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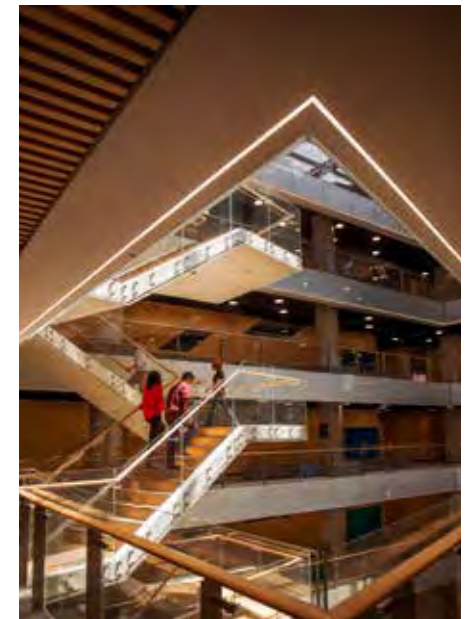
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Why go?

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 three Australian universities ranked in the world's top 20, according to the 2025 QS World University Rankings, with a further six Australian and one New Zealand listed 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 standards are. There are over 160 universities in the UK; 15 of which are ranked in the 2025 world's top 100 by QS. Four UK universities are listed in the top 20. Australia's top three universities are the University of Melbourne, the University of Sydney and UNSW Sydney.

Aim to check and compare different rankings to get a balanced picture. See also the international university rankings from the Times Higher Education and the Academic Ranking of World Universities.

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2 THE QUALITY OF UNIVERSITY TEACHING AND RESEARCH AVAILABLE

Australian and New Zealand universities are internationally prestigious, research-led institutions, many of which are ranked among the world's best. The qualifications that they teach and 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 have 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 is key to ensuring a quality learning experience for all students, including undergraduates and postgraduates studying by coursework, as research discoveries and knowledge filters down to inform all levels of university teaching.

See the individual university profiles on pages 37 to 61 (Australia) and 70 to 77 (New Zealand) for more.

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 chance 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

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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 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 amazing experiences to be had. 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 explore the great outdoors.

Find out how students spend their time on pages 8-9, 12-13 and 16-17.



4 FLEXIBLE COURSES AND DEDICATED, ACCESSIBLE ACADEMICS

Australian and New Zealand degrees are much broader and more flexible in structure than in the UK. Compare the opportunities they offer to the content and structure of the 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, better than another.

This degree structure means you will have a much wider choice in terms of the courses that you study and will be able to create a programme uniquely tailored to your interests and career goals.

Contact teaching hours for undergraduates 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 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 you?

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

"The first – and most important – thing to check is that there are suitable courses available. Have a look at www.studyoptions.com/what-can-i-study for an overview of what you can do and contact Study Options to get a list of all the degree 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, you can book a meeting with one of our student advisors to go through the different options.

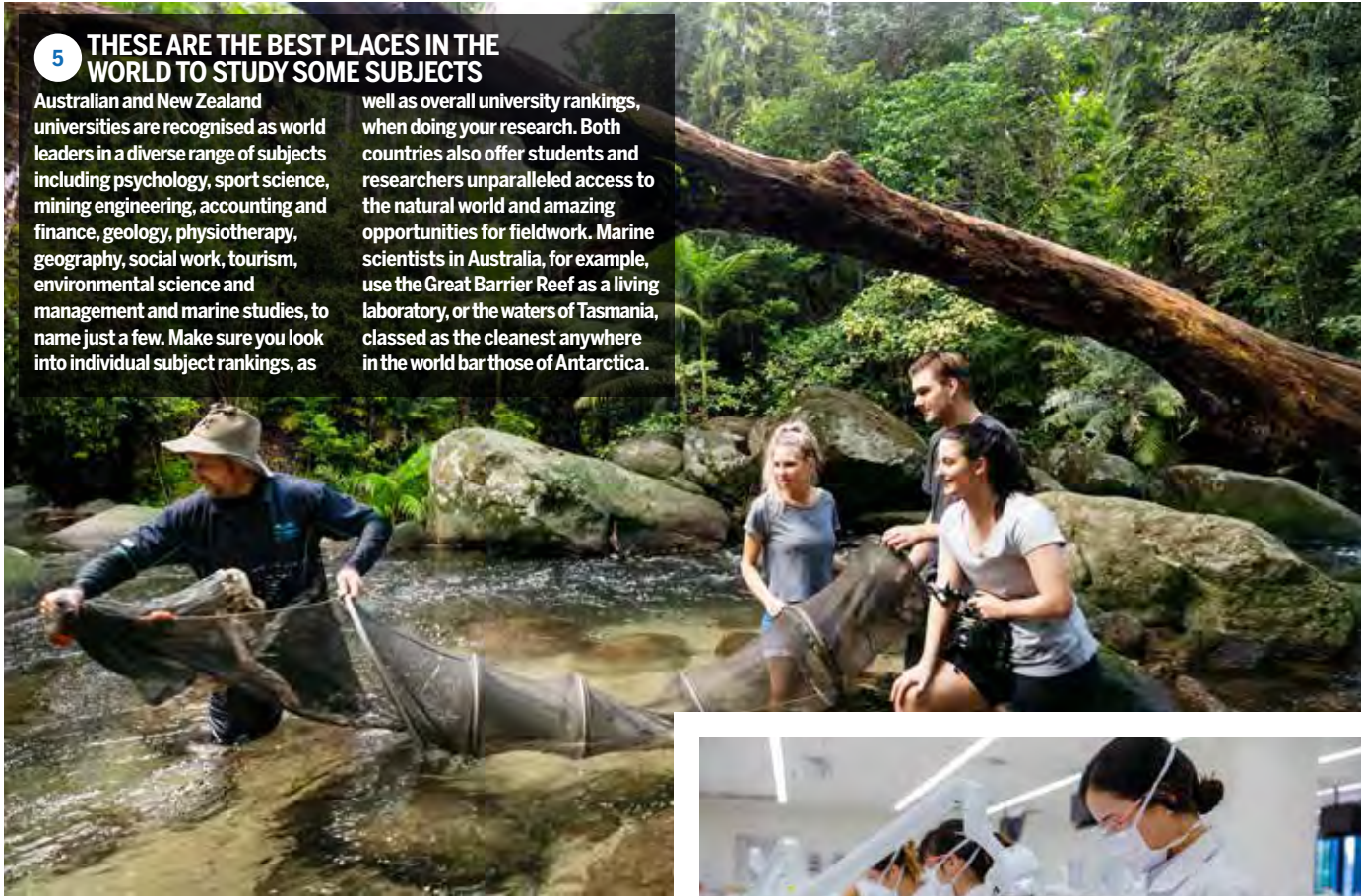
"Once you've looked at courses, the next thing to check is costs. You'll need to budget for tuition fees and living costs for your study. Costs can be a big factor in deciding where you study, so it's important to plan budgets and funding in to your research as early as possible. See page 25 for information about tuition fees and pages 32 and 64 for guidelines on the cost of living in both countries.

"Last, consider whether the lifestyle in Australia or in New Zealand would suit you; and if you're 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 online at studyoptions.com/student-stories/"

5 THESE ARE THE BEST PLACES IN THE WORLD TO STUDY SOME SUBJECTS

Australian and New Zealand universities are recognised as world leaders in a diverse range of subjects including psychology, sport science, mining engineering, accounting and finance, geology, physiotherapy, geography, social work, tourism, environmental science and management and marine studies, to name just a few. Make sure you look into individual subject rankings, as

well as overall university rankings, when doing your research. Both countries also offer students and researchers unparalleled access to the natural world and amazing opportunities for fieldwork. Marine scientists in Australia, for example, use the Great Barrier Reef as a living laboratory, or the waters of Tasmania, classed as the cleanest anywhere in the world bar those of Antarctica.



6 STRONG GRADUATE JOB PROSPECTS

Studying a 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 firmly focused on graduate employability and offer a huge number of opportunities – and support systems – to make sure that students graduate career-ready. These include plenty of options for hands-on, real-world learning in all degrees. Look out for your chances to undertake fieldwork, internships or industry placements or projects 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.

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 and accreditation bodies for these professions in the UK, Australia and New Zealand have reciprocal 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 professional veterinary science degrees taught at our Australian and New Zealand partner universities. This allows students to qualify as a vet and return to work in the UK without having to take a registration test or do any further study.



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!



What can I study?

New Zealand and Australian universities offer qualifications in a huge range of subjects at undergraduate and postgraduate level, from bachelors degrees through to masters (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 going to 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 New Zealand or Australian university. They also offer students the opportunity to study subjects that are not widely available here, such as oceanography, tropical marine biology, maritime archaeology, Asia-Pacific diplomacy, children's literature, Antarctic studies and Indigenous history and culture.

Although many of the academic subjects available are the same, their content or emphasis may

be different. Australian and New Zealand universities offer a different perspective on 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 just 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 at universities in the UK.



How can I find out what degree courses are available in my subject?

You can get a course list from Study Options by sending an enquiry online at www.studyoptions.com/contact, or by getting in touch on 0117 911 5610, or 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 a particular university? Do you need to be in a specific city or location? Tell us!

We will send you a list of the courses available in your chosen subject. This will include details of each course's content and structure, as well as entry requirements, tuition fees, application deadlines and other key information. 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 in a meeting online or in person to talk through your options.



Undergraduate (bachelor) degrees

A bachelors degree from a New Zealand or Australian university is the direct academic equivalent of a bachelor degree awarded by a UK university. The similarities don't end there; degrees usually take the same amount of time to complete. A standard bachelor degree – for example a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Business or Bachelor of Science – will usually require three years of study, just as it would in the UK. Professional and specialist degrees (such as the Bachelor of Physiotherapy, or Bachelor of Veterinary Science) take longer to complete.

Undergraduate teaching and assessment methods

Teaching methods are also 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 yourself.

The teaching atmosphere is less formal than at universities in the UK, and many students tell us they find academics in Australia and New Zealand accessible and approachable if they have issues with or queries about their work.

Australian and New Zealand degrees are assessed continually from first year, so marks effectively count toward a final degree result from the start of the course. This is different to the assessment system the UK, which only counts marks from the second and third year of a degree to determine a student's final grade.

Contact teaching hours

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



Did you know?

If you want to experience student life in Australia or New Zealand but are unsure about spending a long time away from home, there are alternatives for you to consider. Many Australian and New Zealand universities offer shorter study options, starting from just four months. See page 24 for more information, or get in touch at www.studyoptions.com/contact

Greater flexibility; greater breadth

In New Zealand and Australia, general bachelors degrees in areas such as arts, science and business are much broader and more flexible than 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 will 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 completely different academic areas of the university.

This approach allows you to effectively construct a degree unique to you and your interests, and which can be individually tailored to fit your future career goals.

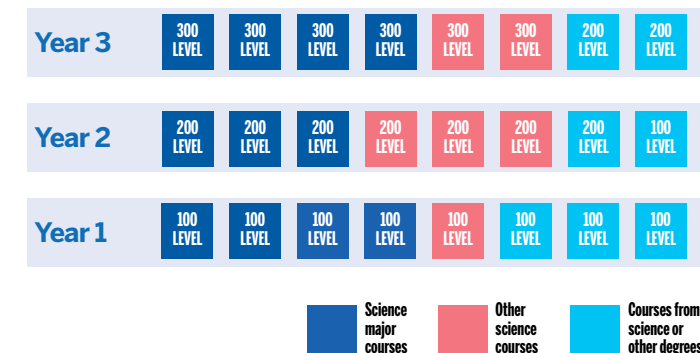
This broad, flexible structure also allows you to explore subjects that

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 also more forgiving if you get to university and realise that your chosen subject is not as you expected. In Australia and New Zealand it is not unusual for a student to change their major during their first year, and such a change does not necessarily impact on the total time required to complete a degree.

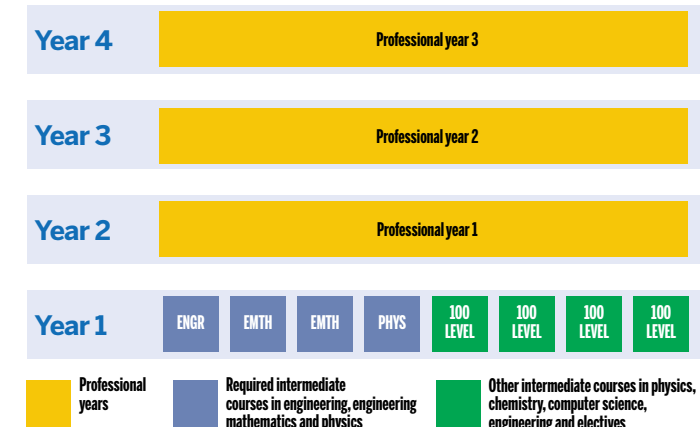
Here are some examples of study plans for different undergraduate degrees in Australia and New Zealand. These plans are only examples; many other combinations are possible. Check the course structure for degrees you are interested in carefully to see what opportunities they offer. All course details, including structure and content, are provided on Study Options' subject lists, so to get started go to www.studyoptions.com/contact to ask for a course list, 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 subject – chemistry, finance, geology, marketing, mathematics, management and so on.

BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING

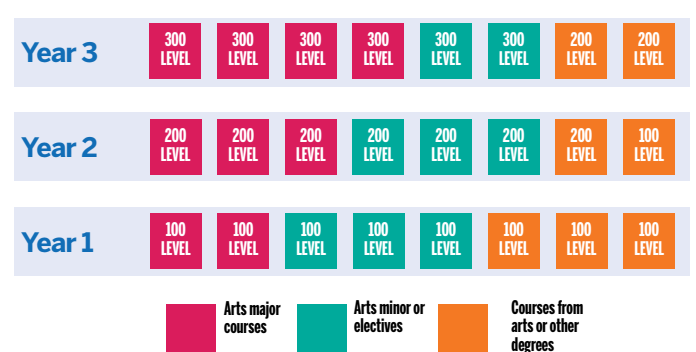


The broad, flexible structure described above only applies to general academic degrees. Students studying professional or specialist subjects, such as engineering (above), medicine, law or social work will follow set, structured study programmes that offer little or no opportunity to take electives from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

What can I study?
Undergraduate degrees

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BACHELOR OF ARTS

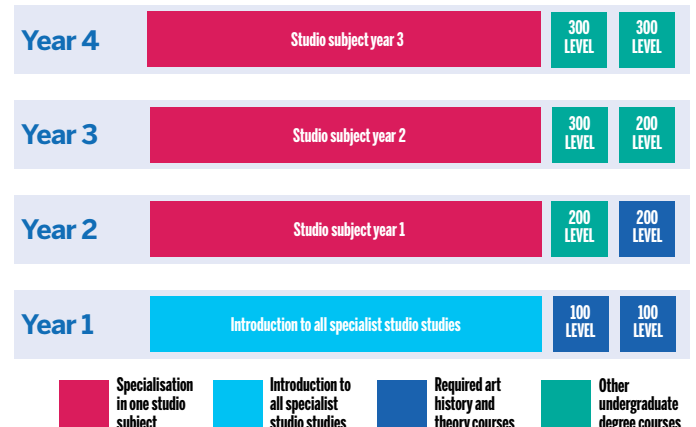


A Bachelor of Arts is the most flexible degree of all, offering students the opportunity to study other subjects from the arts and humanities faculty as well as courses from other faculties alongside their chosen major subject.

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.

Berenice Ilic

Berenice started a Bachelor of Arts majoring in psychology at the University of Melbourne in February 2024

“Where did the idea of studying here come from? My best friend is half Australian and she was thinking of going to university here, so we would talk about it together. I felt that Australia was somewhere really far away, a very interesting and exciting place to be able to live in and grow.

“Then Sarah from Study Options came to my school and that really helped. It wasn't just a crazy idea anymore; meeting her made things seem concrete and achievable.”

“After I finished my IB, I was able to travel to Australia to visit the universities I had offers from. This was a big opportunity for me and if you are able to do that I would definitely recommend it. At the time everyone around me was making such a big deal about the fact that I wanted to go to university so far away; it made me feel as though it was some fantasy, an unrealistic plan. Visiting made things so much more real.

“I chose Melbourne Uni in part because I wanted to be located right in the city. I'd been to boarding school in the UK, so felt I'd already had an experience of living on a campus. I wanted to experience something new.

“Melbourne provides a lot of facilities and resources for its students; it does feel as though there is a lot of effort put into our lives not only as students but also as young adults living on their own for the first time. Melbourne is also the top-ranked university in Australia and that was something I considered – I was drawn to that.

“I live in really nice University accommodation. There are 600 students here, living in different apartment configurations. I'm in a four-bed, four-bathroom apartment; we share a kitchen and a living room. We have to cook and clean for ourselves, so it's very independent, but there is a lot of extra security and a feeling that you're not alone! There are also lots of activities that are put on for us every week, there's so much to do. You can find cool communal areas here too – music rooms, study rooms, cinema rooms, a

free gym. It's like being in an apartment complex but one that has a lot of shared facilities and activities available.

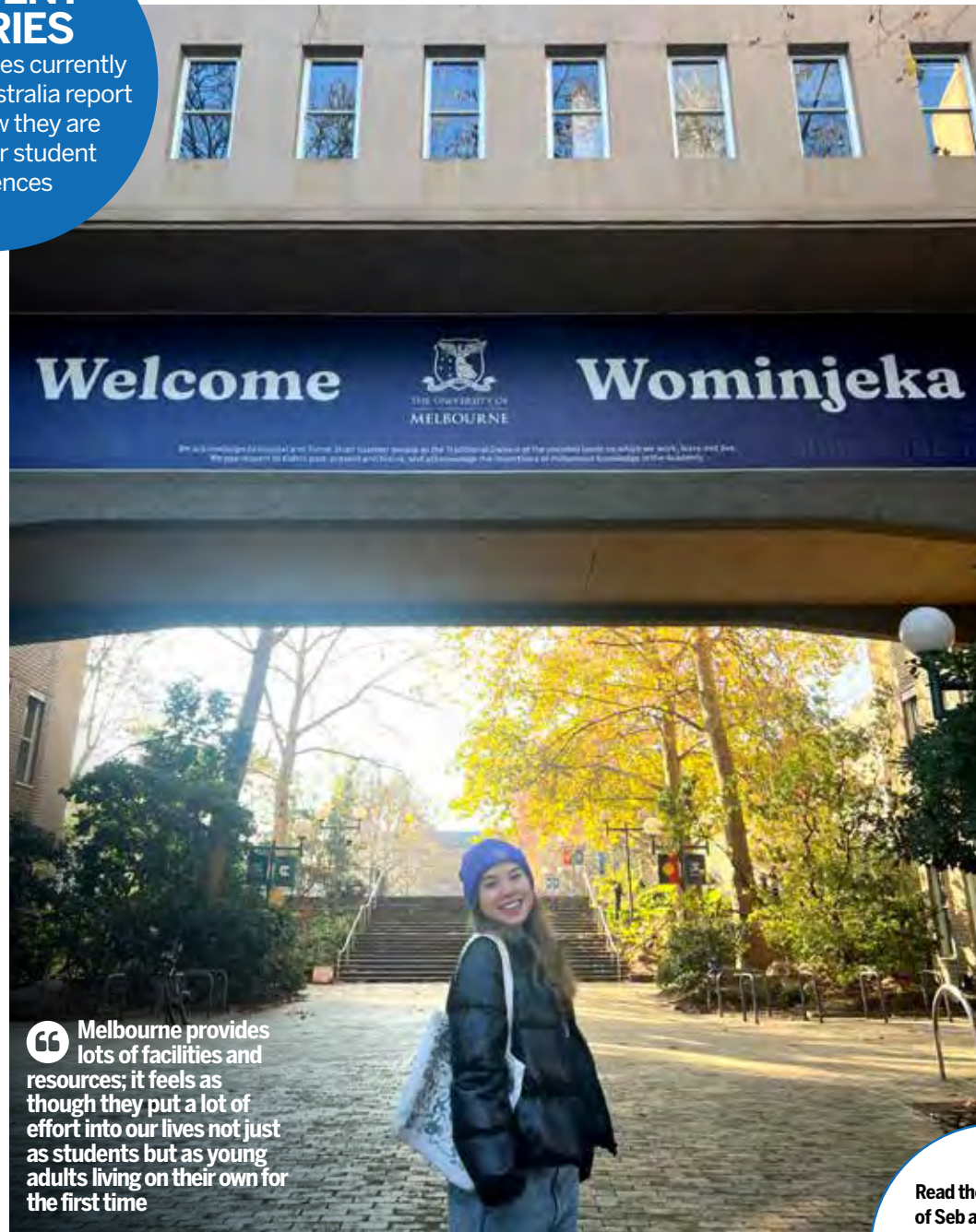
“We're really near the campus – about a 10 minute walk, it's very convenient. I think it's a big plus to live in uni accommodation in first year, just being with other people who are going through the same things as you are and who are at similar stages of life to you is reassuring.

“My course has been good so far. I like that my degree is so diverse. I think the whole point of doing an arts degree is about feeling free to explore whatever you are interested in. For example, I decided to take a course in Chinese and I am taking a song-writing course, and also doing psychology. I'm trying to make the most of it because I feel that it's such a great opportunity to be able to try all these different things and to do so much within one degree. I like the fact that while I'm majoring in psychology, I'm not studying psychology all the time. The way the subjects are taught is very diverse, because the subjects themselves are so diverse. The classes are great, the resources are great and there's always help available if we need it. I'm enjoying it so far!

“As I was in boarding school before and was already used to living away from family I thought this change from school to university would be easy, but it's not!! It is still hard, sometimes I do just think that I want to go home and because I'm so far away I can't. But I think it's inevitable to feel that way sometimes; it's a part of growing up. It is important to learn how to build your own life, and to understand that you can be ok with being on your own. So, the process has sometimes felt hard, but then again it can't have been too hard because here I am, almost half a year done already, with my friends and my new life in Melbourne and I'm organised and I'm managing things – I'm ok! Plus I can cook now, which is great.”

STUDENT STORIES

Undergraduates currently studying in Australia report back on how they are finding their student experiences



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Read the full versions of Seb and Berenice's student stories, and many many others, at <https://studyoptions.com/student-stories/>



Sebastian Berry

Sebastian started a BSc in Medical Science at the University of Sydney in February 2024

“I started thinking about university in Australia years ago; I always knew that I wanted to study abroad. Australia is English-speaking, which already takes away a big intimidation factor, but it's also a country that's so different to the UK. I felt it would offer me a very new experience and lifestyle, compared to what the UK offers.

“The good thing about applying to Australia is because the academic year starts in February, it gives you a half gap year. I found that break to be a really positive thing. You then start in February feeling fresh, and having had some time out to do what you like.

“I got to Sydney about two or three weeks before the start of the semester, which I'd say was a pretty ideal time to travel. It gave me some time to settle in. The University of Sydney is really good at arranging pre-semester events where you can meet people, make friends, get a feel for the University and for your subject. I made sure I had an event booked in pretty much every other day, and used the rest of my time to see the city.

“I love my degree! I study medical science and so far that's given me the chance to do a unit in chemistry, another in biology, one in data science and one in leadership. I really like that they allow you to choose four different subjects each semester. A couple of subjects are compulsory, but you also get to take elective subjects and the options in terms of what you can choose to study are great.

“It's everything I hoped I'd be studying and has also given me the chance to do something new which has been good. In the future my degree will become more focused, but right now things are quite open which I really like. I never thought I'd get to study coding during my first year studying a degree in medical science!

“This has given me a new outlook on life; made me more willing to step out of my comfort zone and that has been a really positive thing. Nothing really intimidates me anymore

“A really positive thing about Sydney Uni is the sheer number of societies and clubs they offer. At the beginning of the semester I joined about five or six.

“Every couple of weeks a club or society will do something – from a small BBQ for people to meet and talk, right up to a weekend camp. I went on the Science Society camp early on. We went off for a few days to somewhere outside the city and that's where I met my best friends in Sydney. There were loads of people who went, you do all sorts of activities, it's a lot of fun. It's things like that that really help you to make friends because they allow you to meet like-minded people. The events that they run are really varied – escape rooms, bowling, a pub crawl, out to a club – there's something for everyone.

“I know the idea of university in Australia can feel daunting; I was definitely stepping outside my comfort zone by going. But the University makes it so easy to try new things and make new friends. My number one tip would be: Sign up for everything! You don't know beforehand what you're going to like and what you don't, so give everything a go.

“I feel a bit of a different person now. Before I left for Australia I was more closed, more introverted. The old me would never have imagined that I would do this; go all the way to Australia to go to university. Once I went, and forced myself to experience all these new things, it gave me a new perspective on life. It made me realise that I really do enjoy having new experiences and trying new things, even though I was perhaps scared to do that before. It's given me a new outlook, really, made me more willing to step out of my comfort zone and that's been a really positive thing. Nothing really intimidates me anymore.

“Going out to Australia I was definitely feeling apprehensive – thinking is this going to go the way I want it to, am I going to like it, am I going to be able to make friends – but I wouldn't change a thing now. If I had to do it all again, I would do, 100%. It's been great.”

Postgraduate study options (taught/by coursework)

Australian and New Zealand universities offer an extensive range of course options for students interested in postgraduate study

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 taught, undertaken by research, or as a combination of the two) there are also graduate and postgraduate diplomas and graduate 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 initially meet entry requirements, as a way of pathwaying into masters courses.

Here we take a look at some of the different 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 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, the Master of Education could be an opportunity to study and specialise in education for gifted children, SEN, or management. An engineer could enrol on a Master of Engineering in order to become a specialist in a given field, or to train in management for engineering. To be eligible for entry to these courses applicants are usually required to have relevant work experience as well as a professional academic qualification in their field. These courses are usually

taught, though some may offer research modules.

2. 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 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, physiotherapy, dentistry and veterinary science, among many others. Some require applicants to have a relevant undergraduate degree but others don't, so don't assume that your options will be set or limited by your academic background – contact Study Options to check!

These courses are almost always taught, with very few or no opportunities for 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 strongly relevant 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 the two.

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 of Commerce – a broad-based postgraduate programme that provides a solid grounding in most aspects of business before giving students a chance to specialise in marketing, finance, management or many others. 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.

Masters courses vary in length. In New Zealand they are usually 12-18 months (coursework) or two years long (coursework and research). In 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 background.

Masters degrees can be taught, or studied by research, or by a combination of the two.

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



What's in a (course) name?

"If you can't immediately see the course you are looking for, that doesn't necessarily mean that 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 assume it isn't available; it might just have a different title. For example, many UK universities now use specific degree names, such as 'Bachelor of Marketing'. In Australia and New Zealand, the same degree would be a 'Bachelor of Commerce (Marketing)'. UK graduates looking for a teacher training course will not find a PGCE (Postgraduate Certificate in Education) because the equivalent course in Australia is the Master of Teaching.

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as well as details of tuition fees, entry requirements, application deadlines and other key information. Please go through the 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 to discuss your options."

Philippa Goddard

Philippa studied the Master of Public Policy at Monash University

“After several years of working full time after my undergraduate degree, I took the decision to pursue a masters programme overseas. A few short months after making this decision, and with the support of Study Options, I had packed up my life in the UK and my partner and I were en route to Melbourne. We had never stepped foot in Australia before so this was a bit of a jump!

“I have been studying at Monash University and have absolutely loved it. Coming back to study after several years has been so refreshing, and I appreciate it all the more for having been out of it for a while. My course has been fantastic – I am fully absorbed in it and have loved everything I’ve studied. It has been intense, too, with each unit delivered over a short six-week period, and classes mostly delivered during the evening. Assignments come thick and fast and you really have to throw yourself into it. I have gained

so much already from this and can’t wait to see what the next steps hold for me.

“I’ve made an effort to get to know my professors and what the wider university has to offer. I have a part-time job at the Monash Graduate Association and have been offered a role with my Programme Director on a research project. I am going to be writing a thesis next year and hope to make strong faculty connections during my time here, with the ambition to potentially pursue a research role or to perhaps undertake a PhD once I graduate.

“Looking back, I would say the first three months were the most challenging. There is so much admin to do when you first arrive

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– finding a flat, enrolling on your course, finding a job, organising a bank account/ phone contract/tax number. It is exhausting and not always fun. There’s an added pressure in that first few months of getting this whole new life set up, and wanting to do it quickly. Finding friends and a social life was a major part of that for me, and it didn’t come as instantly or as easily as I’d perhaps expected. Through joining a couple of university societies and going to as many campus socials as possible, I found people that I connected with. Slowly but surely, you build up a life and a community. After passing that three-month mark, I found myself to be really happy here in Melbourne, at Monash, and am excited for what’s next on my journey in Australia.”

Philippa’s advice:

- Monash’s campuses are a little far out and I would definitely recommend living closer to the city. We were lucky enough to find an apartment right in the heart of Melbourne, which has meant we’ve been so close to everything that the CBD has to offer. Melbourne constantly has festivals happening – food and drink, comedy, film – and is always putting on free events. The city also has quick access to the beautiful beaches on the coast and to the outer suburbs.
- There is so much to explore in Victoria so make sure you make time to do it. A weekend trip away every now and then is a good way to get started.
- Put yourself out there as much as possible. Ask questions you wouldn’t normally – this has got me both my jobs and good relationships with my lecturers. Go to events you might not feel like, join societies even if you’re unsure. These are the places you’ll make connections and find friends – something you can’t be without in a new city.



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Study Options students talk about their experiences of studying taught postgraduate programmes in Australia



“The teaching here at Melbourne is excellent. Some of my lecturers have been world-class. They talk about their research and their work is cutting edge, right at the forefront of what is happening in industry

Oliver Popham

Oliver started the Master of Energy Systems at the University of Melbourne in semester 1 (February) 2024

“I did my undergrad degree at the University of Liverpool. I graduated in July 2023, but didn’t find out that I’d got my place at Melbourne until about November.

“I did a year in industry in the third year of my degree and from that experience I knew I needed to do a masters. You don’t have to have a masters for engineering, but it is really helpful. I couldn’t quite bring myself to go through another year of studying in the UK, though, so I started considering universities abroad. I only speak English, so that was an immediate limit on where I could go. Costs came into it as well, as did university reputation – I wanted to go to a good, well-ranked, internationally-recognised university.

“I looked at Canada, Singapore, Australia and America, but I’d heard amazing things about Australia. I’m a big skier, and there’s skiing near to Melbourne and in New Zealand. Plus I wanted to get into surfing, so all those kind of factors seemed to point in this direction. I then looked for my course, and found one that’s pretty unique. There’s a similar course at Oxford in the UK, but in terms of well-regarded universities offering this course, there’s not a lot of options. And cost-wise, I don’t think Australia is hugely different to if I studied at home in the UK, which is not something that is necessarily true of other countries.

“I think it is noticeable that many Australian universities are really well ranked, yet seem less competitive than in the UK. The University of Melbourne is not far off Oxford and Cambridge in the international rankings, but it didn’t feel as competitive to get a place, which is another advantage.

“The other nice bit about Australia is they start in February, which meant that I could have six months off in between degrees without having time off, if that makes sense. I didn’t necessarily want a year off stepping outside the system.

“My course has been brilliant so far. Better than I’d expected, which is nice. The level of teaching here is excellent. I had some good lecturers at Liverpool, but some of my lecturers here have been world class. One is a principal researcher at the local electrical grid and he’s a science communicator who has

just been brilliant. Some of the other academics will get to the end of their lecture and then talk about their research and their work is cutting edge, right at the forefront of what’s happening in industry. You feel like you’re directly liaising with really high class academics and their teaching is equally good, which has been great.

“I’ve really tried to get involved with things outside my course. One of my priorities coming here was to not be as obsessed with studying as perhaps I was during my undergraduate degree. So I’ve joined the surf society, which has been really fun. Plus it unlocks some really nice places to visit all around Melbourne. Victoria as a state I think is awesome. I’ve just bought a ski pass for Australia too, the runs have opened this week and I’m hoping to go soon.

“I’ve ended up being the secretary for my course society as well, so we’re going to start putting on a few events and an industry night and things like that, which should be interesting.

“I love living in Melbourne; I think it’s amazing. It’s very unique city, it’s got so many different areas to explore. And the coffee here is incredible. I don’t know how I’ll ever go back to Costa!

“I live in student accommodation at the moment, at a university college, but I’m moving out to live with friends next semester. I’d recommend anyone go for the college option, at least for their first semester. I found it very reassuring to know I was going somewhere safe, somewhere you know will be in a good area, all of that. I’m at International House, which is in a great location and is filled with really interesting people from all over the world. When I first arrived I got in at about 1am, but when I got to International House there was someone there to take me to my room, which was all set up and ready for me. I did have to sleep on my bed without a blanket; but it could have been a lot worse!

“My first semester here at Melbourne has flown by. I’ve absolutely loved it, it’s been such a positive experience. If you can do this, I’d say do it. I’d thoroughly, thoroughly recommend the experience to anyone if you’re lucky enough to get this opportunity.”

Postgraduate programmes by research

Research programme options include MRes and PhD. All Australian and New Zealand universities welcome research applications from qualified 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 potential routes to consider:

- Look for an existing research project that you can apply to join as a PhD student
- Apply independently. To do this you will first need to establish contact with a potential supervisor and get provisional approval for your intended 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; 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 – all before you can start working on an actual 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. You are looking for the right fit – is this supervisor, or project, or university, where you want to base yourself and your research?

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

A research proposal does not need to be perfect, finalised, or even particularly detailed when

you first get in contact 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, contact us on 0117 911 5610 or mail@studyoptions.com. Remember, however, that you will always, inevitably, know much more than we do about your intended field 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 university tutors or other academic staff or contacts for their ideas and suggestions on possible destinations for your research, for example, and do your homework to see which Australian or New Zealand-based academics are publishing or researching in your field of interest, and which universities they are based at.

Finding a supervisor

Establishing contact with a potential academic supervisor or research project leader can be a time-consuming and sometimes frustrating process, but it is extremely important and well worth investing a lot of 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 at the university. They are also often good sources of ideas and information regarding scholarships and may be able to tell you about options that other people within a university are not widely aware of.

As a start point, please look at the university profiles in the Guide and on www.studyoptions.com to start thinking about which you might consider approaching.

Search for a supervisor online

Many Australian and New Zealand

universities provide an online tool that enables students to search for suitable supervisors among their research-active staff. These search functions are all linked from the Study Options website, at studyoptions.com/research-degrees-mphil-mres-phd/

Making a formal application for admission as a research student

Once you have established contact with a potential supervisor and secured provisional support for your application, either from them directly or from 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 free support and advice 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 by the academic calendar in the same way as a coursework student is. Instead, you are able to start your PhD or your Masters by Research at a date that's agreed to be mutually suitable for you and your academic supervisor, or by the head of the research group you are going to be joining. There are therefore no strict deadlines to the application process to work to and there are research students commencing their programmes in almost all 12 months of any given year. Please see the information above for scholarship deadlines.

Funding for research students

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

At some universities, 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 once an offer to study has been issued. Please check the requirements of each specific scholarship in plenty of time, and contact Study Options to check any details you are unsure of.

Most scholarships have fixed, strict 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 funding your research study in Australia or New Zealand and where to 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 long-standing New Zealand Government policy that aims to attract talented researchers, and which reduces costs considerably.



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Current research students on how they are finding their study experiences in Australia and New Zealand

Jack Webster

Jack began a PhD at the University of Auckland in January 2023

“Having left the UK after finishing my bachelors, moving to Shanghai to begin work in international education, I was never keen on returning to the UK for further studies. I decided to explore research opportunities, academics that were available for doctoral supervision in my field and funding options at prestigious universities around the world.

“I contacted five or six academics at different universities, outlining my background, research interests, experience and why I had chosen to contact them specifically. I landed on the University of Auckland and arranged a Zoom call with a potential supervisor.

“This was a vital moment in my search. I had spoken to a couple of potential supervisors already and, while I respected them and their approach to supervision, I never felt sure that I would enjoy working with them on my research study. So, I was relieved to find that, after an hour's call with my supervisor at the University of Auckland, I had found the right person to support and guide me through my studies. This person was to become my primary supervisor in a team of

“Take your time choosing a supervisor, make sure you are satisfied that you and they are a good fit. Having the right supervisor(s) is critical to a positive study experience

three – each having a specialist role to support aspects of my work.

“I think that choosing the right supervisor is critical to a positive study experience. The first few months abroad are challenging for anyone. I had a few friends that I knew from university living in Auckland, and a couple of friends I had met while teaching abroad, but it still takes five to six months to feel settled and comfortable in new surroundings. So, having my supervisors there to discuss and offer advice on all aspects of life was incredibly comforting.

Supervisors aren't just there for academic support (although they are excellent at this) – they can be the emotional support you need in those early months. I moved to New Zealand just before Christmas and one asked if I'd like to join them for Christmas dinner! I had already made plans but the offer itself gave me a huge sense of gratification that I had made a great choice for my studies and life.

“This is perhaps the best bit of advice I can give: take your time choosing supervisors; contact them via email and try to arrange a

call to speak to them over Zoom; make sure that you are satisfied that you and the supervisor(s) are a good fit.

"Now that I am looking towards finishing my confirmation year in the coming months, I can say that, especially at first, PhD life is strange. There's no way of describing what day-to-day life looks like, let alone a week or a semester of PhD studies. This was challenging at first as I had no idea whether I was wasting my time doing something that wouldn't benefit my study in the long run.

"My advice here is to speak to others in your school or students who have started at the same time as you and get a sense of what they are doing day-to-day. You'll quickly find that everyone is in the same boat and that there is no 'perfect' way of doing a PhD. As long as you are hitting the targets and milestones you and your supervisor have set, there's no set way of going about a PhD study. Trust the process.

"Last, it has to be said that Study Options were fantastic throughout my application. I didn't plan on moving to Auckland until after Christmas but, in October, a scholarship was offered on the condition that I had to arrive in Auckland before December. This was great, except I hadn't started the visa process and didn't have any documents ready. Luckily, Sarah was able to offer advice and explain expected timeframes for applications to help me navigate my change of plans. I landed in Auckland on November 21 – nine days to spare!

"Overall, I am delighted with my choice to move to Auckland. The laidback lifestyle, the welcoming locals and the famous scenery all make this a fantastic place to study. I'm already looking for ways to stay beyond my PhD."



Ellie Farenden

Ellie moved to Australia in 2021 to study a masters by research at the University of Queensland

"I completed my undergraduate degree in Global Health and Social Medicine at King's College London in 2019. As part of this degree, I studied abroad in Baltimore in the United States and had an amazing time, which was part of the reason I started looking at completing my masters degree abroad.

"After finishing my undergraduate degree, I did a two-month road trip down the east coast of Australia, from Cairns to Melbourne. I was surprised at how much I loved the Australian lifestyle, and this really piqued my interest in studying over here. I had been keeping an eye on potential postgraduate research opportunities, and found a scholarship available for an MPhil student at the Centre for Health Services Research at the University of Queensland. This work involved joining an existing project which was evaluating a new model of care for people with Type 2 diabetes using remote patient monitoring.

"I had had an interest in chronic condition prevention and management, and digital health, during my undergraduate degree and my time working in NHS project management, so I got in touch with the team at UQ to find out more. Once I sent in my CV, a writing sample, and had an interview over Zoom, I was offered the scholarship which covers my tuition fees and provides a living stipend. Of course, COVID then hit and put everything on hold, but after a long wait due to border closures, having to get permission from the Australian Government to enter the country, and two

weeks of hotel quarantine, I finally landed in Brisbane in September 2021.

"It took a little while to get up to speed with the project, and the first few months consisted of a lot of reading, so I took that opportunity to complete some online courses to prepare me for my research. I then

completed my confirmation milestone by completing a literature review and research proposal, along with a panel-assessed presentation. Then I could finally look forward to getting started with my data collection. My research involves evaluating the perspectives of patients, healthcare professionals and executives involved in the new model of care which makes use of a Bluetooth-enabled glucose meter connected to an app, which reports information back to the care team for feedback.

"Day-to-day my work is very self-directed; I am in touch with my supervisors regularly but am able to take the lead on preparation for my research. This also means I can be quite flexible with where I work – I am often in the hospital where my research is taking place, but I also love working at UQ's St Lucia campus or enjoying the river views at the State Library of Queensland when I can!

"In my latest semester, I also took on a role as a tutor for one of the medical school courses at UQ, which was a great opportunity to expand my skills in teaching and marking, as well as meeting a great team of other researchers who I likely would not have met otherwise. This worked out as a great way for me to supplement my income along with the scholarship living stipend while also boosting my academic experience for my CV.

"I'm really enjoying living in Brisbane, it feels like a big city without being too busy, and of course there are so many amazing places around Queensland that are great for a weekend trip. I've also been able to get over to Sydney and South Australia and am always keen to do more travelling around Australia!

"The team at Study Options were so helpful throughout my experience and were always available to answer my many questions about paperwork and visas. I would really recommend that anyone interested in studying in Australia or New Zealand gets in touch with them to find out what opportunities are out there!"

"I worked as a tutor for one of the medical school courses at UQ – it was a great opportunity to expand my teaching skills, as well as to meet other researchers



Mathilde Merridale Punter

Mathilde is studying a PhD in vet science at the University of Melbourne

"I am a vet by training, and normally the way that you specialise is via clinical specialities. But the area that I work in is more to do with industry, and there isn't a clinical speciality available for me. So I thought I would do some research, improve my skills as a researcher in the area that I'm working in, which would allow me the possibility to go into academia if I wanted. But also a PhD was the only way for me to get a further qualification in the specific area that I'm working in.

"My partner was relocated to Australia; we previously lived in London. It was daunting as I wasn't familiar with Australian universities.

"I didn't apply for an existing project. My PhD came about through me contacting people that work in the same area that I work in and asking if they would be interested in creating a PhD position for me.

"I had a very firm idea of the topic I wanted to research, but I didn't have an exact research question in mind when I first approached them, so we built the project together. That was really the most daunting thing for me. I didn't know how any of this worked; applying with an independent proposal, rather than joining an existing group, was alien. But it is possible to apply with a skeleton proposal, and then dedicate the first few months of your PhD to building that.

"If I am honest, I think it is probably far easier to apply for an existing, pre-packaged PhD position than to apply with an independent proposal as I did – like applying for a job rather than creating one! It was a lot of work. But I don't regret it at all, because the big advantage of doing it this way is that I get to do exactly what I want. I was able to design my own project, from a blank canvas, which is a privilege. By contrast, since being at the University I've spoken to a lot of PhD students who say they wouldn't necessarily have chosen their exact area of research, but it was what was available in their field at the time.

"So my first step was to apply for a PhD position, which was relatively straightforward, particularly as I had lots of support from my supervisors. But that was only step 1, because that got me an offer with full international tuition fees attached. It just wasn't an option to pay those fees, so I was very dependant on getting a scholarship.



"This was the next stage. My area of research is working equids in low income countries, cart donkeys and cart horses in developing countries, which are a huge part of the economies there. It is in collaboration with the NGO I worked for. Because it has some social significance, some development work, people were interested and so – step one and a half – I was awarded a fee exemption. That made it into a possibility, it felt like a huge step forward when that was confirmed. And then I was given a full University scholarship, so I got a living stipend as well.

"When you are applying for a PhD with a new idea it is very important to have a strong connection to your prospective supervisors. I speak to people here at the University who are potential supervisors and they get constant approaches from people asking whether they have anything available. You really have to stand out in that process, make sure you bring detail, don't just randomly contact someone by chance. Busy academics are only human, they'll respond to someone who really captures their attention. Perhaps because you bring something of value, which is what I think happened in my case. It was my connection to industry – I had been working at the NGO for some time – which gave me a privileged insight into this sector. There are not many people researching into this area, even in an academic setting it's hard to get access to it. But I worked for an NGO that had a lot of people on the ground, had access to a lot of data and information that would be useful, and that was my USP. It's important to be able to pitch your case to the University on why you doing your PhD will bring value to them.

"The first stage of the PhD was fun, but still daunting. Looking back now, I knew nothing about research and how everything would work. I didn't know whether people would tell me what to do, if they would guide me, what to expect at all really! In a PhD, you teach yourself to be a researcher

and the supervisors are really there to make sure you don't stray too far from the path. So you have to look for things yourself, to learn for yourself, and they guide you and give you resources. You come up with ideas, and then discuss your findings with your supervisors. A PhD is a journey of you becoming a researcher, of learning those skills. They direct you to resources; they help you build to the questions you should be asking, but you still have to ask and answer those questions yourself. So the first part of my PhD was trying to get to grips with all of that, essentially.

"I work mostly in isolation, though the nature of my project involves collaboration with people on the ground for the NGO, so I talk to them a lot. But within the University I work by myself, which is why it is very important to create relationships in other ways – to talk to peers, other postgrad students, find people that you can relate and chat to about some of the common challenges and difficulties that you come across as researchers, regardless of topic. There are resources that are well established – like the Postgraduate Student Association – and a lot of support for students at the University. So many groups and communities – something to fit any sort of person or interest – and so many emails constantly circulating offering social groups, sports groups, activities of all kinds. I think it is easy to build networks. Melbourne is a wonderful, melting-pot city.

"My top tip? Always, absolutely, ask your question. I think we are all so intimidated by this big world of academia where everyone is a professor of this or a doctor of that, but there are so many different support networks and so many people who have the same question that you have. No one really knows what they are doing as a PhD student, at least not at first! So always ask, don't be intimidated. Ask for support because people are always happy to point you in the right direction."

Student life

What can you expect from university life 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 (though it is much more likely to be bathed in sunshine).

There are a range of universities in Australia and New Zealand, in terms of both personality and appearance. Some universities are self-contained campuses, located on the edge of a city within their own grounds, others have buildings and facilities spread throughout a city. Campuses typically feature a mix of architecture, depending on 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 of universities, set up in the 1960s and 1970s, are more modern in appearance.

Regardless of what they look like, however, they have all the facilities and features you should expect of modern, well-equipped university campuses anywhere in the world including learning spaces, libraries, cafés, laboratories, 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 from the UK study a long way from home and so at UK universities student accommodation – halls – often forms 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 some costs and, as a result, student halls are not always the focus of all social activity on campus. If you want to live in a traditional hall culture, please let Study Options know so that we can help you identify which universities offer this, and might 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!



Accommodation

Identifying the most suitable accommodation as a student is key in setting you up for a good university experience. This takes a little extra planning when applying from overseas. Accommodation application timeframes and processes are different to the UK and it is therefore important to start looking into the options available early on in the process.

What are my options?

The types of accommodation available are similar to the UK. These include halls of residence, university-run or managed apartments, or renting a room privately in a flat or a house. Some universities, including the University of Otago, the University of Sydney, the 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 (anywhere between 80 – 600 students) and foster a strong sense of community through academic support groups and offering lots of sport, music and other activities. The majority are fully-catered. Some students love the closeness and the level of support they offer; others prefer a little more independence.

I'm going to be an undergraduate student – what sort of housing do you recommend I go for?

We strongly advise that first year undergraduate students go 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 usually a key step in managing the transition from living at home or at school to fully independent adult living!

I'll be a postgrad – what sort of housing should 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 at www.gumtree.com.au, which carries free local classified advertising and has become the go-to site for many 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.

“Living in university accommodation is a great way of meeting new friends and offers new undergraduate students an extra layer of support

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 very 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 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, ideally) as on-campus housing application deadlines are often early, and places can be limited. The best sources of information are the university accommodation service websites, which often provide 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 more information on student accommodation, please see pages 64 (New Zealand) and 32 (Australia).

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

The first place to go, at the first sign of trouble, is International Student Support. Every university in Australian and New Zealand 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 your landlord is taking liberties? Take the tenancy contract in to them to check. Can't get rid of 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. Remember: 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.

Sport at university



Sport is a huge part of life in Australia and New Zealand. Here, we look at examples of what is available in swimming, rugby, cricket and netball at a few Australian and New Zealand universities

As an university student in Australia or New Zealand, you will have the opportunity to participate in sport at whatever your chosen level – from elite competition to social – and gain a top-quality university education at the same time. Whatever your sport and whatever your level, there is something for everyone.

Here, we look at four of the main sports offered at universities in Australia and New Zealand: Rugby, cricket, swimming and netball. Please don't worry if your sport isn't featured though – just get in touch with the team at Study Options to get the details you need. Universities in both countries offer up to as many

as 45 different sports clubs on campus and, while we can't talk about all of them here, we are always happy to provide any further information.

Australian and New Zealand universities are also some of the best places in the world to study sport-related courses. A third of the universities ranked in the top 15 in the world for sport-related subjects (QS Subject Rankings 2024) are Australian and New Zealand institutions. The University of Queensland ranks as world number 2, the University of Sydney at number 4, the University of Melbourne at 9, Deakin University at 11 and the University of Otago at number 15.

Swimming

With a warm climate and a coastline that stretches over 16,000 miles, it's no surprise that swimming is a popular activity and one of Australia's most successful sports. It is also well-resourced: Olympic-sized pools are a common sight on many Australian university campuses and across the country there are ten times as many 50 metre pools as we have here in the UK.



CASE STUDY The University of Queensland

The UQ Sport Aquatic Centre at the University's St Lucia campus has 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, UQ has swimming lessons, a class or a squad that's right for you. On a daily basis the centre provides a wide range of activities, including Learn-to-Swim lessons, group fitness Swimfit, and training facilities for many UQ Sport Clubs.

For students, there's a Swim Squad at UQ to suit your goals, whether you are a performance athlete racing at the highest level, or if you simply swim for fitness.

Got a question?

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UQ Varsity Squad

The UQ Varsity Squad is targeted toward 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 UQ Varsity Squad members compete for UQ at either national events, Uni Nationals, club meets or inter-varsity competitions, but swimmers are welcome to actively participate in this programme with no expectations to compete or to attend a set number of sessions.

State Squad

The State Squad programme provides a key pathway for committed competitive swimmers working to become high level swimmers. Swimmers are actively pursuing swimming as one of their major sporting interests and are swimming at or equivalent to a state level, with goals to work

Did you know?

- There are more Olympic-size swimming pools in Melbourne than there are in the whole of the UK. Australia is home to ten times as many Olympic size pools as we have in the UK.
- Sydney University's rugby club (confusingly called Sydney University Football Club) is the oldest 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 rugby team.
- Netball is New Zealand's most popular female sport with over 150,000 registered players and matches regularly broadcast on prime time television.
- 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.
- Australia is the most successful netball country (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 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 that children in the UK grow up playing football.

The NZ national team, the All Blacks, are famed for their international success and 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 international rankings began.

If rugby is your passion, New Zealand offers a unique opportunity to play and to experience this hotbed of the sport while also studying at a top-class university.



CASE STUDY The University of Auckland

The Rugby Club (AURFC) is one of the biggest clubs at the University of Auckland, offering many options for students interested in playing 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 skill levels and aspirations, ensuring everyone can experience playing rugby – a sport so popular throughout New Zealand. They strongly focus on each player's development, both on and off the field, while ensuring everyone enjoys themselves.

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. This team focuses on honing the skills and tactics 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 to the senior ranks. This team emphasizes skill development, physical fitness, and great social connection. With a focus on creating a seamless progression to higher levels of competition, the Under-21s Team provides a 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 team offers 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 very welcoming and social environment.

Women's Team

AURFC Women's Team welcomes players of all skill levels, from beginners to seasoned athletes. Training focuses on developing core rugby skills, teamwork, and physical fitness. The current team is a tight-knit group that 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.



CASE STUDY University of Otago

The Otago University Rugby Football Club (OURFC) stands out as a distinguished rugby club in New Zealand, with 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 personal growth and development, encouraging its members to become better versions of themselves through the sport.

OURFC offers a diverse range of opportunities with its six teams, which include three Men's Colts teams (for players under the age of 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 are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and focus on strength and conditioning. The team selection process takes place in mid-March, and matches are held on Saturdays.

Training sessions are conducted at Logan Park, all conveniently located within walking distance of the Otago University campus, on numerous rugby fields. 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 sense of community and belonging among all of its members.

In addition to the traditional rugby season, OURFC offers opportunities to play Rugby Sevens through the Seafarer 7's teams, which include both men's and women's teams. The Rugby Sevens 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 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. This allows students to experience top-level rugby and further immerse themselves in the sport's vibrant culture.

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 the TV.

In addition to international competitions there's 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.

CASE STUDY 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.

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 players in their study/work life.

With the strength of the University of Sydney (ranked in the top 20 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 variety of industries.



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TOP TIP

If you're in Melbourne on Boxing Day grab 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!



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. It is one of the leading female sports in Australia. New Zealand has the ANZ Premiership featuring six teams as well as the netball national championships and other regional tournaments.

CASE STUDY The University of Melbourne

The University of Melbourne provides students with 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 – August, with weekly training. Trials are held in late August and preseason starts in November. This programme

also has two development teams that play in the Tuesday Open Age Premier competition in Division 1 and 2.

Melbourne University Netball Club provides students with the chance to compete at both a competitive and social level. The club has teams in the Parkville Netball open age premier competition held at the State Netball Hockey Centre. There are two seasons in the year and competitive teams play in the Tuesday Open Age Premier competition and Monday A Grade, with weekly training sessions.

At a social level, the 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.

Short term options: Tester Semester

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

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

Tester Semester requires you to take three or four courses per semester. If you want to get involved in lots of extracurricular activities at university – sport, travelling, student clubs and societies and so forth – you might go for three courses, to ensure that you have a lighter workload and therefore time to do everything else. If you are using it as a trial run for university, or you need to use your academic credits toward a degree in the UK or elsewhere, you might prefer to 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 different, 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; to develop your initiative and self-confidence; to give your CV a point of difference – without you having to commit to doing a whole qualification overseas.

It's a great option for anyone who loves sport. Whether you are into running, rugby union, rugby league, cricket, netball, rowing, swimming, athletics or cycling, 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.

Outside of the extra-curricular, Tester Semester is a valuable opportunity to experience study at university level and to try out different academic subjects, before you commit to a full degree.

Who can take a Tester Semester?

1. School leavers

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 it is a great way to try out different degree subjects, but it is also a great chance to see how you get on with university more generally.

If, during your Tester Semester, you find you love studying overseas and want to stay to complete a degree, it's straightforward to convert to a full degree programme (this is something Study Options can help you with).

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 university term overseas that should 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.



Tester Semester: The practicalities

• How much does it cost?

In Australia, tuition fees range from A\$5,900 to \$16,000 per semester while in New Zealand they range from NZ\$12,000 – NZ\$13,500 per semester.

(February through to June), and in semester 2 (July – November) though not all courses may be available in S2. Contact Study Options to discuss your eligibility.

• 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

• 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 for you to stay and travel if you want to.

Exchange

These programmes are only open to students enrolled at UK universities which have formal exchange agreements 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. There will also be a cross-crediting arrangement in place already, so transferring academic credit back to your UK degree should be straightforward.

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

as you will only be able to apply to universities that your UK university has formal exchange agreements with. Places can also be 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 might only be a few places available on each. Check this carefully! If you want to apply for an exchange you would do so through your UK university. Most students go on exchange during their second year of undergraduate study.



Study costs

Study costs: The key takeaways

- Research tuition fees and living costs and factor the results into your thinking about where to apply
- Remember that annual tuition fees will be different for each degree, as well as at each university, so expect to see variations in costs
- Living costs are also different in different places – make sure you take this into account
- Check whether there are any scholarships you are eligible for – this could be something that plays a part in determining where you decide to apply

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 64

If you have any questions about costs, contact Study Options on 0117 911 5610 or mail@studyoptions.com

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

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

Each university in New Zealand and Australia sets its own tuition fees for each individual degree programme. There is not a set or standard fee and course costs can therefore vary considerably. Please check course fees carefully and compare what your chosen degree costs to study at different universities. Living costs also vary between different locations in both Australia and New Zealand.

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 a 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 on a student visa in both countries. You will be limited to 20 hours per week during term in New Zealand, while

Australia allows students to work up to 48 hours per fortnight (you can work full time if you wish 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 66 for more on working while on a student visa.

Can I use a UK student loan to help pay for the 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 run scholarships or student loans that significantly help with international study. For most students, university study in Australia or New Zealand needs to

be privately funded.

Are there any scholarships to help with study costs 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 on the basis of financial need or in recognition of extracurricular talent or achievements (for example in sport) or personal merit in terms of charity or volunteer work.

The majority of scholarships are offered directly by the universities, so please visit their websites for the most up-to-date information on what is available via the links at www.studyoptions.com/scholarships-and-funding. We also highlight any scholarships we feel are particularly applicable to applicants from the UK on this section of our site.

What about New Zealand?

International scholarships at New Zealand universities are also generally awarded based purely on academic merit and as a

reduction in annual tuition fees. As in Australia, the majority of scholarships are offered directly by the New Zealand universities, so 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/how-to-apply/scholarships

Due 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 scholarships before making your application to a university. Scholarship application deadlines are often early, and both external providers and university scholarship offices will want to see evidence that you are eligible for a place on your chosen course before they can consider you for a scholarship.

How to Apply

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

I haven't finished school yet. Can I apply for a conditional offer?

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

You can make your applications as soon as you have details of your predicted grades. We recommend you apply no later than the end of April of your final school year.

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 receive 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 your final results.

I am studying at university. Can I apply now for a conditional offer?

Yes. You can apply for postgraduate courses during your final year of university study and be considered for an offer of place that will be conditional on you achieving specified standards in your final exams. 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. You'd then be applying for an unconditional offer. If taking this option, we recommend you apply immediately after graduating in the UK.

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 start date, you can select either of the application

options. 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 of any kind when I 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, International Baccalaureate etc, or your university degree).

The exceptions are applications for medicine or dentistry (school or graduate entry) and in some cases to postgraduate business or law programmes, some of which require specific aptitude test results. 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. 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 (not September). Semester 1 runs from February to June, semester 2 from July to November. Almost all 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 make sure everything is correct and complete – and that your applications are as strong as possible – before uploading them for assessment by the universities.

1 GET IN TOUCH

Call, email or submit an online enquiry to let Study Options know 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. This will include links to content and structure, 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 for you to apply to.

3 GET YOUR APPLICATION FORMS

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

4 SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATIONS

Email your completed applications to Study Options (mail@studyoptions.com). We check to make sure everything is correct and complete, and certify any original documents if requested to by the universities (we always return your originals by recorded post). Then we upload the applications for assessment.

5 THE DECISION

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

6 GETTING READY TO GO

Once you've accepted your place, Study Options offers help and advice with sorting out your accommodation, booking travel, applying for a student visa 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 guide carefully regarding when you need to arrive (you must get there in time for International Student Orientation and Enrolment, which is usually held a week before the start of term). Book your flights, then practice throwing 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!

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- We provide full assistance with making and submitting your application (including screening, to make sure it's as good as it can possibly be). www.studyoptions.com/how-apply
- We waive university application fees for qualified applicants. These fees can range from A\$75 up to A\$500, but as long as you meet criteria you will not have to pay anything when you apply through Study Options.
- We offer full pre-departure support, including helping you get the right accommodation on or off campus, book flights, secure medical insurance and lots more! www.studyoptions.com/costs-practicalities
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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

Recruitment, particularly at graduate level, is increasingly global. Companies, public sector departments and NGOs in the UK and many other countries all now employ graduates from universities all over the world. When a survey for The New York Times asked senior executives from leading companies in ten 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 as a job candidate is that it gives you an immediate point of difference; something that will make your CV stand out from the pile.

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.

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, almost all degree programmes include opportunities for students to undertake professional internships, placements, networking, and industry projects – in short, to put academic learning into practice in the real world and ensure that they graduate ready to hit the ground running in their chosen career.



Read the full versions of these stories and many others at <https://studyoptions.com/student-stories/>



Kit Chamier

Kit graduated from the Bachelor of Sport Coaching at the University of Canterbury in New Zealand in 2011. He's now a registered sport and exercise nutritionist, running his own flourishing consulting business in Jersey, True Food (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 covered lots of subjects – 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 it wasn't as though I was the tourist doing it all on my own. They are so passionate about their country, so were always up for a trip away!

“I didn't know what I wanted to do after uni and wanted to study a general degree so I could get a bit of everything. Canterbury's broad foundation approach has paid off

for me and my cohort – the group have all gone in different directions but very successfully.

“The Bachelor of Sport Coaching is quite unique in terms of what you cover. The structure of the degree has really paid dividends because I'm now consulting every day, 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 normal science degree you wouldn't get that learning on how to counsel and listen and get information out of people, but it has turned out to be so helpful. As I went on to my masters course in the UK and then started working I realised I was drawing on it all the time! We also did modules on coaching with children, and again 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 atmosphere in New Zealand – the way that they approach lots of things in life, not just academic questions – is motivating. They are practical, pragmatic, no nonsense; they don't just push paper around and then convene 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 University 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 team – but I didn't want to stay in England so I came home to Jersey and got a job at a high end gym, who hired me 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 networking, and I've been on that roll ever since.

“I founded my business in 2013. I guess the safer option would have been to go and work for a big team somewhere, 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 for someone to do – to get regular advice from a nutritionist, as you would with a physio, for example. But you've got to trust your instincts. There's been no major stress; I've been busier and busier at each location I've been at.”

Top tip

“Before you move overseas do your research and get in touch with people of interest. Use your time at university to meet as many people as possible and keep in touch with them – they are an excellent source of friendship, alternative viewpoints and mentoring.”

Laura Ubero



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“In 2011 I packed my bags and set off for Melbourne to undertake a Masters in Law (LLM), focusing on international law. I did not realise at the time how the opportunities I came across would impact the development of my career for so many years after I returned. In this article I set out key areas to build on when you return home and some top tips on how to make the most of your time abroad.

1. Job applications

As with many professions, there are many hurdles to becoming a solicitor – once you have passed (and paid for) a qualifying law degree, you must complete (and pay for/find a law firm who will pay for) a vocational training course and then secure a training contract with a law firm. Competition is enormous and this is highlighted by statistics from a few years ago

where over 17,000 students were accepted on law degree courses in the UK, yet there were just under 5,500 training contracts available.

When you are running alongside thousands of academically excellent applicants who all have a string of impressive achievements it is vital to have something that truly makes your application stand out. This is where overseas study serves as a great way to impress your future bosses. Before moving to Australia, I applied to numerous law firms and chambers with very little success. However, as soon as I returned I saw a dramatic change in the responses to my applications and one of the first questions I was always asked in interview was “how interesting... please tell us more about your studies in Australia...” Being able to move overseas, keep up your studies, create wider international

expertise (more on that later) and engage in activities that are not available in England are enormous CV boosters, so make sure that you build on as much of this as possible while you are away and do not be afraid to talk about it when you get home.

Top tip: Try 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 and gives opportunities few others will have had.

2. Professional societies

Generally, we spend so much time focusing on passing all our exams and securing that sought after job that we dedicate little thinking time to what happens once you qualify and land the dream job. However, this is only the start of

your career and is actually where all of the fun begins. I found that only once I qualified could I begin shaping my career towards things that really interested me. I chose to practise in finance because it was a fascinating and academic area. I have always made it known that I am interested in the international sphere and that certainly helped when I found myself seconded for nearly a year to a large international bank earlier in my career.

Being in Australia also taught me not to become complacent and always look for interesting opportunities to participate in the profession outside of day to day practise. Missing my networks down under, I discovered an International Committee at my local law society (Westminster & Holborn Law Society) which offers a multitude of opportunities for lawyers who want to mix with

other international lawyers. After speaking about my experiences in Australia I was delighted to be accepted as Secretary of the International Committee and eventually worked my way to being appointed as President of the whole society.

Alongside studying in Melbourne, I taught undergraduate students while at the University and this gave me a great insight into the issues facing lawyers there. I wanted to use examples of good practices I uncovered to improve the situation for lawyers here and as a result I stood in the next round of council member elections at The Law Society (the professional body representing solicitors in England and Wales). I was amazed that over 75,000 constituents across the country elected me and many that I represent regularly get in touch to learn more about my

time in Australia as I included it in my election manifesto. This is one of my greatest achievements to date as I participate in excellent work to support my fellow lawyers and draw on my experiences overseas to do this.

Top tip: Do not settle once you have secured your desired job – use your overseas experience to participate in other professional bodies and societies.

3. International networks

I spent a lot of time in Melbourne contacting brilliant lawyers who I held in high esteem and asking for their professional insights and career guidance. In doing so, I made incredible friends and gained mentors who continue to play a large role in my career.

One of the best pieces of advice I was once given is that you should

have at least three mentors at any stage of your career – one advocate in your own organisation, one external mentor who works in your profession and one external mentor who works in a different profession. Having such a group of advisers has been invaluable to me during the years that I have been practising, including an eminent judge who I met by chance in Australia and who always makes time for a coffee with me during his annual visit to London, where we review my previous year's career plan and set targets for my next year.

Australia

Australia is the sixth largest country in the world, but has a population of just 25 million. So there's a lot to explore, and plenty of space to do it in

The sheer size of Australia is often difficult to comprehend. Individual features of the country are vast – Queensland's Great Barrier Reef, for example, covers an area bigger than the UK, Switzerland and Holland combined; about equal to 70 million football fields. The wild and beautiful Kimberley region in Western Australia alone covers an area approximately three times the size of England, and there's only one sealed road in all that space! And flying from Sydney in the east to Perth in the west is a journey that takes well over five hours.

Unsurprisingly, this enormous landscape contains breath-taking natural diversity, from the harsh but 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.

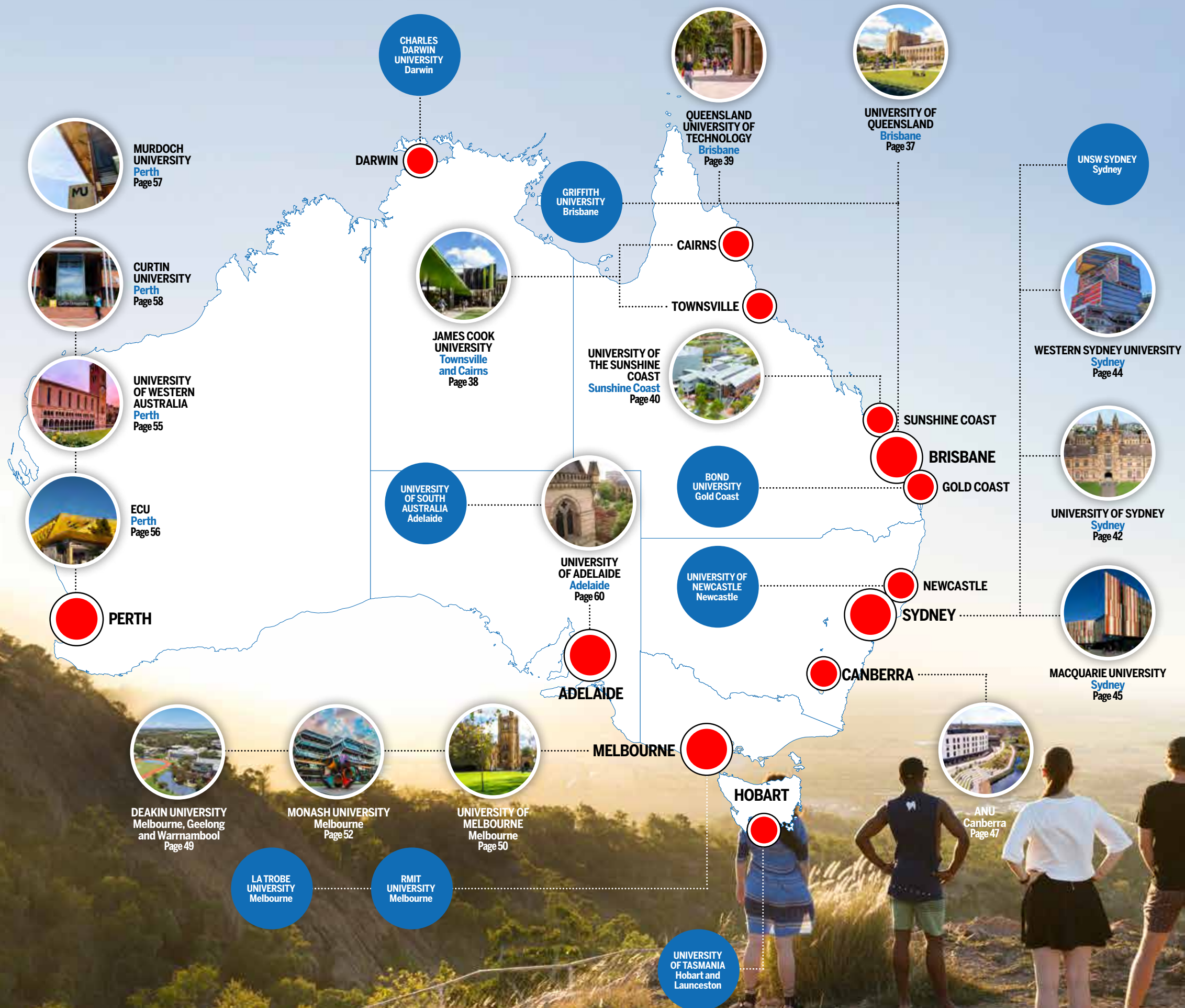
Australia's sunny climate and outdoor lifestyle means that there's a huge range of options to get out and about, whether that means yoga in the park, diving at the Reef, running on the beach or joining in with Australia's national love of competitive sport. Cricket, Aussie Rules, football, netball, rugby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

public participation levels.

Australia's population, however, 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 themselves 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, busy, cosmopolitan places which offer residents and tourists alike huge amounts to see and do. You could study in glamorous Sydney, with its iconic landmarks of the Opera House and the Harbour Bridge. Or perhaps you'll prefer Melbourne, with its 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 yours...



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 will 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 all 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 university websites 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) you will need to allow extra budget to cover this.

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

Fully-catered halls of residence or residential colleges are good for having lots of things taken care of for you, 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, often as a lump sum. Halls of residence and residential colleges vary in terms of what's included in the price, but you can generally count on getting three meals a day, plus all your utilities covered. The fee may also include internet access, local phone calls, laundry and so forth. 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.

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 that we recommend for new first year undergraduates but many returning students and most postgraduates choose to stay in private rental accommodation to give themselves as much financial flexibility as possible. While renting privately may appear to be much the cheapest option at first, don't forget that you will need to budget for food, utilities, internet and phone, 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 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.

Cost of living: What's the bottom line?

Australian universities recommend that international students budget around between A\$30,000 per year for living expenses. Some cities in Australia are more expensive to live in than others – please review the living cost information on each university's website carefully, or speak to Study Options, to check details. Keep in mind that all the figures quoted on these pages are approximate and intended as examples only, the cost of living will vary according to lifestyle. All costs here are given in Australian dollars.

- Loaf of bread:** From \$3.50
- Milk (2 litres):** From \$4
- Takeaway pizza:** Starts around \$15
- Takeaway coffee:** From \$5
- Pint of beer:** From \$9
- Bowl of noodles at a restaurant:** From \$15
- Cinema ticket (student concession):** From \$18
- Backpacker accommodation:** From \$30 – \$40 per night for a shared dorm room
- Return flight from Sydney to Melbourne:** From \$300

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 having to pay per term, being on or close to campus so lower travel costs etc) but give you the added

Accommodation and everyday costs

Below are examples of what some everyday costs might look like at universities in eight different Australian cities. These are only intended as examples; please be sure to check accommodation and costs for your chosen university very carefully...



University of Adelaide
ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Rent (fully catered residential college): From \$500 per week
Rent (private accommodation): \$300 – \$600 per week
Power: \$45 – \$55 per week
Food: From \$100 per week
Local travel: From \$20 per week
<https://international.adelaide.edu.au/life-in-adelaide/cost-of-living>



James Cook University
TOWNSVILLE, QUEENSLAND

Rent (on campus accommodation): From \$200 – \$500 per week
Rent (private accommodation): From \$160 – \$440 per week
Power: From \$30 per week
Food: From \$120 per week
Local travel: \$10 – \$20 per week
<https://www.jcu.edu.au/international-students/coming-to-australia>



The University of Queensland
BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND

Rent (fully catered residential college): From \$500 – \$750 per week
Rent (shared private rental accommodation): From \$210 a week
Power: From \$40 per week
Food: From \$140 per week
Local travel: \$30 per week
<https://future-students.uq.edu.au/university-life/living-in-brisbane/cost-living>



UWA
PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Rent (catered on campus accommodation): From \$420 a week
Rent (private accommodation): From \$250 per week
Power: \$20 per week
Food: From \$140 per week
Local travel: From \$30 per week
<https://www.uwa.edu.au/study/Student-life/cost-of-living>



Griffith University
GOLD COAST, QUEENSLAND

Rent (catered on campus accommodation): Up to \$400 per week
Rent (private accommodation): From \$200 per week
Power: From \$30 per week
Food: From \$140 per week
Local travel: From \$30 per week
<https://www.griffith.edu.au/life-at-griffith/australia/cost-of-studying>



UNSW Sydney
SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

Rent (catered on campus housing): From \$400 – \$600 per week
Rent (private accommodation): From \$300 per week
Power: From \$40 per week
Food: From \$150 per week
Local travel: Around \$50 per week
<https://www.unsw.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/fees>



University of Melbourne
MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

Rent (catered on campus housing): From \$600 per week
Rent (private accommodation): From \$450 per week
Power: From \$35 per week
Food: From \$120 per week
Local travel: \$40 per week
<https://study.unimelb.edu.au/student-life/cost-of-living>



ANU
CANBERRA, ACT

Rent (on campus accommodation): From \$280 – \$550 per week
Rent (private accommodation): From \$300 per week
Power: \$50 per week
Food: From \$120 per week
Local travel: From \$35 per week
<https://www.anu.edu.au/students/program-administration/fees-payments/estimated-cost-of-living-in-canberra>

Working while you study

An Australian student visa usually allows 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 their students find part-time work during term time and in the summer holidays. If you want to find part-time work, make sure you join or 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 can 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 2024, is A\$24.10 per hour before tax.

If you intend to get a job that involves serving alcohol, please note 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 not all states accept online courses – Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania all insist 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 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 contingency plan!



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. Here are a few things to know before you start

What type of visa do I need?

For all levels of study 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 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 applying for a student visa for Australia.

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

Yes, your WHV status has no impact on your student visa application, assuming 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 during or after your WHV contact us to discuss your case.

How much does it cost?

The student visa application fee is currently A\$1,600, 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. If you are already in Australia on a different visa there may also be an additional fee to apply for your student visa. The application fee is reviewed every year on July 1.

How long does the visa last?

Your student visa will be issued for the length of your course (including holidays) and will 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 and are determined by a number of factors, such as the passport you hold, the university you have accepted an offer from and whether or not you are taking dependents. You can check current visa processing times at: immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/global-visa-processing-times

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

Do I need to provide any health documents or checks?

Citizens of the UK and of 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 right for more details.

Can I stay permanently in Australia once my course has finished?

It may be possible to apply for other visas at the end of your course. Please visit the Australian Department of Home Affairs

(Immigration and Citizenship) site, immi.homeaffairs.gov.au, to check the options. We also recommend speaking to a registered migration agent who will be able to advise on options based on your individual circumstances.

Can I take my partner with me to Australia on my student visa?

Yes. In order to do this you will need to prove you have been in a genuine and exclusive relationship with them for at least 12 months. This usually requires you to have been living together for at least 12 months and to be able to show proof of that using, for example, formal bills (such as council tax) issued in both your names, utility bills going to the same address, rent agreements in both names and so on. Please contact Study Options if you want to discuss.

Can I take my children with me to Australia on my student visa?

Yes. You will need to show evidence you have enrolled them into an Australian school when applying for your student visa. Please be aware you will also need to pay fees for them to attend state (or private) schools. State school fees vary hugely. Some levels of study mean that dependent children do not have to pay school fees. Western Australia is the only state to allow school fee exemptions for the children of masters students.

What do I need to know about taking my family with me?

On an Australian student visa, your partner and any dependent children will be included in your student visa application as your dependants, they will not need to apply for their own individual visas. Australian Immigration defines a dependent child as one under the age of 18 and in full time education (there are exceptions to this – please contact us with queries).

If you (as the student) are going to be studying a bachelors degree, graduate certificate or graduate diploma, your partner will be able to work for 48 hours per fortnight for the duration of your student visa. If you are studying a masters (by coursework or by research) or a PhD, your partner will be able to work full-time for the duration of your student visa. Please see studyoptions.com/australian-visas-partners-and-families/



Temporary graduate visas

Your 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 the course has finished. But what if you want to stay in Australia after graduating and get some work experience?

The first thing to stress is that if you want to keep living in Australia after completing your university studies it is your responsibility to ensure that you 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. Always check www.homeaffairs.gov.au for the latest information. That said, however, according to current policy, if you are a graduate of an Australian university course that meets eligibility requirements you may be eligible to apply for a temporary graduate visa.

Temporary Graduate Visa (subclass 485)

There are two types of visa that you may be eligible to apply for under visa subclass 485. Both are temporary work visas which allow you to work full time for a defined period of time.

1. Post Higher Education Work stream

This visa allows full work rights for you (and your partner, if applicable) for up to three years, depending on the level of the qualification you have completed in Australia. You must satisfy the Australian study requirement by studying a course that is two academic years or longer:

- If you have studied a bachelor degree or a masters by coursework your visa will be valid for two years;
- If you have studied a masters by research, or a doctoral degree, your visa will be valid for three years.

Please note you must be 35 years old or under when you apply (50 for Hong Kong and British National Overseas passport holders), or 50 years old and younger for research graduates. For more information please refer to: immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/temporary-graduate-485/post-higher-education-work

2. Second Post Higher Education Work stream

This visa is for those already on a post study work visa in Australia to extend their stay in Australia. The main requirement is to have graduated from an Australian institution located in a regional area. This visa can be granted for a period of 1 to 2 years. For further information please refer to: immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/temporary-graduate-485/second-post-higher-education-work

Study and stay?

If your questions or personal circumstances aren't covered by the information here in the Guide please contact Stefan on 0117 911 5610, mail@studyoptions.com, or send an enquiry via the website www.studyoptions.com/contact to ask a question or arrange a meeting.

“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 – we've been helping students apply to study in Australia for nearly 20 years, and over that time many have chosen to make Australia their 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 visas, but I can connect you to a registered migration agent who can 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 (0117 911 5610 or mail@studyoptions.com). Look forward to hearing from you!”

Stefan
Stefan, Study Options



All information is correct at time of going to press (September 2024) but is subject to change. Please check the Australian Department of Home Affairs (Immigration and Citizenship) website at immi.homeaffairs.gov.au for the most up-to-date information.

Images, clockwise from below: Diving on the Great Barrier Reef; Brisbane CBD; a leafy city street; Fitzroy Island, near Cairns



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. Known as 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 and desert interiors.

Population: Around 5.2 million
Size: 1,730,648sq km
State capital: Brisbane
Universities: The University of Queensland, JCU, QUT, Bond University, Griffith University, University of the Sunshine Coast

Australia

The University of Queensland

inclusivity, and provides free support, services and facilities for students with a disability, illness, injury or mental health condition.

Have fun

UQ wants students to make the most of their time at university and build lasting connections. There are over 200 clubs and societies on offer, ensuring students have plenty to do on campus. From live music and book clubs to movie nights and museum tours, there's always something happening. The University also hosts seasonal festivals and cultural events.

UQ's campuses

UQ St Lucia: Considered one of the most beautiful campuses in the world, UQ St Lucia is surrounded by the Brisbane River and is close to Brisbane's centre. UQ's main campus is a vibrant mix of historic sandstone buildings, modern architecture, parklands and lakes.

UQ Gatton: UQ's regional campus is near the town of Gatton, 87km west of Brisbane. It offers a laidback and friendly lifestyle with on-campus accommodation, state-of-the-art teaching and research facilities in agriculture, animals and veterinary science.

UQ Herston: Herston is a hub for UQ's clinical health teaching and research and is home to the University's Medical, Public Health and Dentistry schools.

UQ Dutton Park: Across the river from St Lucia campus, UQ Dutton Park is a health and biotechnology hub, home to the UQ School of Pharmacy and the Queensland Alliance for Environmental Health Sciences and adjacent to the Translational Research Institute.

Other teaching sites: UQ's several other sites include the Business School in Brisbane's centre and breathtaking marine research stations at Heron Island and Stradbroke Island (Minjerribah).



UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

Established: 1910
Location: Brisbane, Gatton, Herston, Dutton Park
Student population: Over 55,000
Go to: study.uq.edu.au
CRICOS: 00025B; **TEQSA:** PRV12080

The University of Queensland's main St Lucia campus is a vibrant mix of sandstone buildings, parkland and lakes



The University of Queensland

The University of Queensland (UQ) ranks consistently among the world's top universities and delivers unparalleled teaching, learning and research excellence. For over a century, UQ has maintained a global reputation for creating positive change by delivering knowledge leadership for a better world.

Why choose UQ?

UQ has a strong focus on teaching excellence and has won more national teaching awards than any other university in Australia. More than 55,000 current students, including 21,500 international students from 141 countries, form a diverse, inclusive community across UQ's four campuses. UQ students enjoy innovative and flexible learning options; diverse, dynamic partnership opportunities and state-of-the-art learning environments.

An enviable student lifestyle

UQ offers one of the best campus experiences in the world in a location renowned for its relaxed, safe lifestyle, subtropical climate, and vibrant and diverse culture. The campuses have a reputation as some of the world's most beautiful, with everything students need to study, live and relax. Students can also take advantage of UQ's location as a springboard to Queensland's much-loved tourist destinations. Beautiful golden beaches, scenic mountains, ancient rainforests and charming outback towns are all within an hour or two's drive away.

Graduate with the competitive edge

UQ's research, teaching and connections all prepare students to forge an exciting career. UQ qualifications are highly regarded by Australian and international employers. The University also offers activities and events catering to the extracurricular interests of its students. UQ's award-winning Careers and Employability Service supports students to get a competitive edge after graduation. Students take part in a programme of employment workshops and networking events, connecting them to an extensive community of alumni and professional partners. UQ Ventures supports students to develop their entrepreneurial potential, providing collaboration and connections with experts in the startup ecosystem.

Study area highlights

UQ's high-quality offering of more than 300 undergraduate and postgraduate programmes is one of the most comprehensive in Australia. UQ provides choices to give students the flexibility to meet their learning goals. Many degrees offer practical experiences, such as field trips and industry placements with national and global partners, to boost skills and employability.

Be supported to succeed

UQ provides support services that enable students to thrive from when they arrive until graduation, from academic support to cultural and recreational activities. UQ is also committed to diversity and

UQ's global reputation

UQ ranks among the world's top universities as measured by key independent rankings, including:

- QS World University Rankings 2025 (40)
- Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2024 (70)
- CWTS Leiden Ranking 2024 (41)
- U.S. News Best Global Universities Rankings 2023 (36)
- Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities (NTU Ranking) 2023 (37)
- Academic Ranking of World Universities 2024 (63)

In the 2024 QS World University Rankings By Subject, UQ ranks in the top 50 in the world in 20 subjects, with two subjects in the global top five. Globally, UQ is ranked among the world's top 40 universities in 13 academic subjects, including:

- Sports-related subjects (2)
- Mineral and mining engineering (4)
- Environmental sciences (18)
- Petroleum engineering (18)
- Agriculture and forestry (19)
- Hospitality and leisure management (27)
- Pharmacy and pharmacology (30)
- Dentistry (33)
- Psychology (33)
- Veterinary sciences (34)
- Nursing (37)
- Anatomy and physiology (40)
- Education (40)



James Cook University

Looking for an unforgettable study experience that will set you up for lifelong success in your career? Look no further than James Cook University (JCU). Our stunning campuses in the tropical North Queensland cities of Cairns and Townsville offer more than just a world-class education – they provide the perfect environment to form lasting connections and achieve your goals. With modern facilities, career-focused courses, and a commitment to research excellence, James Cook University is the ultimate choice for anyone who is looking to make their mark in the world.

Succeed in the global workforce

Our degrees are designed to give you the skills, impact, and hands-on experience you need to succeed in your chosen field. With field work, lab time, clinical and professional placements, work integrated learning and internships included in many of our programmes, you'll have plenty of opportunities to gain valuable industry experience and build a network of professional connections while you study.

You can explore a diverse array of academic study programmes at our comprehensive university, ranging from business to zoology. Delve into our renowned science programmes including earth and environmental science and marine

biology, which are highly sought after by international students.

A research-intensive university

Our research excellence is reflected in our impressive rating of above world standard in 38 academic areas by Excellence In Research For Australia (ERA). JCU researchers contribute significantly to fields including ecology, environmental science, fisheries science, and organic chemistry. Additionally, JCU hosts three National Research Hub Centres of Excellence, including the prestigious ARC Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies. With renowned research institutes like the Australian Institute of

Tropical Health and Medicine, the Centre for Sustainable Tropical Fisheries and Aquaculture, and state-of-the-art facilities like the Orpheus Island Research Station, JCU is a unique destination and home for researchers.

Enjoy life in tropical paradise

JCU offers spacious and friendly campuses with accessible teaching staff and extensive support services to ensure that students receive the personal attention they need to succeed. Our campuses are located in the stunning North Queensland region, a place like nowhere else in the world! With breath-taking reefs and rainforests, significant coastal,



The Central Plaza at JCU Townsville, left, features a huge artwork by indigenous artist Megan Cope from her 'After the Flood' series

mountain and outback ecosystems and a multicultural population, you'll find everything you need to live, work and study. We offer purpose-built student accommodation and affordable private rental options with easy access to campus. Students can enjoy over 300 days of sunshine each year and choose to cycle or walk, or to take advantage of reduced public transport student rates for bus and ferry services.

Scholarships

JCU recognises academic excellence via its international student scholarship programmes. The JCU International Excellence Scholarship provides a 25% tuition fee reduction for the minimum course duration. For details of additional scholarships and further information, including eligibility criteria required to apply, please visit our website, below.



JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY

Established: 1970

Location: Cairns and Townsville

Student population: 21,000

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

CRICOS: 00117J; TEQSA: PRV12077

Queensland University of Technology (QUT)



Images: Left, QUT Gardens Point Campus is located in the heart of Brisbane. Below, an aerial view of the city, Queensland's capital



levels, including PhD, professional doctorate, Master of Philosophy, Honours and undergraduate research and higher doctorates.

QUT research strengths and priorities lie in areas including:

- The digital child
- Agriculture and the bioeconomy
- Behavioural economics, society and technology
- Biomedical technologies
- Data science
- Future enterprise
- Genomics and personalised health
- Healthcare transformation
- Justice
- Materials science
- Robotics
- Digital media

Study in the heart of the city

QUT's Gardens Point campus occupies a prime location in Brisbane's city centre, nestled beside the Brisbane River, City Botanic Gardens, and Parliament House – a position that reinforces QUT's links with business, industry and government.

Our Kelvin Grove campus is situated less than three kilometres from the city centre. This campus includes Australia's most sophisticated and technically advanced creative space, our A\$80 million Creative Industries Precinct, as well as the new A\$95 million Education Precinct.

A wide range of scholarships

Being selected as a QUT scholar is both a privilege and a fantastic experience and can open up additional opportunities that may enhance your career prospects in the future. There are plenty of scholarships you could be eligible for at QUT, including merit scholarships, research scholarships, and more.

QUT is a university with a global outlook and a real-world focus. Our learning and teaching approach is designed to enable students to develop the skills and confidence to become the next generation of change-makers. We help them see beyond the horizon to create innovative, entrepreneurial ideas.

Technology is evident in every aspect of modern living and here at QUT, it is more than just part of our name. We embrace and develop new technologies to help students learn and to amplify the benefits of technology in their chosen careers. QUT is committed to providing real-world learning experiences and research solutions, and our courses have a mix of theory and practical experiences including internships and placements.

Our teachers include industry leaders and entrepreneurs who inspire and connect students to the real world through industry-based projects and placements. Our degrees and connections with industry are internationally recognised and our students and research have a global impact.

What can you study at QUT?

Choose from undergraduate and postgraduate study options in:

- Business
- Creative industries
- Education
- Engineering
- Health
- Justice
- Law
- Science

Be in demand

With a balanced mix of theory and practical experience in our courses, you'll be prepared to hit the ground running in the real world. You'll gain the knowledge, skills and contacts to thrive in your chosen fields.

QUT provides opportunities to undertake course-related work within an organisation. You can apply what you have learned in class to real-world practices and prepare for your transition to the workforce. At QUT, we know what employers want in our graduates, because we ask them. Our courses are designed in consultation with employers to ensure you graduate with the knowledge and skills required now, and in the future.

Research with impact

Collaborate, work and innovate with us for a more progressive approach to research. We lead world-class, outcomes-focused studies at the intersection of traditional disciplines, positioning us as pioneers in transdisciplinary research. Our work is driven by the technology and innovation needs of society and the economy, addressing complex challenges through expert collaboration across multiple fields.

At QUT, our research students are agents of change, transforming ideas into reality with innovative approaches. Whether you are beginning your research studies or continuing work at a higher level, our degrees offer a unique and enriching research experience. We offer research experience at all

A global reputation you can count on

- Number 3 in Australia and 17 in the world in the Times Higher Education (THE) Young University Rankings (2024)
- Ranked 2 in Australia and 49 globally for Employer-Student Connections in the 2022 QS Graduate Employability Ranking
- First Australian Business School to be triple crown accredited by AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS

Academic areas ranked in the top 100 in the world (2024 QS World University Ranking by Subject):

- Communication and media studies (1 in Australia and 19 in the world)
- Nursing (6 in Australia; 34 globally)
- Art and design (4 in Australia and 51-100 in the world)
- Architecture and the built environment (6 in Australia; 51-100 in the world)
- Education and training (6 in Australia and 51-100 in the world)



QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (QUT)

Established: 1989

Locations: Brisbane (two campuses)

Student population: 55,000

Go to: www.qut.edu.au

CRICOS: 00213J; TEQSA: PRV12079

University of the Sunshine Coast



At the University of the Sunshine Coast (UniSC) every student matters, which is why we're rated one of Australia's best universities for overall student experience by the 2024 Good Universities Guide.

UniSC programmes include a strong focus on the core skills you'll need in the future workplace. Our students receive a high-quality educational experience while enjoying the relaxed lifestyle that Queensland offers. They benefit from a friendly and supportive campus environment, access to highly qualified teaching staff, personal attention, and modern technology and facilities.

UniSC has something to offer everyone at our study locations across South East Queensland:

- UniSC Sunshine Coast
- UniSC Moreton Bay
- UniSC Caboolture
- UniSC Fraser Coast

Queensland

All our campuses are in coastal South East Queensland, on the east coast of Australia. The state of Queensland is renowned for its warm climate, pristine beaches, tropical rainforests and amazing landmarks, including the Great Barrier Reef. Queensland is also home to vibrant cities and some of Australia's favourite coastal towns, including Noosa.

UniSC Sunshine Coast

UniSC is a modern, fast-growing public university. The main campus is in Sippy Downs on the Sunshine Coast. The Sunshine Coast is a destination of endless beaches, lush rainforests, and expansive hinterlands, just 90km (55miles) north of Brisbane.

Architecturally diverse and renowned for its environmentally sustainable approach, the UniSC campus has been recognised for its environmental initiatives and award-winning building design. Facilities include modern learning and teaching spaces, advanced 3D visualisation facilities, a modern High Performance Sport Precinct, an art gallery, a large on-campus library, multiple 24-hour computer labs, and various cafés providing a wide range of eating options.

UniSC's international reputation for research is growing every year, with 26 research fields now rated at world standard or above. The innovative research carried out at UniSC ensures that students will be learning from experts in their chosen subject, using cutting-edge findings and theories.

International scholarships

The University offers a range of scholarships for international students. To see the opportunities and check eligibility criteria for our scholarship schemes please go to

usc.edu.au/internationalscholarships

UniSC study programmes

UniSC is all about opportunity. Whether it's practical work experience or the chance to pursue your passion, to connect with your community or to travel, UniSC offers you opportunities. The University has more than 100 undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, offering the choice and flexibility you need to get started on your career goal, whatever that may be. Detailed information about programmes and fees can be found at usc.edu.au/internationalstudents

Undergraduate programmes

As an international student at UniSC, you can choose from a wide variety of undergraduate degrees. UniSC's flexible degree structures allow you create a programme to suit your needs and career ambitions.

Postgraduate programmes

UniSC's postgraduate study programmes can enhance your previous degree, offer a change in direction, or create a new beginning. Whether you are refreshing your knowledge, advancing in a field, or discovering the joy of further learning, a UniSC postgraduate programme opens up a world of opportunities.

Images, clockwise from below: Kangaroo at UniSC Sunshine Coast; the Sunshine Coast campus; Alexandra Headland; International Student Ambassadors



Why choose UniSC?

- Ranked in the top 5 Australian universities for overall educational experience with a five-star rating for teaching quality 17 years in a row
- Top 100 in the world in the 2024 Global Impact Rankings from the Times Higher Education
- Excellent academic and career services support
- Gateway to the 2032 Olympic Games in Brisbane
- Industry experience and certifications available in a range of UniSC programmes
- 90% of UniSC graduates are employed within four months of finishing their degree



UNIVERSITY OF THE SUNSHINE COAST

Established: 1996

Location: Sunshine Coast, Moreton Bay, Caboolture, Fraser Coast

Student population: Over 17,800

Go to: www.usc.edu.au/international
CRICOS: 01595D; **TEQSA:** PRV12082

www.studyoptions.com



Images, clockwise from below: Sydney Harbour; Byron Bay; the Bondi Baths at Bondi Beach, Sydney; the Blue Mountains



New South Wales

New South Wales is Australia's most populous state – around a third of all Australians live here – and its largest economy. Valued at almost A\$700 billion, NSW 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 ever-popular hipster

beachside towns like Byron Bay.

Population: Around 8.1 million

Size: 800,628sq km

State capital: Sydney

Universities: University of Sydney, Macquarie University, University of Western Sydney, UNSW Sydney, University of Newcastle

www.studyoptions.com

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 are ranked in the top 20 universities in the world and are known internationally as a leader in education, research, student experience and graduate employability.

Sydney graduates have been ranked first in Australia and fourth in the world for 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 strongly to that belief today. We strive to ensure that our students have every opportunity to live up to their potential from day one.

Follow your interests. All of them.

Sydney offers the widest breadth of courses of any university in Australia, with more than 400 areas of study and over 100 majors and minors available. 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 let you graduate ready for work.

Areas of study available:

- 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 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, but we have a network of campuses in Sydney and beyond – from working farms, to a research field station on the Great Barrier Reef and many more – our teachers, researchers and students are based in locations all over Australia.

The University's main Camperdown/Darlington campus is just 10 minutes away from the heart of Sydney, Australia's largest and most international city, and is surrounded by its shops, cafes, restaurants and inner west cultural hubs, as well as being close to its world-famous ocean beaches.

Our iconic heritage-listed sandstone buildings share the campus with state-of-the-art teaching, research and student support facilities. We opened our brand-new Chau Chak Wing Museum to the public in 2020. The purpose-built, multi-level museum is at the centre of arts and culture on campus and showcases thousands of the University's precious and rare collections of art, ancient history, science and cultural materials for the first time. The museum is open to the broader public with free entry.

Some of the University's faculties and schools have dedicated campuses, such as the Sydney Conservatorium of Music in the heart of Sydney's central

business district, near the Sydney Opera House, and the Sydney Dental School in Surry Hills. We also have several other facilities in different locations across the state, from research units and farms at our Camden campus to clinical schools in hospitals located across the city and state of New South Wales.

We continue to transform facilities for generations of students and 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

At the University of Sydney, learning isn't confined to the classroom. With more than 240 student clubs and societies available, ranging from social justice to chocolate appreciation, you're bound to find something that interests you. Our diverse community of students is made up of more than 32 cultural groups and 130 nationalities – you'll be able to make new friends from all around the world.

The University of Sydney also has 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 truly global career.

Why choose Sydney?

- **Ranked in the top 20 universities in the world by the QS World University Rankings 2025**
- **First in Australia and fourth in the world for graduate employability (QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2022)**
- **Over 100 majors and minors available to combine your interests across different academic disciplines**
- **Over 240 clubs and societies to enrich your student life**



THE UNIVERSITY OF
SYDNEY

THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

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



Images, clockwise from above: Students cross the Quadrangle; a quiet moment in the sunshine; inside the Sydney Business School; an aerial view of the University's main entrance; interior of the Charles Perkins Centre, a multidisciplinary research centre committed to improving global health; stairs leading up to the Law School





Western Sydney University
Parramatta South campus

Western Sydney University

Western Sydney University is a young, world-class university with a growing international reach and reputation for academic excellence and impact-driven research. Innovative and socially conscious, Western is focused on ensuring that its graduates are successful global citizens.

Western Sydney University is the university of choice for international students from over 70 countries who choose to study at Western every year. Being home to students from all over the world creates a thriving centre of diversity, opportunity, and innovation. At Western students become a part of a dynamic, welcoming, culturally rich community where lifelong friends and connections are made.

Our campus locations

Western Sydney University comprises 13 campuses, spread across Sydney. They are a unique blend of modern vertical campuses in central business districts and picturesque green campuses with expansive open spaces and heritage buildings.

As a geographic region, Western Sydney has Australia's fastest growing and third largest economy, with a significant multicultural population from more than 170 countries and an ever-expanding international reach. Through strong ties to local business, industry and community leaders,

students have access to study, work and community engagement opportunities within Western Sydney and across the globe.

All campuses have well-stocked libraries, advanced research facilities, creative studios for design, photography, multimedia or music production, student clubs, gyms and sports facilities. All Western Sydney University campuses are within easy reach of transportation, amenities, services and accommodation.

World first in sustainability

A first for any Australian university, Western Sydney University ranked number 1 in the world overall in the 2022, 2023 and 2024 *Global Impact Rankings* from the Times Higher Education for our commitment to meeting the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through research, teaching, outreach and stewardship. In particular, Western ranked first in meeting the requirements for gender equality, responsible consumption and creating partnerships to achieve these goals. We also ranked in the world's top ten universities for reducing inequality and commitment to sustainable cities, communities and climate action.

Global rankings

Western Sydney University is in the top two per cent of universities

worldwide, as ranked by the Times Higher Education *World University Rankings 2024*. We're also among the top 50 young universities.

Eight subjects ranked in the world top 200 in the 2024 edition of the *QS World University Rankings by Subject* from global higher education analyst QS:

- Top 50: Nursing
- Top 100: Development studies
- Top 150: Sports-related subjects
- Top 200: Agriculture and forestry; architecture and built environment; geography; linguistics; sociology

Academic programme areas

With one of Australia's most comprehensive programme ranges our curriculum combines flexible learning with real work experience, adaptable study options, pathway programmes and support services. We ensure that all our students have access to a broad range of high-quality undergraduate and postgraduate opportunities, taught by world-class academics.

Our programme areas include:

- Architecture and the built environment
- Arts and communication
- Business, management and accounting
- Creative industries, design and music

- Criminology and cybersecurity
- Engineering
- Health and sport science
- IT, AI and data science
- Law
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Psychology
- Sciences and medical science
- Social science, social work and counselling
- Teaching and education
- TESOL, interpreting, translation

Work-integrated learning

Over two-thirds of students at Western combine study with work, gaining real industry experience in order to complete their degrees as job-ready graduates, ready to begin their next stage of life.

Throughout their degree, students have the opportunity to gain practical experience in a placement or internship, where they'll work on industry projects, gain networking opportunities and industry connections. Many of our degrees give industry accreditation. Western Career Services offers guidance, workshops and resources to support students in their career trajectory.

The University also provides wellbeing support with learning skills, counselling and mentoring services as well as assistance for students with disabilities.

Scholarships at Western

All new students commencing a bachelor degree (excluding Doctor of Medicine and Bachelor of Nursing) or selected postgraduate programmes are eligible to receive a multi-year annual scholarship of A\$3,000 or A\$6,000, to be applied to tuition fees for up to a maximum of two years for postgraduate programmes and three years for undergraduate. Applicants for other coursework degrees of one year or more will be considered for an Academic Merit scholarship.



WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

Established: 1989

Campus locations: Parramatta, Penrith, Bankstown, Campbelltown, Hawkesbury, Liverpool, Nirimba, Sydney City

Student population: 49,500

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

CRICOS: 00917K; **TEQSA:** PRV12061



Images, left and above: The Macquarie campus sits on 126 hectares of parkland and is 15km from the centre of Sydney

Macquarie University

Macquarie offers an unforgettable study experience. Its rankings, courses and unique location in Australia's largest high-tech business precinct attracts students from all over the world.

Over 300 leading companies are based on or around our campus, enabling students to forge industry connections that give them an edge in their future careers, while our staff can access research and innovation opportunities. Many global organisations partner with Macquarie, including AstraZeneca, Johnson & Johnson, Optus, Sony and Hyundai. Such partnerships are evidence of our reputation as a university with world-class research, learning and teaching innovations.

Real-world learning

Employers worldwide appreciate Macquarie's practical approach to learning, which gives students real-world skills. Internships are encouraged, via course-related internships or the Professional and Community Engagement (PACE) initiative, which lets undergraduate students undertake internships and cultural experiences. Our award-winning Global Leadership Programme enables students to volunteer, study and participate in activities in Australia and overseas.

CEOs surveyed in The New York Times ranked us among the world's top 100 universities for graduate recruitment. We have an alumni

network of more than 150,000 graduates in 140 countries.

An innovative curriculum

Experts predict that by 2025 some 50% of jobs as we know them now won't exist. It's vital that students graduate with the skills to equip them for a changing world of work. With a view to delivering education for the next part of the 21st century we have introduced more than 40 masters degrees and a huge range of double degrees at bachelors and masters level, which allow students to combine more diverse areas of study and to open up ever greater employment options. We have also introduced a range of degrees in areas of growing global market demand, such as financial technologies, cybersecurity, engineering management, forensic accounting and more.

Research excellence

Macquarie has a reputation for research excellence and was given the strongest rating in a recent Excellence in Research For Australia report from the Australian Government. Macquarie hosts four of Australia's 13 Research Centres for Excellence, including the Centre for Excellence in Core to Crust Fluid Systems and the Centre for Excellence for Cognition and Disorders. Students can undertake research at other universities via a Cotutelle partnership.

Macquarie rankings

Top 1% of universities globally
World university rankings (QS, 2024 and THE, 2023)

Ranked 8 in Australia for employment outcomes
QS World University Rankings, 2024

Ranked 3 in Australia and top 100 globally
QS Global MBA Rankings, 2023

100% of research is rated at world standard or above
(Excellence in Research for Australia)

Macquarie is ranked 10 in Australia and 133 in the world
(QS World University Rankings, 2025)

Macquarie is ranked 10 in Australia and 180 in the world
(Times Higher Education World University Rankings, 2024)

Macquarie is ranked 1 in the world for Life Below Water, 4 for Clean Water and Sanitation, in the top 20 for 5 categories and 39 overall
(Times Higher Education Impact Rankings, 2023)

Australia's leading institution in 11 academic disciplines
(The Australian 2023 Research Magazine)

First to offer a global research collaboration pathway via the Master of Research

Master of Marketing ranked 1 in Australia and 28 in the world
(QS Business Master's Rankings, 2024)

Master of Applied Finance ranked 2 in Australia and 39 in the world
(QS Business Master's Rankings, 2024)

Master of Management ranked 2 in Australia and 71 in the world
(QS Business Master's Rankings, 2024)

Master of Business Analytics ranked 2 in Australia and top 80 in the world
(QS Business Master's Rankings, 2024)

What can I study?

- Business
- Education and teaching
- Engineering and IT
- Environment
- Health and medical sciences
- Health professions
- Law
- Linguistics, speech and hearing
- Media and creative arts
- Psychology
- Science
- Security and intelligence
- Society, languages and culture
- Translating and interpreting

International scholarships

Macquarie has one of Australia's most generous scholarship awards for international students. The Europe – Macquarie University A\$10,000 Early Acceptance Scholarship is open to all eligible students from Europe who start in 2025. It is worth up to A\$10,000 a year for the duration of a bachelors or a masters by coursework degree.



MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

Established: 1964

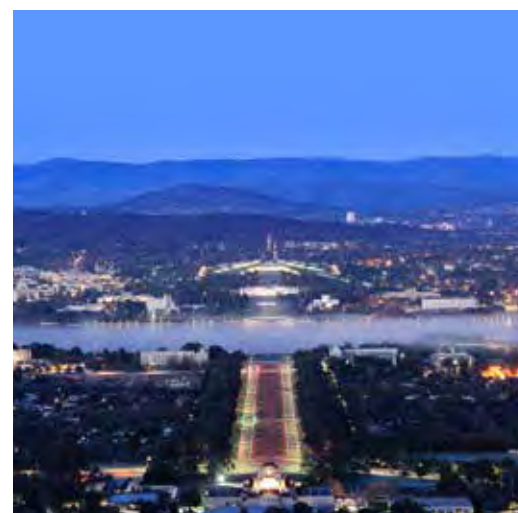
Location: North Ryde, Sydney

Student population: 44,000

Go to: www.mq.edu.au

CRICOS: 00002J; **TEQSA:** PRV12032

Images, clockwise from below: Canberra Balloon Festival; the city at night, seen from Mount Ainslie; architectural experiments by Lake Burley Griffin; the lake-side promenade



Australian Capital Territory

The ACT was created at the beginning of the 20th century as an independent base for what was then Australia's new capital city, Canberra. It is an island state within New South Wales, made up of farmland and wineries, Namadgi National Park and Canberra. A planned city, Canberra is symmetrical, calm, orderly and

very green – it was designed around parks and bushland. It's also much further inland than most Australian cities and that – plus its considerable height above sea level – means it has four distinct seasons. The bushland surrounding the city offers great mountain-biking and walking trails. Sailing and water sports fans head to

Lake Burley Griffin, while the Snowy Mountains ski fields are just two hours away from the city centre by car.

Population: Approximately 432,000
Size: 2,358sq km
State capital: Canberra
Universities: The Australian National University (ANU)



Images: The ANU campus covers 145 hectares of parkland in Canberra

Australian National University

At the Australian National University (ANU), located on Ngunnawal and Ngambri land in Canberra, transformational research shapes the curriculum, influences national policy and tackles some of Australia and the Asia-Pacific region's biggest challenges.

Immerse yourself in a thriving, talented community of students from over 100 countries, bringing diverse perspectives together. At ANU, you'll excel in small classes led by world-renowned experts, engage in groundbreaking research and benefit from personalised mentoring, networking opportunities and hands-on internships.

ANU students become the most employable graduates in Australia (Times Higher Education Global University Employability Rankings 2024) and join an influential global network of alumni.

Discover your potential and make a difference with us at ANU.

A campus made for you

Our campus spans 145 hectares of beautiful parkland in Canberra, close to the city centre. Home to over 150 buildings and 10,000 trees, you'll find plenty of comfy study spots, from lounges in the Student Centre to rooms with whiteboards in the Marie Reay Teaching Centre. Need a break? Relax on the Kambri lawn or in the amphitheatre overlooking Sullivan's Creek. You won't need to travel far for food or supplies, with cafes,

bars, a retro games room, bookshop, pharmacy and a supermarket all on campus. Stay fit at our two gyms, four ovals and swimming pool or book the indoor courts and fitness spaces at the ANU Sport centre. The campus is bike-friendly, with beautiful walking trails and e-scooters available for you to use.

Accommodation

Living on campus at university builds independence and lifelong friendships. At ANU, we guarantee accommodation for all first-year students. With 18 residences, our campus is home to around 6,500 students, forming a dynamic community. Choose from catered, self-catered or flexi-catered, each with laundry facilities, outdoor areas and study rooms.

Enjoy wellbeing support from residential advisers, academic help from tutors and a lively social events calendar. Everything you need is in easy reach, from lecture halls and libraries to cafes, bars, gyms and bike paths. The Kambri

student hub and ANU clubs and societies are also nearby. In 2024, accommodation rates ranged from A\$276 to \$571 per week.

Discover Australia's capital

ANU is in Australia's capital city, Canberra. With a population of around 470,000, Canberra offers an ideal blend of urban and rural living. It has low pollution, the highest life expectancy in Australia and the best employment rate in the country.

Getting around is easy, and there are plenty of student job opportunities. Explore unique attractions like Parliament House to learn about our government or immerse yourself in art, history and culture at the War Memorial, National Gallery and National Museum. Enjoy a visit to the National Zoo And Aquarium or end a summer's day with a film under the stars at the Botanic Gardens. When night falls, Canberra comes alive with excellent restaurants and great music venues.



Unlock your potential

As a leading research university, we are committed to tackling global challenges and building a stronger future for everyone. Connect with world-class educators who are dedicated to enhancing your learning. Our outstanding student-teacher ratio (11:1 Good Universities Guide 2024) ensures you'll get the personalised attention you deserve. ANU is the only Australian member of the International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU), which includes top institutions like Yale, Oxford and Cambridge. This alliance fosters internships, academic conferences, student exchanges and joint degrees, enriching the University's thriving intellectual climate. We've also forged close links with government, business and research institutions worldwide, collaborating on projects with organisations like NASA and the European Union.

Discover your calling

Join the ranks of Australia's most employable graduates. You can choose from 50 single degrees or design your flexible double degree from more than 600 options. ANU ranks first in Australia in 13 academic disciplines and has more subjects in the world's top 20 than any other university in the country (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024).

What can you study?

- Arts, society and culture
- Business and commerce
- Engineering, computing and cybernetics
- Health, medicine and psychology
- Law and legal studies
- Natural, physical and environmental sciences

We will support you while you study

ANU offers a vibrant academic and social life with extensive support services to help you thrive. These include an Academic Skills team, careers advisers, a medical and counselling centre and international student advisers.



Australian National University

ANU

Established: 1946
Location: Canberra
Student population: 21,000
Go to: study.anu.edu.au
CRICOS: 00120C; **TEQSA:** PRV12002

Images, clockwise from below:
A sea view from the Great
Ocean Road; Novak Djokovic in
action at the Australian Open;
Melbourne is famous for its
laneway cafes; St Kilda



Victoria

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

Population: Around 6.7 million
Size: 227,416sq km
State capital: Melbourne
Universities: The University of Melbourne, Monash University, Deakin University, RMIT, La Trobe University

Deakin University

More than 60,000 students from Australia and around the world choose Deakin for progressive, real-world learning that leads to career success. An internationally recognised university, we've supported over 300,000 students on their journeys to great things. If you want to connect with brilliant minds, learn by doing in world-class facilities and take the right step towards your ultimate career, you'll thrive at Deakin.

World-class facilities

Get hands-on in Deakin's future-focused facilities. From our A\$55 million-dollar engineering facility, to clinical simulation centres and an Elite Sports Precinct, you'll have access to world-class facilities that supercharge research and real-world learning.

What can you study at Deakin?

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

Real world learning

Every degree at Deakin features practical learning that allows you to apply your skills in real-world contexts. By working on industry-relevant projects using the same high tools professionals use, you'll be better prepared for your future career when you graduate.

An award-winning careers and employment service

Beyond work experience, our unique DeakinTALENT services assist students to enhance their career planning, marketability and employment outcomes.

DeakinTALENT directly connects our students and graduates with employers and offers tools and opportunities to build each student's experience and help prepare for their graduate job search. DeakinTALENT has been voted the most popular careers service in Australia several years in a row by the Australian Association of Graduate Employers.

DeakinTALENT programmes and services available to students and graduates include career coaching, career education within the curriculum, career success workshops, cohort-based talent development programmes, career resources, employer events and the Jobs and Internships board. DeakinTALENT is available to Deakin graduates for life.

Campuses in great city, coastal and regional locations

Our main campus is in Melbourne, the most liveable city in Australia according to the Economist Intelligence Unit's Global Liveability Index 2022. Melbourne is a city built for exploring. Coffee shops and galleries, music and amazing food can be found down every laneway and alley. There is always something happening here, from cultural festivals and arts performances to local and major sporting events. The Deakin Melbourne campus is located in leafy Burwood, adjacent to the vibrant, multicultural hub of Box Hill, about 20 minutes by tram from Melbourne's CBD.

We also have two campuses in Geelong, an hour's drive or train ride from Melbourne. Geelong is Victoria's second largest city, with great cafes, nightlife, galleries, music and easy access to surf beaches along the world-famous Great Ocean Road. These two campuses have great outdoor areas and state of the art facilities.

At the western end of the Great Ocean Road is our Warrnambool campus, offering students the same high standard of education and facilities, while living within a friendly regional Australian community in a spectacular coastal setting.

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 highlights

Top 1% of universities worldwide*
Learn from the best at a university ranked among the best in the world. This rating highlights Deakin's world-class facilities, research and teaching, as well as employability, innovation and inclusiveness.

* ARWU Rankings, 2022

100% Excellence in Research Australia (ERA)*

Research with Deakin to turn your inspiration into creations that change the world. Work side-by-side with brightest minds in industry and use world-leading research facilities to develop solutions that have a genuine impact on the communities we serve.

* State of Australian University Research 2018-19: ERA National Report

Victoria's #1 university for educational experience~

Graduate more fulfilled and confident about the future from a university that puts your study experience first. Whether you're studying online or on campus, you'll feel supported to achieve your best and move forward into a job you love.

~2020 Student Experience Survey, based on undergraduate students, UA benchmark group Victorian universities



DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

Established: 1974

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

Student population: 60,000

Go to: www.deakin.edu.au/international
CRICOS: 00113B; **TEQSA:** PRV12124

The University of Melbourne

Established in 1853, the University of Melbourne is a public-spirited institution that makes distinctive contributions to society in research, learning and teaching, and engagement. The University of Melbourne is currently the highest ranked Australian university across three major global rankings – QS (13), Times Higher Education (37) and the Academic Ranking of World Universities (37).

The University also has high profile employers actively seek out our graduates; Melbourne is currently ranked number 8 in the world for graduate employability (QS World University Rankings 2024). Graduates from the University are nurtured and prepared to become global leaders in their fields and are recognised as holding a world-class education.

The University of Melbourne prioritises deep research collaborations, a globally minded curriculum, and the best possible student experience for our diverse community.

The Parkville campus

The University is located in the heart of Melbourne; a city ranked as one of the world's most liveable. The University's heart is in Parkville, where our main campus has been situated for over 165 years. Just a short walk from Melbourne's centre, the Parkville campus is home to:

- Seven libraries, holding around 3.6 million books and other items
- Approximately 200 student clubs
- Over 40 sporting clubs
- More than 25 cafes!

A city within a city

Melbourne's Parkville campus is like a small city – it even has its own postcode! With everything from a supermarket to specialty shops, two gyms and a theatre on campus, you'll never need to leave.

There are seven libraries and dozens of purpose-built study spaces on campus – you can always find a comfy place to plug in your laptop or join a group swot session.

Food and friends

Get to know your new mates over an authentic curry, a gourmet salad or a heavenly street crepe! Joining a club on campus is a whole lot of fun, and the best way to make new friends. With around

200 clubs to choose from, there's bound to be one for you – whether you're into film-making, politics, debating or eating chocolate!

Safe and friendly

Melbourne is one of the safest cities in the world to live, work and study. The locals are friendly and the city's multicultural vibe means you'll instantly feel at home here. Whether you're heading out for a bite to eat, exploring the parks and leafy boulevards or just catching the tram to uni, you'll always feel secure and welcome.

Our other campuses

We have six other campuses in Victoria providing specialist equipment and resources for students studying agriculture, forest ecosystem science, rural health, horticulture and veterinary science. They are situated in Southbank, Burnley, Creswick, Dookie, Shepparton and Werribee.

Leadership opportunities

Employers love to see leadership experience on your CV, and we love to help you get it! Here you can:

- Take part in leadership conferences
- Participate in peer mentoring programmes
- Lead a community engagement project partnered with an eligible organisation
- Run a club or society

Learn from the best

Melbourne is consistently ranked among the world's top research universities. But what does that mean for our students? It means that, from day one of your degree, you will be taught by experts at the forefront of their fields. Your tutors and lecturers are actively engaged in research into everything from breast cancer risk genes to Australian racial politics and nutritional engineering. They are passionate, brilliant, and dedicated to sharing their discoveries and insights with you. At Melbourne, you'll learn from renowned researchers and industry leaders recognised globally for their outstanding achievements.

You'll be in demand as a graduate

Melbourne graduates are highly sought after. Many of our students secure their desired position soon

after completing their course – or even while they are still studying! Employers know our graduates are highly skilled and job-ready. The University is ranked 8 in the world for graduate employability.

Expect to connect

At Melbourne, we want to know who our students are. So as part of your transition to University, you will meet one-on-one with a specialist Student Connect adviser to talk about what uni's all about, why you're here, and where you want to go. Together with your adviser, you'll develop an action plan to ensure you are on track to achieving your goals – and that you're having fun and experiencing amazing things along the way! If you need further support, your adviser can mentor you through regular appointments during your time here, or recommend other University services that might help.

Services for international students

As an international student, you can expect specialised support at Melbourne. We are committed to ensuring you settle in to student life at the University, and enjoy your time in this wonderful city.

Pre-departure briefings

We hold pre-departure briefings, so you will know what to expect when you arrive in Melbourne.

Free airport pickup

We want to make sure you arrive safely in your new home. Our free airport pickup service is available to interstate and international students starting their studies at the University of Melbourne.

Transition workshops

Take part in workshops on a range of academic, cultural and practical topics to help you successfully make the move to university study.

Events and activities

Melbourne University Overseas Students' Service (MUOSS) offers additional support and organises fun events throughout the year.

Support and emergency contact

Our experienced staff can assist you with academic, personal and family matters. Our student support service is also the emergency contact for family overseas if they are concerned about your wellbeing.



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. Our undergraduate degrees span more than 100 majors, offering you a wealth of options when deciding which area of interest to focus on throughout your degree.

You can pursue study in areas (some at graduate level) including:

- Accounting
- Architecture
- Agriculture
- Biomedicine
- Business and economics
- Dentistry
- Education
- Engineering and IT
- Environmental science
- Food science
- International studies
- Law
- Languages
- Management and marketing
- Media and communications
- Medicine
- Music and fine arts
- Optometry
- Psychology
- Veterinary medicine

Main image: The Clocktower Building.
Images, clockwise from left: Anatomy class;
Orientation; the main campus seen from
above; agriculture students; St Kilda Beach



THE UNIVERSITY
OF MELBOURNE

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

Monash University

We are a young and dynamic university, ambitious in our goals to make change to the world we live in. With more than 170 undergraduate degrees and over 80 postgraduate degrees, Monash offers students the chance to study practically anything across our 10 faculties and five campuses.

A top 50 university
Monash University is consistently ranked in the top 50 universities in the world, including ranking at 42 globally in the 2024 QS World University Rankings. We have continued to be recognised internationally for our excellence in various subjects and disciplines in the 2024 QS World University Rankings by Subject, ranking first in Australia and second in the world for pharmacy and pharmacology and second in Australia for economics and econometrics.

Flagship rich educational experiences
Monash University offers all students a personal curation of rich educational experiences, focused on the challenges defining our world and our future.

Global Immersion Guarantee
This unit places you 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 in order to lead innovation 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 across Monash. Transform research into practice and build your capacity to create change and impact.

Volunteering in Practice
New for 2024, this programme focuses on developing the confidence and capacity of students to positively impact society by participating in, and leading, volunteering activities.

Constantly evolving education and research
Monash is ranked in the top 50 universities worldwide and is home to Australia's first dedicated heart hospital, on our main campus. The Victorian Heart Hospital is the physical home of the Monash Victorian Heart Institute, enabling the co-location of research, education and patient care. It's a powerful model for collaboration, innovation and better health outcomes. Our students are regarded as being among the best in Australia and in the world, and Monash is recognised as one of the top institutions globally for producing career-ready graduates.

The global village
Monash is more than a place to study. It offers you the chance to join a community that supports academic achievement, personal growth and the development of lasting friendships. Orientation Week welcomes all new students and connects them via a network of 150 clubs, societies and student associations.

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, to discover your passions, and to meet exciting people. That's why Monash has invested strongly in the student experience, from hosting spectacular major events and festivals, to offering leadership and mentoring programmes, industry networking opportunities, career development, and more. Take advantage of our support services, which range from tailored support for international students and students with a disability, or utilise the exceptional sporting facilities available across our campuses. Monash believes that the university experience goes beyond your grades, providing exceptional opportunities both in and out of the classroom.

International scholarships
We are committed to attracting academic high-achievers and producing internationally competitive graduates. When applying for an undergraduate or postgraduate course at Monash, you'll automatically be assessed for an International Study Grant.



Scenes from campus, clockwise from above: Lecture in progress; motorsport students; a quiet moment to study; live music on campus; the University's main Clayton campus



Monash University by numbers

- Consistently ranked in the top 50 universities in the world (42 in the QS World University Rankings 2024)
- Ranked No. 1 in Australia for pharmacy and pharmacology (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024), computer sciences (Time Higher Education Rankings 2024 (Australia)), and engineering (Times Higher Education Rankings 2024 (Australia))
- Ranked No. 16 in the world for education (Time Higher Education Rankings 2024)
- Ranked No. 29 in the world for clinical health (Time Higher Education Rankings 2024)
- Ranked No. 52 in the world for arts and humanities (Time Higher Education Rankings 2024)
- Ranked No. 46 in the world for business and economics (Time Higher Education Rankings 2024)

2024 QS Rankings By Subject

- 2 Pharmacy and pharmacology
- 21 nursing
- =23 education
- =35 accounting and finance



MONASH UNIVERSITY

Established: 1958
Location: Melbourne
Student population: Approximately 86,000
Go to: www.monash.edu.au
CRICOS: 00008C; TEQSA: PRV12140

Schools and faculties in focus

A world-leading Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
Ranked 1 in Australia and 2 in the world for the study of Pharmacy and Pharmacology in the 2024 QS World University Rankings by Subject, Monash is a world leader in pharmacy education and research. Our challenging courses prepare students for frontline roles in modern patient care and drug discovery and development. You will find our highly employable graduates in hospitals, communities, research centres, and drug companies the world over. Located on a specialist campus based within the Melbourne Biomedical Precinct, the Faculty is

also home to the Monash Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, which has 500 research staff and graduate students. Every pharmacy degree in Australia offers a five-year pathway to registration as a pharmacist. Our pathway takes the same amount of time, but instead of graduating with one degree, you'll graduate with two: A masters as well as a bachelors. Our fifth year entails an internship, so not only will you get valuable work experience, you also get paid for it.

Monash Business School
Internationally recognised for excellence in education and research

in Australia, the Asia-Pacific, and around the world, Monash Business School is ranked 1 in Australia and 17 in the world by the US News and the World Report's Best Global Universities for Economics and Business. Monash Business School is proud to have been awarded 'Triple Accreditation' by three global accrediting bodies: The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the EFMD Quality Improvement System (EQUIS), and the Association of MBAs (AMBA). Our broad range of subjects allow you to tailor your business education, from accounting to banking and finance, actuarial studies, commerce,

econometrics, economics, marketing, international business, management and more. Plus, with a Monash double degree, you can explore more than one discipline, or even combine your Monash Business School degree with a degree from one of the many other Monash faculties, including arts, law, information technology, education, engineering, fine art, and science.

Flexible graduate teaching qualifications

At Monash, we foster the urge to teach, share expertise, and inspire future generations. Whether you're coming directly from prior studies, or are at a turning point in your career,

our professional entry Master of Teaching provides a fast-track to becoming a leading educator. As part of the Master of Teaching, you will specialise in early childhood, primary or secondary education (or a combination), earn a Master's degree regardless of specialisation, and engage in professional placement opportunities that will put you in the classroom in front of students.

Make real change with public policy programmes at Monash

Monash's Master of Public Policy and Graduate Certificate of Public Policy have been developed and are led by internationally-renowned academics,

and will give graduates the skills to be at the forefront of policy development challenges relevant to business, professional and public policy communities. Set in a multidisciplinary field, students will develop their leadership capacity for working with multicultural teams in intercultural environments. The University's graduate public policy courses equip students with industry-relevant specialist skills to work and live in a rapidly changing globalised world. Graduates will be ready for a career in public, not-for-profit, and private sector agencies involved in policy and service delivery.

Images, clockwise from below: Busselton Jetty; heritage architecture in Fremantle; a quokka – dubbed the world's happiest animal, quokkas are only found on Rottnest Island, WA – and Elizabeth Quay, Perth



Western Australia



Western Australia is Australia's largest state, covering a third of the continent – an area 10 times bigger than the UK! Its population, however, is relatively small. WA is home to around 2.8 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 south west 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 its wealth; GDP per capita here is almost twice the national average.

There is plenty to see and do in Western Australia, with the south west in particular prized as one of the world's biodiversity hot spots. Up to 80% of fish,

invertebrates and other organisms here are to be found nowhere else in the world, making WA a perfect living lab for study and research.

Population: Around 2.7 million
Size: 2,529,875sq km
State capital: Perth
Universities: The University of Western Australia (UWA), Edith Cowan University (ECU), Murdoch University, Curtin University



The University of Western Australia

The University of Western Australia (UWA) is located in Perth, Australia's fourth largest city. Perth enjoys a lower cost of living than Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane, and typically offers around 9% higher wages compared to the Australian national average. Perth is consistently voted among the most liveable cities in the world.

Adjacent to the Swan River, our Perth campus is among the most picturesque in Australia with iconic sandstone buildings sitting among heritage-listed gardens. We're just 10 minutes from Perth's main shopping and business district and close to many of the city's stunning beaches.

Perth has a Mediterranean climate with hot, dry summers and mild, wet winters. It is the sunniest capital city in Australia with clear blue skies an incredible 70% of the year! Our warm weather and clean air allow us to enjoy a year-round outdoor lifestyle and we make the most of our state's natural beauty including our treasured coastline of white sandy beaches.

UWA was established in 1911 and has a reputation for excellence in teaching, learning and research in a wide range of subjects. The University's vision is to create the next generation of global leaders through experience-rich education

and world-leading, trustworthy research.

UWA ranks first in Western Australia and is recognised internationally as a top 100 university, currently sitting at 77 in the QS World University Rankings 2025. We are a proud member of the internationally recognised Group of Eight, a coalition of Australia's leading research-intensive universities, and a foundation member of the Matariki Network of high-quality, research-intensive universities with a focus on student experience.

Eight of our subject areas are ranked in the world's top 50, according to the 2024 QS World University Rankings by Subject.

Top ranked subjects at UWA (QS 2024)

- Engineering – mineral and mining (7)
- Anatomy and physiology (19)
- Sports-related subjects (20)
- Geology (42)
- Earth and marine sciences (45)
- Agriculture and forestry (46)
- Engineering – petroleum (46)
- Geophysics (47)

On campus, you'll have an array of essential amenities to enjoy, including cafés, libraries, bookshops, a vibrant cultural

precinct and tonnes of clubs and societies to join and experience student life to its fullest. Our supportive Student Guild means that you can try your hand at volunteering, get independent advice on a range of matters or attend one of the many varied events on and off campus.

UWA graduates are equipped with communication and critical thinking skills to the highest international standards, and are taught to have a broad, global perspective – all of which are vital in order to excel in a range of professions.

UWA offers a wide range of undergraduate degrees, postgraduate degrees, and higher degrees by research in a number of different study areas.

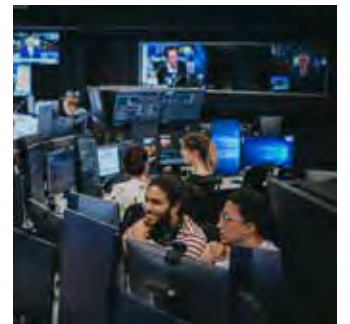
Study areas at UWA include:

- 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

Your UWA degree is an investment

Australia
The University of Western
Australia (UWA)

Images, clockwise from left: The sandstone buildings of the main UWA Perth campus; students conducting fieldwork at the Albany Centre; working in the computer labs



in your future. Our graduates consistently exceed the national average starting salaries and state graduate employment rates. We celebrate strong industry partnerships, offering you practical, real-world experiences in addition to valuable professional networking opportunities. This hands-on learning approach is highly valued by employers and ensures you graduate career-ready. Our alumni network continues to inspire and bring about positive impact on society.

Our significant UWA Global Excellence Scholarships continue to be awarded to high-achieving undergraduate and postgraduate students applying to most courses on offer. In 2024 and 2025, these are worth up to A\$12,000 per year, for every year you study with us.



**THE UNIVERSITY OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

Established: 1911

Location: Perth

Student population: Around 24,000

Go to: uwa.edu.au/study

CRICOS: 00126G; **TEQSA:** PRV12169

Edith Cowan University (ECU)



Here: Outdoor cinema night for students; above and left, the ECU Joondalup campus

Our university is named after an Australian icon

Edith Cowan was the first woman ever to get into an Australian parliament – and that was in the 1920's! She was a trailblazer who fought tirelessly to improve conditions for women, children, families, the poor, and the elderly. 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 acquire Edith's name; we embraced her values and vision. For example, we champion inclusion and equity – everyone is welcome here, however diverse their background.

If you become an ECU student, we'll support you through all kinds of dedicated systems and friendly

staff, especially if you experience personal or academic challenges. We even have a student Wellness Centre.

Our teaching and other staff will actively engage with you, always making themselves available and prioritising your experience. It's no wonder we're consistently ranked one of the best in Australia for student support and overall student experience – including international students like you (Good Universities Guide 2024).

We make creative thinkers here too

At ECU, we believe that human creativity, combined with the inspiration of learning, has the power to transform lives and create a better world. So we'll prepare you by teaching you the skills we know industries and employers 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 rated us 5 stars for 17 years straight 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 study areas – Arts and Humanities, Business and Law, Engineering, Medical and Health Sciences, Nursing, Science, Teacher Education and the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts.

Our courses are internationally recognised. Many are professionally accredited by national and international organisations.

At ECU, you can expect your learning to go beyond the classroom, with practicum placements in real businesses or organisations, as well as 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 study for three or more years for a whole degree. You'll love the place!

We're young and we're curious

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

Being young means we're constantly curious. That curiosity has led us to not only being creative thinkers, but also to undertaking world-class research that makes a 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.

A university campus like no other

Right now, we have campuses in Joondalup, Mount Lawley and a third, Bunbury, in the beautiful south west of our state. But 2026 is bringing a big change.

We're building a new campus right in the middle of Perth city. And not just any campus. This will be something you won't find anywhere else in Australia.

Eleven integrated storeys of high-tech wizardry, both inside and outside the building, and full of students of the creative industries, performing arts, business and much more. You might even be one if its first students when the doors open for Semester 1 in February 2026...



ECU
Established: 1991
Location: Joondalup (Perth); Mount Lawley (Perth); South West (Bunbury)
Student population: Around 30,000
Go to: ecu.edu.au/international
CRICOS: 00279B; **TEQSA:** PRV12160

Explore ECU courses for in-demand professions:

- Teacher Education**
ecu.edu.au/teacher-education
- Paramedicine**
ecu.edu.au/paramedicine
- Speech Pathology**
ecu.edu.au/speech-pathology
- Occupational Therapy**
ecu.edu.au/ot



Murdoch University

Murdoch has everything you expect of a world-class university: Leading academics, world-changing research, excellent facilities and a wide range of courses.

Murdoch provides an innovative, welcoming environment. You will be surrounded by some of the world's most progressive thinkers, people challenging conventional wisdom and finding answers to the world's big questions.

With a 5-stars rating for overall experience; inclusiveness; teaching quality; employability and learning facilities from QS and ranked first in our state for social equity and student to teacher ratio by the Good Universities Guide, Murdoch is a place you can be yourself and be appreciated for who you truly are.

Perth campus

Our main campus, 15 minutes from the centre of Perth and the historic port of Fremantle, offers all our courses and a unique student experience. One of the largest campuses in Australia, it sits in 227 hectares of beautiful native bush.

Our Boola Katitjin building – means 'lots of learning' in native Whadjuk Noongar – has been designed with students at its heart. Located at the centre of campus, students, staff and industry alike meet, work, and engage in the building's 21 large teaching and learning spaces, technology-rich labs and immersive industry collaboration facilities. The

building features the first Tech-Enabled Learning (TEL) desks in the country, allowing students to connect with any device, collaborate with their group and present and share work from anywhere.

Boola Katitjin plays a key role in Murdoch's new strategy, 'Ngala Kwop Biddi. Building a Brighter Future, Together'. This reflects its three pillars of sustainability; equity, diversity and inclusion; and becoming the university of choice for First Nations people.

What can you study at Murdoch?

- Business and law
- Creative arts
- Engineering
- Health
- Science
- Social and cultural studies
- Teaching
- Technology

Nursing We have state-of-the-art facilities. You will provide care in fully equipped nursing wards, treatment areas and simulation rooms using hi-tech audio-visual equipment, wireless technology and computer labs.

Bachelor of Clinical Chiropractic

This course has a well-rounded scientific base combined with evidence based clinical skills, so you graduate ready to work.

Bachelor of Science/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

Western Australia's only vet science course



All images: Boola Katitjin Building on the main Murdoch campus in Perth



will give you the opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills and practical experience necessary to solve the existing and emerging problems of our companion animals, livestock and wildlife.

Practical and real-world experience

Our world-class teaching facilities give access to real-world resources and equipment, helping you gain industry knowledge and experience:

- Our IT labs have the latest VR equipment, data servers and industrial technologies
- Engineering facilities include the Bayer Pilot Plant, with the latest advanced control systems, while renewable energy facilities include photovoltaic equipment and labs
- Murdoch was the first university in Australia to use mixed-reality learning, using virtual reality and human actors, in teacher education, simulating real-life ahead of practical placements
- We provide learning in practical settings and workplaces. Our Work Integrated Learning programme allows students to demonstrate skills to employers.

A supportive environment

We offer extensive support services for international students to help you succeed. We offer a full orientation programme to introduce you to student life, plus you can access student

advisors, peer academic coaching, social functions, clubs and societies, and accommodation assistance.

Research at Murdoch

We are a research-led university that focuses on multidisciplinary translational research with real-life impact. We engage with global challenges, the 'wicked' problems of the future. Our evolving world has emerging complex problems with interconnected causes:

Climate change, land degradation, food and water security, minority group disadvantage, population growth and ageing, emerging infectious disease. Often working alongside key corporate, academic and government partners, our research translates into impact. Murdoch clusters its research into multi-disciplinary institutes and centres such as The Harry Butler Institute, The Health Futures Institute, The Food Futures Institute, and The Asia Research Centre.



MURDOCH UNIVERSITY

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



Curtin University

Curtin is a vibrant, future-focused university where ideas and cultures combine to create a place of enthusiasm, achievement, and innovation. We design our courses in consultation with industry experts and offer work-integrated learning and internship opportunities, so you graduate with the skills employers want.

Curtin is a university with innovation at its heart, offering internationally recognised courses, advanced facilities and a diverse global community dedicated to making a real difference. Curtin is consistently ranked among the world's top universities by the Academic Ranking of World Universities, a testament to our commitment to the values of integrity, excellence, respect, courage and impact, and desire to make tomorrow better.

Curtin Business School is recognised as an elite global business school through its accreditations by EQUIS, AACB International and EFMD. Curtin University has also been ranked second in the world for mineral and mining engineering in the QS World University Rankings by Subject for the last eight years in a row. Curtin also has impressive rankings in health, architecture, and science and engineering subjects (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024).

Employable graduates

Curtin graduates have been rated the best in Australia for employer satisfaction in the most recent

QILT Employer Satisfaction Survey. Of Western Australia's public universities, Curtin has the highest rate of graduates finding full-time employment (Good Universities Guide 2024).

Study options at Curtin

Curtin offers a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate course options across academic areas including engineering, health, business, arts, IT and science. Our courses are designed with industry to ensure that you graduate with the skills and knowledge sought after by employers in today's evolving global market.

We provide technology-rich learning environments that simulate real-world industry settings, such as the Moot Court, the Media Production Studio, a simulated hospital ward, and a cybersecurity lab. By gaining hands-on, practical experience you'll develop the skills necessary for your chosen career.

A place of innovation

At Curtin, you'll learn on a campus where research and discovery abound – and have opportunities to develop your entrepreneurial skills and ideas. Our research is helping drive positive change for our people, our partners and our planet. For example, we're identifying ways to improve health outcomes for burns victims, and pioneering new cancer treatments. We're using new technology to produce green hydrogen from

untreated water, and finding ways to help Australia meet its net-zero emissions target by 2050.

Our Commercialisation team works with researchers, investors and industry partners to take Curtin innovations, assess their commercial potential and find the best ways of bringing them to market.

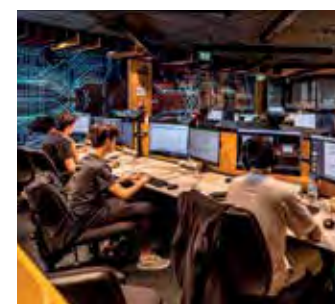
Curtin's Exchange precinct serves as a hub where industry and innovation converge. The precinct encompasses dedicated spaces and programmes that support entrepreneurship, research and industry partnerships. In 2024, Curtin launched the Bachelor of Innovation degree, designed for students who think outside the box, strive for change, or aspire to set up businesses.

Campus life

Curtin's Perth campus is situated close to the scenic Canning River. Since our establishment in 1966, we have grown into Western Australia's largest university. With 116 hectares of striking architecture amid beautiful gardens, we offer a vibrant and inspirational environment for your learning journey.

Market days, multicultural week, live music and the Guild Ball are just a few of the vibrant events you'll find happening regularly on our campus. Looking for a quiet spot to study? Our TL Robertson Library is a beautiful light-filled building designed to be the ideal place to study, collaborate and catch up with friends.

Images, clockwise from left: Students relax on campus; 3-D virtual anatomy class; cyber security lab



Student support

With so much to see, do and get involved in, life at Curtin can be an exciting and fulfilling experience. To ensure that your time here is enjoyable and productive, we offer a range of health and well-being services on campus. Our Student Wellbeing Advisory service also offers free and confidential support for any issue that may be affecting you, no matter how big or small. We offer study support to help you transition to university study in Australia, such as peer to peer tutoring and library help.

Accommodation

Curtin Perth has six on-campus accommodation options for you to choose from – managed by St Catherine's College and Unilodge. All are close to the university and various amenities, giving you the safety and convenience of an urban lifestyle and the opportunity to connect with other residents.

When you're ready for a break or want to explore, it's an easy public transport ride or short drive to the city, South Perth foreshore, local café strips and shopping areas.



CURTIN UNIVERSITY

Established: 1966

Locations: Perth and Kalgoorlie; Malaysia; Singapore; Dubai; Mauritius; Colombo

Student population: 58,000

Go to: curtin.edu.au/international

CRICOS: 00301J; **TEQSA:** PRV12158



Images, clockwise from below: Needle Eye Rock at Venus Bay; wisteria in bloom in the Botanic Gardens, Adelaide; the city centre; Stenhouse Bay



South Australia

South Australia, in the southern central area of the country, is large in size but relatively low in population, with just 1.8 million people. Most South Australians (almost 80%) live in and around the quietly genteel state capital city, Adelaide. Voted one of the top three cities in which to live in 2021 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 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 1.8 million
Size: 983,482sq km
State capital: Adelaide
Universities: University of Adelaide; University of South Australia

The University of Adelaide

At the University of Adelaide, we unite those striving to change the world – and themselves – for the better. This is a place where you can make history. Established in 1874, we're home to over 30,000 students and 3,800 staff, all working to create progress. Ours is a university of outstanding quality – ranked among the top-100 in the world* – in the heart of one of Australia's most liveable cities†.

Relentlessly progressive

Adelaide has always broken new ground. We were Australia's first university to welcome female students; the first offering science and business degrees; one of the first with a conservatorium of music. Among those who have studied, taught, or researched here are Australia's first female prime minister; space-walking astronaut; Indigenous Rhodes Scholar; and female Supreme Court judge and state governor. Not to mention five Nobel Prize winners.

Exceptional research and education

As a member of Australia's Group of Eight research-intensive universities, we're rising to global challenges with research that is universally rated world-standard or above[‡]. Our output is recognised as 'well above' world standard in 41 distinct areas. These range widely, from space sciences, materials engineering and AI, to crop production, cardiorespiratory medicine and environmental science. As a teaching university, we're ranked among the top 100 globally in 27 subject areas[‡]. In eight – including computer science, dentistry and civil engineering – we're top 50.

We also lead our state in graduate employability^{**}. Our degrees combine deep discipline knowledge with broad, transferable skills, ensuring graduates are well prepared for multidimensional careers in the future workforce.

* Times Higher Education World University Rankings, 2024; QS World University Rankings, 2024; US News Rankings of Best Global Universities, 2023. † Economist Intelligence Unit, 2022. ‡ Excellence in Research Australia, 2018 (the most recent assessment date). ‡ Total unique entries across QS World University Rankings by Subject (2023), Times Higher Education (2024), and Academic Ranking of World Universities by Subject (2022). ** QS Graduate Employability Ranking, 2022

Our campuses

The University has three campuses in South Australia – North Terrace, Roseworthy and Waite – and a campus in Melbourne, Victoria

• **North Terrace campus** This, the University's main campus, is renowned for its historic architecture and lively atmosphere. Set in the heart of Adelaide, the campus is close to the State Library, the Festival Theatre, the South Australian Museum, Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide Zoo, Botanic Gardens, and Lot Fourteen – a cutting-edge hub of hi-tech and entrepreneurial activity. The University's Adelaide Health and Medical Sciences building is also within walking distance, in the BioMed City precinct.

• **Waite campus** This campus is home to the internationally renowned Waite Research Institute, the largest agricultural research institute in the southern hemisphere and third largest in the world. Our new Food Innovation Laboratory provides a cutting-edge and industry standard space for food related teaching and research. A number of research partners are also co-located here. Staff and students work closely with these organisations, providing unique opportunities for collaboration on national and international research projects. Key research areas include wine, plant biotechnology, plant breeding, sustainable agriculture and food science. The campus is eight kilometres south of the city and is easily accessible by public transport and a Waite-North Terrace campus shuttle bus service. Campus services include a childcare centre, library, cafe, gym and sporting facilities.

• **Roseworthy campus** This campus is a world-class centre for excellence in dryland agriculture, natural resource management and animal production. Set on over 1,600 hectares of land, it is home to South Australia's only veterinary school. It features an A\$37 million veterinary clinic, where students can gain clinical experience while studying. The campus is 55 kilometres north of Adelaide. Access is available by a North Terrace-Roseworthy campus shuttle bus. Campus services include accommodation, a swimming pool, library, cafe and fitness centre.

• **Melbourne campus** Our Melbourne campus is on the western fringe of the city in Docklands. We offer a selection of degrees at undergraduate and postgraduate level as well as pathway options as part of our University of Adelaide College offerings. For full details about the campus and the services available, see www.adelaide.edu.au/melbourne

Enhancing employability

From our industry-informed curriculum and partnerships to professional placements and internship opportunities, we ensure you have every opportunity to enhance your employability alongside your academic learning throughout your studies.

Our industry links

Not only will you learn from our world-class academic staff, many of whom are practising industry professionals themselves, you'll also benefit from our strong industry connections and partnerships in work-integrated learning opportunities. Depending on your area of study, you could be sharpening your professional skills in our full-service Adelaide Dental Hospital, our five legal advice community clinics, veterinary health centre, fully functional livestock farm or any number of other professional organisations and workplace environments.

Gain hands-on experience

Students studying almost any degree at the University can undertake an internship, either as part of, or in addition to, their studies. Internships are a great way to develop industry networks and connections, to prepare you for graduate work environments, and provide you the opportunity to apply knowledge and skills to real-life situations.

Students studying certain degrees will be formally required to complete an internship or clinical placements as part of their studies to meet professional accreditation requirements. Our Allied Health students, for example, complete over 800 hours of work-based training in a wide variety of healthcare settings while our engineering students complete practical placements under the supervision of qualified, practising engineers.



THE UNIVERSITY
of ADELAIDE

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Established: 1874

Student population: Around 29,000

Location: Adelaide

Go to: www.adelaide.edu.au

CRICOS: 00123M; TEQSA: PRV12105



Images, clockwise from above: Students cross the Quadrangle; the University's North Terrace campus is in the heart of Adelaide; dentistry students at work

A move toward the future: Adelaide University

The University of Adelaide is contributing to a bold, visionary transformation as it combines its strengths with the University of South Australia to create the new Adelaide University. Students will be able to commence their studies at Adelaide University in 2026.

"Adelaide University is a university for the future – focused on making a transformative impact in our world – and yours. Adelaide University is built on the legacies of the University of South Australia and the University of Adelaide with an ambition that combines both strengths to unlock a new, for-purpose university that will create brighter futures for contemporary learners and global citizens, along with future-making research of scale and focus that shapes the shifts our society needs. "Education and research can empower whole-of-communities, accelerating the path to betterment through cohesion and prosperity.

Adelaide University will rise to the occasion by delivering nation-leading curriculum and exceptional student experience, pursuing greater educational equality, expanding research partnerships and outcomes, aligning with industry and generating significant resource.

"We are creating Australia's new major university with a strategic direction that will optimise and pursue our ambitions on the global stage as a member of the prestigious and research-intensive Group of Eight (Go8). Through meaningful partnerships with end-users, anchored in educational and research excellence, Adelaide University will make a measurable impact through:

- Addressing intergenerational disadvantage;
- Creative and cultural industries;
- Health and wellbeing;
- Sustainable futures;
- Future workforce;
- Sovereign capability.



"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 fervently believe in the power of education and research to create vibrant communities and to address the multigenerational challenges before us. Adelaide University will drive a transformative agenda as a global powerhouse for the delivery of excellence and equity."

Adelaide University, July 2024



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 NZ 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 2024 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 the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, the National Opera, the Royal New Zealand Ballet and the country's national museum, Te Papa. It's a sophisticated, laid-back city, famous for its shopping, food and coffee as well as enjoying a 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

New Zealand

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UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO
Hamilton and Tauranga

MASSEY UNIVERSITY
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VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON
Wellington
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LINCOLN UNIVERSITY
Christchurch

UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY
Christchurch

UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO
Dunedin
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most dedicated adrenaline-junkie activities (bungee-jumping, sea-kayaking, 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 hassle creates 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 freshly cooked fish and chips sitting on the jetty after a day out walking or sea-kayaking, or a night out at a restaurant after a leisurely day spent wandering around a few museums, galleries or vineyards, there's something for everyone.

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 enough money to cover your living costs while studying. Here's an idea of what to expect

Cost of living: What's the bottom line?

New Zealand universities recommend students allow between \$18,000 and \$27,000 per year for living expenses, depending on location, though it's important to note that Immigration New Zealand will want you to show that you have access to a minimum of NZ\$20,000 per year to cover living expenses when you apply for your student visa (please see page 66-67 for more on visas).

How much do things cost in New Zealand?

Takeaway pizza (large): From \$15
Milk: \$2.35 – \$4.50
Bread: \$3.30 – \$5
Coffee, cappuccino or latte: From \$5
Pint of beer: From \$8
Student cinema ticket: \$10 – \$17
Backpacker (dorm bunk room): From \$30 per night
Return flight Wellington to Queenstown: From \$250
Ticket (foot passenger) on the ferry between the North and South Islands: From \$80
Glass of wine: From \$9

Please note that all figures quoted on these pages are approximate; living costs will vary according to lifestyle. All costs on these pages are given in New Zealand dollars.

The amount needed for living costs depends on each person'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 you 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 will assume that 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 every student is housing. Each university offers different options for accommodation 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 glance, 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, internet access, and local phone calls. Each hall does 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 much easier to manage as a budget, particularly if this is their first year away from home.

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 options.

Self-catered hall costs typically also include utility bills, local calls, laundry and so on as above (again check each hall) but you need to allow for food bills in your weekly budget. The amount that people spend on food varies hugely, 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 work out to be 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 look at first to be much the cheapest option, but remember 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 and/or white goods), all on top of the weekly rent. Also remember that the lease on private housing is likely to be for 52 weeks, so if you don't plan 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 living costs

All the 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 to the right to find out more from each of them...

Education New Zealand also provides good information on what to expect from the cost of living in New Zealand on its NauMai website. Please see www.naumainz.studywithnewzealand.govt.nz/studying-in-nz/before-your-arrival/cost-of-living



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



Massey University
AUCKLAND, PALMERSTON NORTH AND WELLINGTON

www.massey.ac.nz/study/international-students/living-in-new-zealand/

Working as a student

New Zealand student visas usually allow degree students to work up to 20 hours per week during the academic year and full time during holidays if they want to.

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 to get part-time work, make sure you join this as soon as you can and check the job boards regularly, as new offers from employers come in all the time.

If you've already got experience in something you'd 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 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 2024, is \$23.15 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 you arrive 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 at a student.

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 budget with this in mind – don't assume you'll step off the plane straight into a high-paying part time job; have a backup plan!

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

What visa will I need to study?

If your course in NZ will take three months or longer to complete, you will need to apply for a Fee Paying Student Visa. If the course you want to study is no more than three months long, and you hold an New Zealand visitor's visa, then you do not need to get a student visa to study.

Is there an age limit?

No, there are no age limits to getting a student visa in New Zealand.

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

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 WHV (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 to discuss your case.

Can I work on a student visa?

Yes, in most cases student visa holders can work up to 20 hours each week during term and full time during the holidays.

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

Student visa applications submitted via the online system from the UK currently cost NZ\$430. Fees are subject to change each year, so please check www.immigration.govt.nz before making your application.

How do I apply?

The best way to apply is to submit your student visa application is online, at <https://online.immigration.govt.nz/> You can, alternatively, complete a paper application form, which is also available from the INZ website, but online applications are preferred (and are processed more quickly). Visit www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/visas/visa/full-fee-paying-student-visa for full information on what you will need to make your application and what to expect from the process.

Will I have to show any evidence of my finances?

Yes, you will need to prove that you have enough money to live on while you study. INZ will want to see evidence that you have access to NZ\$20,000 per year as a student – this can be shown using bank statements, evidence of a scholarship, or alternatively 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 from New Zealand.

What about character documents?

All applicants for New Zealand visas need to be of 'good character'. This generally means you 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. See www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/visas/visa/full-fee-paying-student-visa and click on 'good character'.

It's also recommended that you include a cover letter or statement of purpose with your application, explaining why you want to study in New Zealand. This will help Immigration New Zealand determine whether or not you are a genuine student, which is one of their key criteria when assessing applications. Please contact Study Options to discuss the letter, and to get advice on what information to include within it.

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. Medical certificates are not usually required for full fee paying students but you will need to have a chest x-ray if you are from, or have spent time in, a country where tuberculosis is common.

Can I take my partner with me to New Zealand?

It is not possible to include a partner in your NZ 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 simply accompany you while you are studying your course. They have the option of applying for a Partner of a Student Work Visa if you (as the student) are:

- Studying for a Level 7 or Level 8 qualification that is on the Green List, the Qualifications Eligible for a Post Study Work Visa list, or the Long Term Skill Shortage List (if your study started before September 2022), or
- Studying for a postgraduate qualification (Level 9 or Level 10).

If your course of study does not fall into any of the categories above,

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.

How long does a student visa take to get?

Immigration New Zealand recommend you allow around four weeks (20 working days) for processing for a student visa application submitted online.

How soon can I travel to New Zealand once I get my student visa?

A student 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 the course is up to 12 months long, or for around 12 months for courses that are longer than a year. For courses that last longer than a year, you will be required to renew your visa through the Immigration New Zealand online system for subsequent years of study. This is a process that the team at your university's International Office will be happy to help you with.

Can I apply for another visa when my course finishes?

Yes, potentially, if you meet policy. For information about further or alternative visa options, please visit www.immigration.govt.nz.

What are my obligations on a New Zealand student 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. 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 when you graduate. Depending on your NZ qualification, you may be able to work for almost any employer in New Zealand for up to three years, and do almost any kind of work.

You are eligible for a Post Study Work Visa if you studied a degree at NZQF level 7 or above (you must have studied it full time for at least 30 weeks in New Zealand), OR, if you studied a non-degree level 7 or below qualification, and that qualification is on the Qualifications Eligible for a Post Study Work Visa list. If your qualification is below level 7 the job you end up taking must be related to what you studied. This will be specified on your visa.

If you completed a qualification at level 7 (bachelors) or above in New Zealand, you can work for any employer, in any job.

The duration of the post study work visa will depend on how long you've studied in NZ. If you have studied a three year degree, you will be eligible for a three-year Post Study Work Visa. If you did a one-year Postgraduate Diploma, you'll be eligible for a one-year Post Study Work Visa. This rule doesn't apply to Masters and PhD students, however, who continue to be eligible for a three-year post-study work visa.

New Zealand qualification levels

When looking at Immigration New Zealand rules around study visas you will see frequent references to a qualification's 'level', numbered from 1 to 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 covered by levels 1

through 3 of 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 (studied by coursework or by research, or by a combination of the two), and Level 10 refers to PhD programmes.

What will I need to apply for a student visa?

The full requirements are given at www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/visas/visa/full-fee-paying-student-visa but an outline list of documents is as follows:

- The completed application form
- A valid passport (you will need to upload the identity page)
- The application fee
- An unconditional (full) offer of place to study at a university in New Zealand
- Receipt showing payment of one year's tuition fees
- Evidence of sufficient funds for living costs
- Evidence of sufficient funds to purchase an outward ticket
- Evidence of your health and character, if required
- A cover letter or statement of purpose explaining why you want to study in New Zealand and providing more information about yourself. A guide to writing this can be found on the INZ student visa applicant checklist (please contact Study Options with any questions!)

Images, clockwise from below: View from Mount John, Mackenzie Country; yellow eyed penguins; St Clairs Beach, Dunedin; Queenstown; Abel Tasman National Park. Right: A snowboarder at Cardrona



South Island

The South Island of New Zealand is home to some of the world's most stunning scenery. Its glorious coastline, lakes, mountains, forests and rolling plains make it the perfect destination for anyone who likes the great outdoors. Kayaking, skiing, snowboarding and walking (which the Kiwis call 'tramping') are all readily available in this incredible environment, which is also home to the cities of Dunedin, Nelson and Christchurch as well as to the famous wine-growing regions of Marlborough and Central Otago.

Population: Around 1.2 million
Size: 151,215sq km
Major cities: Dunedin, Nelson and Christchurch
Universities: University of Otago, University of Canterbury, Lincoln University
www.newzealand.com



The University of Otago

Established in 1869, the University of Otago is New Zealand's first university and enjoys a long and distinguished educational heritage. The University has developed a widely renowned research and teaching profile.

Otago has campuses in both the North and South Islands, and the main campus in Dunedin is recognised as one of the most beautiful in the world, boasting forested hills, beaches, incredible wildlife, and a stunning natural harbour on its doorstep. A vibrant, thriving student city, Dunedin is also a UNESCO city of literature.

Otago delivers a superb student experience, with internationally regarded teaching, state-of-the-art facilities, world-leading research groups, and a lively programme of extra-curricular events.

Otago is the top New Zealand institution for student performance and retention, boasting a five-star plus QS rating for employability, internationalisation, teaching, and research.

Undergraduate study at Otago

Otago offers a distinctive undergraduate experience, attracting 85% of its students from outside Dunedin, from over 90 countries. Its 15 residential colleges foster independence, social networks, and academic success. Most university accommodation is within a 10-minute walk of campus, with the city just 15 minutes away.

Otago offers a range of flexible study options with over 140 courses spanning four academic faculties: Health Sciences, Sciences, Commerce/Otago Business School, and Humanities.

Otago is offering a range of undergraduate scholarships for international students starting in 2025-2026. Please see our website for more details at otago.ac.nz/international-scholarships

Postgraduate study:

Masters degrees at Otago are internationally recognised and are designed to help you to move into employment, or to advance seamlessly to doctoral study.

Our academic staff, many of whom are pioneers in their fields, offer research supervision for masters and PhD students. Among

our 4,700 postgraduates and 1,600 doctoral candidates, 50% are international. Otago offers diverse postgraduate programmes including business data science, wildlife management, health sciences; international studies; nursing; marine science; Māori studies; Pacific Islands studies; sport development and management; wildlife management; and tourism.

Otago provides a range of generous masters scholarships as well as doctoral scholarships. These scholarships are granted with recommendation from each department based on academic achievement and research ability. Please visit our website for details.

Get involved

Otago's Social Impact Studio works alongside more than 200 community organisations, running volunteering and leadership programmes which achieve impactful contributions and promote student-driven change.

Student-driven change further flourishes in Otago's Sustainability Neighbourhood, with university-owned flats set up to grow food, compost, recycle, be energy efficient and take part in ongoing research focused on creating a sustainable student community.

Student support:

Our many support services include a dedicated international support team; disability support; campus healthcare; accommodation; and campus watch staff who are there 24/7 to offer help and advice.



NEW ZEALAND'S FIRST UNIVERSITY

THE UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

Established: 1869

Location: Dunedin

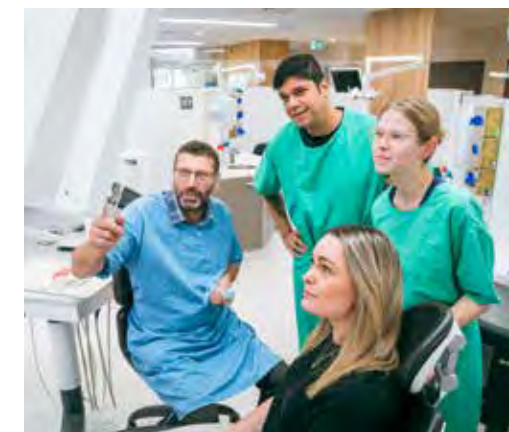
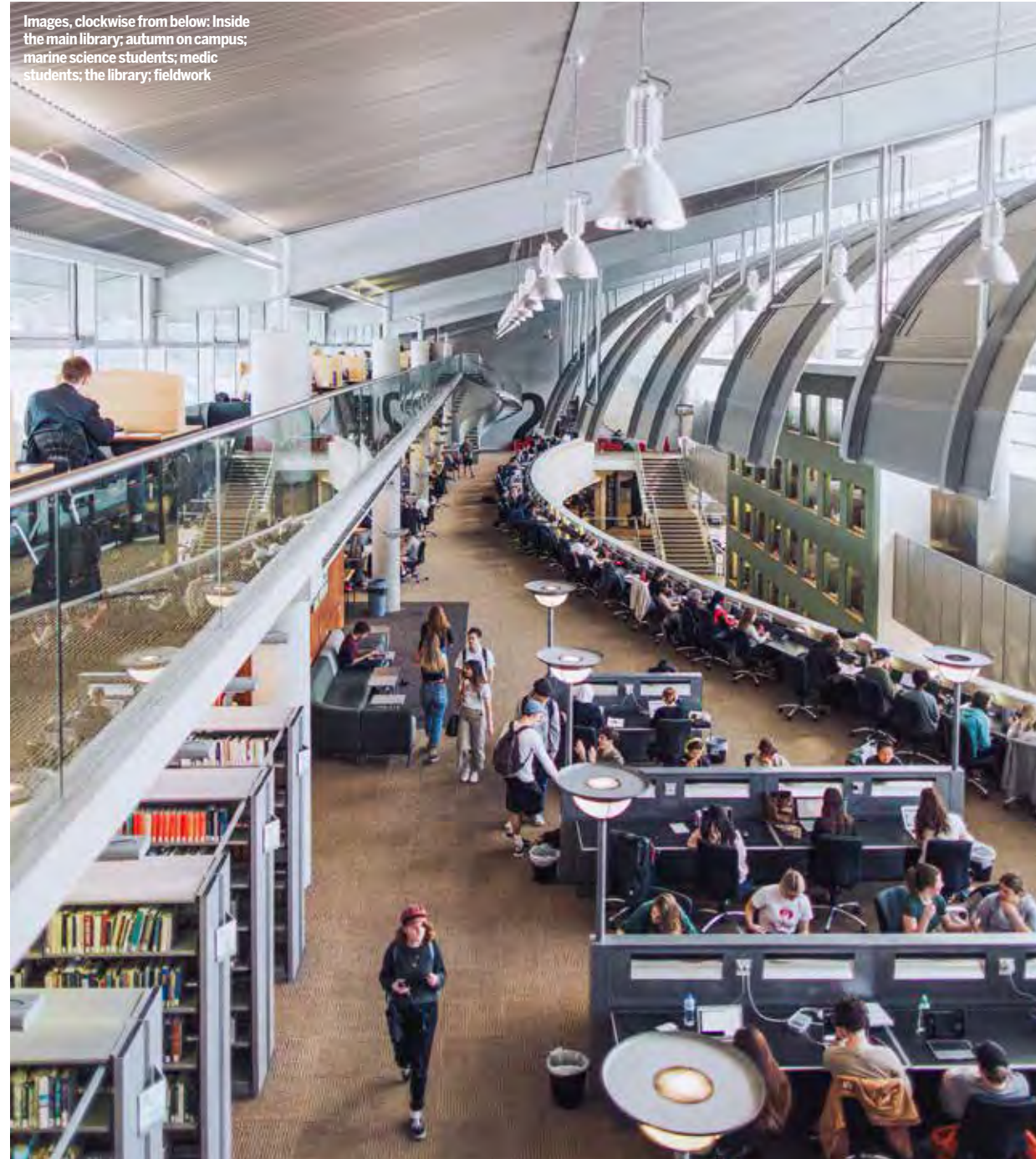
Student population: Over 21,000

Go to: www.otago.ac.nz/

future-students/international

facebook.com/OtagoInternationalOffice
instagram.com/universityofotagointernational/

Images, clockwise from below: Inside the main library; autumn on campus; marine science students; medic students; the library; fieldwork



Why study at Otago?

- **Otago graduates are globally employable** 95% of our students go into work or on to further study, and we have a deserved reputation for producing well-rounded, practical, adaptable and resilient students. Our students don't just focus on academic skills, they learn creative thinking, team dynamics, problem-solving, relationships and life skills. Outside of study, Otago students are involved in a wide variety of sporting, cultural, and community activities.
- **Academic excellence** Otago is ranked among the world's top 1% of universities, with the highest international quality rating from QS Stars. It is also New Zealand's top university for educational performance (NZ Tertiary Education

Commission). For seven of the past 11 years, Otago academics have won the Prime Minister's Supreme Award for Teaching Excellence, a record unmatched by any other NZ university. Not only will you be taught by some of the best lecturers and professors in the country, you will also find our academics friendly, approachable and inclusive.

- **Globally conscious** At Otago, we believe knowledge transforms lives and the environment locally and globally. We contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals through research, teaching, and activities. The University is renowned for health sciences and leading research to reduce social, health, and economic inequalities. We collaborate with industry to

develop sustainable solutions.

- **Manaakitanga** Loosely translated as hospitality, the concept of 'manaakitanga' plays a key role in Maori and New Zealand society but its meaning is broader; it is about nurturing people, showing mutual respect. Manaakitanga is key to how we in New Zealand, as hosts, welcome and look after our visitors.
- **Adventure** Dunedin offers diverse activities amid its forested hills, beaches, wildlife, and natural harbour. Within a three-hour drive you can experience the stunning Central Otago region, including Queenstown and Wanaka for winter sports. Alternatively, you can explore New Zealand's nature up close in the nearby Catlins area.

North Island

The landscape of New Zealand's North Island is gentler than that of the South but no less spectacular, ranging from the long golden sands of Ninety Mile Beach in the far north through the rolling farmlands of the Waikato; Lake Taupo (which sits in the vast crater of a long-dormant volcano) and the amazing lunar landscape of the Tongariro National Park. The cosmopolitan, diverse cities of Auckland and Wellington are also located in the North Island – some three quarters of New Zealand's total

population lives here and it is the economic centre of the country, accounting for around 75% of total economic activity.

Population: Almost 4 million
Size: 113,729sq km
Major cities: Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington
Universities: University of Auckland, University of Waikato, Victoria University of Wellington, Massey University, AUT
www.newzealand.com

Images, clockwise from below:
Wellington; Auckland city
centre; Maori carving on a
canoe at Waitangi, Auckland
Harbour; Ninety Mile Beach;
Mount Taranaki





The University of Auckland

The University of Auckland, Waipapa Taumata Rau, is Aotearoa New Zealand's largest and leading university. We harness the power of partnerships, research, teaching, excellence and equity to positively impact communities. Leading the way in sustainability and innovation, we tackle some of the world's most compelling issues and challenges.

A unique perspective

The name Waipapa Taumata Rau, gifted to the University by local Māori iwi (tribe) Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, refers to the 'place of many peaks' – places to strive for, to ascend to and succeed.

We offer a multicultural learning environment built on a partnership with our local Māori tribe. From 2025, every undergraduate student will take a core Waipapa Taumata Rau course, which focuses on core knowledge relevant to your programme and the significance of place-based

knowledge, including New Zealand's founding document.

A great campus location

Based in cosmopolitan Auckland, our main City Campus is a five-minute walk to the central business district, a vibrant area with plenty of shops, restaurants, cafés and theatres to enjoy. The city's unique location between two harbours offers easy access to beaches and ferry rides to explore the inner islands. Beautiful coastal forest walks and waterfalls are just a short drive from the city.

Auckland is an excitingly multicultural city where you can immerse yourself in Māori and Pacific culture. Home to over 180 cultures, our rich cultural mix is reflected in our spaces, restaurants and cultural festivals that are held throughout the year.

Research-led learning

Home to 33% of New Zealand's leading researchers, our academics

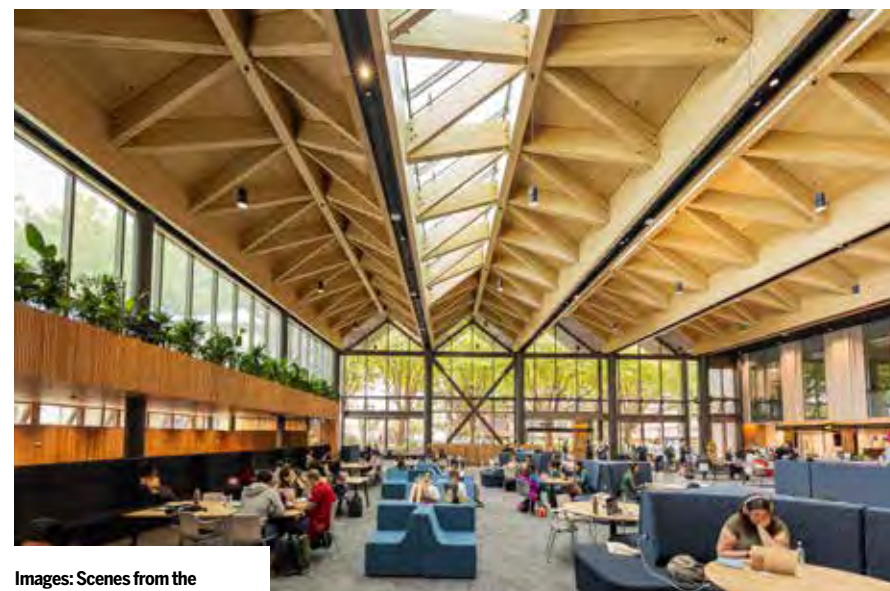
are world-renowned for their engagement with business and communities, shaping the future of policy and industry. The academic experience they provide to our students incorporates the latest theoretical principles and practical approaches to both teaching and research.

An impressive range of programmes

The University offers a huge variety of programmes and courses at bachelors, masters and doctoral level. In addition to over 30 undergraduate programmes, there are also around 130 postgraduate programmes on offer across 220 subjects, including PhDs in more than 180 different areas. Study options range from strong traditional disciplines to emerging cross-disciplinary subjects.

Academic and personal support services for students

From academic support to student



Images: Scenes from the University's main City Campus, including the famous Clock Tower, shown top left



Why study at Auckland?

- Ranked 65 in the QS World University Rankings 2025.
- The QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2025 place the University top in New Zealand for delivering work-ready graduates.
- Ten of the subjects taught at the University are ranked in the top 50 worldwide, based on academic and employer reputation as well as research¹.
- The 2024 Global Liveability Ranking from the Economist Intelligence Unit ranks Auckland among the ten most liveable cities in the world.
- The University of Auckland is New Zealand's largest research organisation with more than 13,000 staff and postgraduate students involved in fundamental and applied research.
- Reflecting the University's commitment to sustainability and making a positive social impact, the University of Auckland ranked in the top 1 percent in the world for sustainability².

1. QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2024
2. Ranked 1 in Oceania and 5 in the world for sustainability by the QS World University Rankings 2024, and 13 globally in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings for Sustainability 2024



wellbeing and career support, the University of Auckland offers a wide range of pastoral care services for all our students. Our dedicated Career Development and Employment Services (CDES) provide ongoing support, resources and information to help you prepare for your career or to consider further study. We also have specialised support services available to assist you at every stage of your academic journey.

Clubs and society

Joining a club at university is a fantastic way to make friends, participate in activities of your interest and learn things outside of the lecture theatre. Keen on kayaking? Set on sustainability? There are more than 250 clubs on campus – make sure you check them out at the Clubs Expo at the start of each semester.

Sport and recreation

Sport and recreation play a crucial role in the wellbeing and success of our students and staff. In late 2024 we will be opening a new, state-of-the-art Recreation and

Wellness Centre, which includes an eight-lane swimming pool, a rooftop running track, gym with large cardio and weight zones and two halls for multi-sport usage.

Summer Start International

Study at the University of Auckland as an international student over the New Zealand summer (January – February) to experience life on campus, get a head start on your degree and explore the city of Auckland. Stay in our modern, fully catered accommodation on campus for six weeks, while completing the first course towards your degree.



THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND

Established: 1883

Location: Seven campuses, including

Goldie Vineyard on Waiheke Island

Student population: 46,000

Go to: auckland.ac.nz/international



Students on campus in Manawatu (Palmerston North), below; researchers collect field trip data

Massey University

Massey University – Te Kunenga ki Pūrehuroa is a leading New Zealand university renowned for unique practical study programmes, ground-breaking research, and online courses. We provide a creative and connected learning environment and are continually breaking new ground in all our areas of expertise.

Find your potential

Massey's Māori name is Te Kunenga ki Pūrehuroa. The literal translation is 'from inception to infinity', meaning the pursuit of learning is an endless knowledge journey.

Massey is committed to helping all its students explore, grow and challenge themselves to achieve their personal aspirations and educational goals. The University provides the best learning environment to help students move towards their futures with award-winning lecturers and world-renowned researchers.

Success comes with more choices

Each year over 5,000 international students from more than 100 countries find a warm welcome at Massey. We are ranked among the top 250 universities in the world by the QS World University Rankings 2025 and have a well-established global reputation for academic leadership, research excellence and innovative teaching.

Our animal and veterinary science programmes are ranked 21

in the world; first in Australasia and Asia. We are internationally recognised for our food science, technology and agricultural programmes. Massey has one of the largest business schools in New Zealand and a pilot training facility that is internationally recognised. We are also home to the country's oldest and most prestigious design school.

Massey is ranked first in New Zealand for veterinary science, development studies, agriculture and forestry, communication and media studies, and art and design in the QS World University Rankings By Subject 2024

Six of Massey's subjects were featured in the top 150 of the 2023 Global Rankings of Academic Subjects (Shanghai Rankings): Agricultural sciences; finance; communication; nursing; food science and technology and veterinary science.

Success comes from opportunities

Massey University graduates are knowledgeable, creative, and recognised for their practical nature. Our staff have strong links with industry including leading companies in New Zealand and around the world. With many opportunities for internships, work placements and industry visits, our students graduate with real-life experience and highly relevant qualifications that are respected around the world.



Study with flexibility

Massey is New Zealand's leading university for online education. We have been teaching by distance learning for more than 60 years, providing students from around the world with the ability to tailor their study to meet their needs with a wide range of programmes that can be completed fully online.

We have three North Island campuses in Auckland, Palmerston North and Wellington, as well as a wide range of programmes offered both in person and online, providing students with the choice of where and how they can study.

Services and support for students

Massey is proud of its openness to students of diverse backgrounds spanning age, geographic location, educational background, ethnicity and culture, and offers a wide range of support to ensure a safe, successful and enjoyable student experience.

The Student Support team on each of our three campuses provide comprehensive advice and wellbeing services for all international students and our academic advice team assists

students in choosing the right programmes for their career.

Join us

Studying at Massey is about shaping the world by finding innovative, practical solutions and ideas for how we can live our lives in a better way. International students who come to Massey find a safe, friendly place to study and an intellectual climate in which they are encouraged to excel. Whatever they choose to study, and wherever they chose to do it, Massey understands success comes from a thousand little moments and are committed to helping its students every step of the way.



MASSEY UNIVERSITY

Established: 1927

Location: Three campuses in the North Island – Auckland, Manawatu (Palmerston North) and Wellington

Student population: 26,632

Go to: www.massey.ac.nz/international

Victoria University Of Wellington



Left: Wellington is the capital city of New Zealand; below: The main Kelburn campus



Why choose VUW?

- **A compelling combination:** VUW offers students a wide range of academic opportunities in a great environment, surrounded by beautiful nature and a vibrant city.
- **Quality education:** VUW is ranked among the best universities in the world. The many accreditations of its programmes are testimony to the quality of its education.
- **Academic variety:** VUW's degrees allow students to focus on their passion while using the flexibility offered in many programmes to explore other subjects.
- **Nature:** New Zealand's famous landscapes (from beaches to snow-capped mountains, and everything in between) are breathtaking. Wellington's large harbour, along with its hills, parks, forests and coastline, frame city life in beautiful scenery.
- **The city:** Wellington is known for its tucked-away bars, quirky cafes, award-winning restaurants, street art and cultural institutions. The diversity of its population ensures influences from all over the world, with a unique Kiwi twist. The city is also a hub of creativity and tech. In 2021 Forbes magazine named it in the '21 Places Of The Future' while Lonely Planet calls it 'the coolest little capital in the world.' Wellington is also home to the celebrated visual and creative effects company Weta Workshops.

an exciting, compact, welcoming city and a great quality of life. You can enjoy arts, adventure, events and ready access to a beautiful harbour, beaches, miles of glorious coastline, mountains and native bush. Wellington is New Zealand's high-tech capital – it has the country's highest concentration of web-based and digital technology companies – and is also home to the country's most important cultural institutions, including the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, the National Opera, the Royal New Zealand Ballet, the National Library, Archives New Zealand, the New Zealand Film Archive and our national museum, Te Papa.

Diverse and welcoming

At our University you'll join a warm, open community of students from over 100 countries. The University has over 22,000 students, including more than 3,000 international students. You will have plenty of opportunities to engage in campus life and meet other students at university events or at one of our 140 student clubs. More than 25% of people who live in Wellington were born outside of New Zealand, making it a diverse, welcoming city.

Excellent student support services

We offer a warm welcome and ongoing support from the moment you arrive. We have a dedicated team who will help you to settle in and support you to achieve your goals. They give practical assistance with health insurance, academic guidance, accommodation, and anything else you need to ensure your time here is a success.

*2018 Performance-Based Research Fund; **2024 QS World University Rankings **2023 QS World Rankings By Subject



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

Established: 1897

Location: Wellington

Student population: 22,000

Go to: www.vgtn.ac.nz/international

Victoria University of Wellington is New Zealand's capital city university, located in the political, geographic and cultural heart of the country for over 125 years. At Victoria University of Wellington, students join an outstanding academic community with a strong reputation for success.

A world-class education

VUW is ranked first in New Zealand for research intensity*; in the top 250 of the world's universities**, and the top 100 in seven subject areas**.

We are among a select group of universities worldwide to hold the maximum 'five stars plus' overall rating from QS as well as five stars in each of the eight indicators.

The Wellington School of Business and Government is one of an elite group of business schools worldwide with a 'Triple Crown' of international accreditations.

You can choose from over 30 undergraduate and more than 130 postgraduate programmes, across 170 subjects. We also offer a comprehensive graduate research programme for PhD study.

Quality learning and teaching environment

Victoria University of Wellington has nine faculties across three city campuses and offers a world-class learning and teaching environment. We are a leading global research centre and home to more than 40 research institutes.

The University is home to quality facilities, including modern workshops and newly built labs for students of architecture and design, engineering and science. Our Miramar Creative Centre sits next to the Weta Group's Wellington

headquarters and offers students studying the creative arts and technology access to cutting-edge professional studios in Wellington's thriving filmmaking hub.

Learn real-world skills

The University consistently turns out high-quality graduates who are well equipped for the international workforce. Our teaching methods encourage you to strive for success and to become an independent, critical and creative thinker. Many programmes offer opportunities for real-world experience through field trips, research projects, work placements or working alongside internationally regarded experts.

We are committed to research excellence and to work that will have a positive impact. We have close partnerships with leading business, government and scientific research communities, and in New Zealand's thriving tech and arts sectors. You will benefit from collaborations with industry and networking opportunities as well as access to expert guest lecturers.

Develop your leadership potential

You'll have the chance to develop your leadership potential through the unique, award-winning Wellington International Leadership Programme (WILP), a programme designed to develop global citizenship skills, and via Wellington Plus, an initiative to develop service and leadership.

An ideal student location

New Zealand has quality education, breathtaking scenery, a vibrant culture and some of the friendliest people anywhere. And Wellington is at the centre of it all. You'll find



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