more about police checks at www.immigration.govt.nz/who-provides-police-cert

When you make your application, you will also be asked a series of questions about yourself, your background and your personal circumstances, all of which are designed to enable INZ to decide whether you demonstrate genuine intent to come to New Zealand to study. The genuine student criteria is a key consideration for INZ when assessing visa applications.

Will I need to provide health documents?

In order to be eligible for a visa for New Zealand you must have an 'acceptable standard of health'. In order for INZ to check this you may be asked to provide a medical and/or x-ray certificate, though this is not always required for student visa applicants. Check whether you will need to include any formal health documentation at www.immigration.govt.nz/xray-or-medical-exam, and please contact Study Options to clarify any details or questions.

How long does a New Zealand student visa take to get?

Immigration New Zealand recommends you allow at least eight weeks (40 working days) for processing for student visa applications for university study. Our advice is simply to apply for your visa as soon as you have all the documents required. Don't wait!

How soon can I travel to New Zealand once I get my student visa?

The visa is valid immediately upon issuing, so once you have your visa you can use it to enter New Zealand. Please DON'T book any travel that cannot be easily



amended until you have been granted a visa for New Zealand.

How long will my visa last?

The visa is valid for the duration of your course, if it is up to 12 months long, or for 12 months, for courses that are longer than a year. For courses longer than a year, you will be required to renew your visa through the INZ online system for further years of study. This is a process that your university's International Office will help with.

Can I take my partner with me to New Zealand?

It is not possible to include a partner in your student visa application as a dependant. Your partner will need to apply for their own visa to be in New Zealand if he or she wishes to work, study, or

just accompany you while you are studying. They have the option of applying for a Partner of a Student Work Visa if you (the student) are:

- Studying for a Level 7 or Level 8 qualification that is on the Green List, or the Qualifications Eligible for a Post Study Work Visa list, or
- Studying for a postgraduate qualification (Level 9 or Level 10).

If your course of study in New Zealand does not fall into either of these categories, your partner will need to apply to be in New Zealand of their own accord, for example under the Working Holiday Scheme, the Essential Skills Visa or the Skilled Migrant Category.

Can I apply for another visa when my course finishes?

Yes, if you meet New Zealand Immigration policy. For details of other visa options, visit www.immigration.govt.nz.

What are my obligations on this visa?

You must hold comprehensive health insurance for the duration of your stay, as only residents and holders of two year or longer work permits are eligible for publicly funded health and disability services in New Zealand. You also have a legal obligation to be in New Zealand on a valid visa at all times. If you fail to do this you may be declined a permit to remain in or a visa to travel to the country in the future. ☹



Working in New Zealand after you graduate: The Post Study Work Visa

If you complete an acceptable qualification in New Zealand you will be eligible to apply for a Post Study Work Visa (PSWV) after you graduate. Depending what qualification you studied and where you studied it, you'll be able to work for almost any employer in New Zealand for up to three years, and do almost any kind of work.

In order to be eligible to apply for a PSWV, you must have completed a qualification assessed at level 7 or above on the NZQF. University level study in New Zealand from bachelors degrees upward meets this criteria.

If you studied a degree Level 7 or higher qualification you must have studied it full time for at least 30 weeks in New Zealand in order to be eligible for this visa.

If you've completed a qualification at level 7 (Bachelors) or above, you can work for any employer, in any job. If you have studied a non-degree level 7 or lower qualification, it must be on

the list of qualifications eligible for a Post Study Work Visa. Your study must have been full-time in New Zealand, and for the full duration required to gain the qualification. The job you end up taking must be related to what you studied. This will be specified in your visa conditions.

You must apply for a Post Study Work Visa no later than three months after your New Zealand student visa expires if you completed a degree Level 7 or higher qualification, unless you studied a doctoral degree, in which case you must apply for your PSWV no later than six months after your New Zealand student visa expires.

For detailed information on this visa option, please visit www.immigration.govt.nz/visas/post-study-work-visa

For the latest information on all options to remain in New Zealand and work after completing a New Zealand qualification please use the visa search tool online at www.immigration.govt.nz/visas/



What will I need to apply?

The full requirements are given at www.immigration.govt.nz/visas/fee-paying-student-visa/ but an outline list of documents and requirements is as follows:

- The completed application form
- A valid passport (you will need to upload the information page)
- An acceptable (passport) photo
- The application fee
- An unconditional offer of place to study at a university in New Zealand
- University-issued receipt showing

- payment of one year's tuition
- Evidence that you have access to sufficient funds for living costs
- Evidence of sufficient funds to purchase an outward ticket
- Evidence of your health status, if required
- A police certificate, if required
- You will also be asked to provide general information about yourself and your circumstances to demonstrate genuine intention that you intend to study while in New Zealand – these questions are part of the online application.





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