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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 UNIVERSITIES RANKED AMONG THE BEST IN THE WORLD

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

Three Australian universities are ranked in the world's top 20, according to the 2024 QS World University Rankings, with a further six universities in Australia and one in New Zealand ranked in the world's top 100. There are 43 universities in Australia in total 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 around 160 universities in the UK; 17 of which are ranked in the world's top 100 by QS in its 2024 report. Four UK universities are in the top 20.

Australia's top 20 universities are the University of Melbourne, the University of Sydney and UNSW Sydney.

It is important to check different rankings to get a balanced picture. You can also look at the annual international university rankings published by the Times Higher Education and from the ARWU.

## 2 THE QUALITY OF UNIVERSITY TEACHING AND RESEARCH AVAILABLE

Australian and New Zealand universities are internationally recognised and research-led. The qualifications they award are recognised and valued by employers and universities worldwide.

Australian and New Zealand universities are engaged 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 35 to 41 (New Zealand) and 49 to 80 (Australia) for more.

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## 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 length of your course; time to immerse yourself in a different lifestyle and the chance to travel – all while getting a world-class, internationally recognised university education.

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

Discover more about how some students choose to spend their spare time on pages 8-9, 12-13 and 16-17.

## 4 FLEXIBLE COURSES AND DEDICATED, ACCESSIBLE ACADEMICS

Degrees are much broader and more flexible in their structure than is usually the case in the UK. Compare the opportunities they offer to the degrees available in the UK – you may find 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 the courses that you study and will be able to create a programme of study that is uniquely tailored to your interests and career goals.

Contact teaching hours are typically higher than at many UK universities and the teaching culture is relaxed and informal. One regular piece of feedback we get from students (whether they are studying a bachelors or a PhD) is how accessible and friendly they find academic staff to be.

For more details, see page 6-17.

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## 5 STRONG GRADUATE JOB PROSPECTS

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

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





**6 THESE ARE THE BEST PLACES IN THE WORLD TO STUDY CERTAIN SUBJECTS**

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

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

**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 to note if you are planning to study a professional degree – for example medicine, veterinary science, nursing, engineering or social work. Many of the national regulatory bodies for these professions in the UK, Australia and New Zealand already have agreements in place to ensure that graduates from one country are immediately approved to work in the other once they have full professional registration.

The UK Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS), for example, accredits all of the Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree programmes 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 so many different opportunities for students to maximise their time at university. You could choose to 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!

**Is studying overseas the right option for you?**

Here are a few things Study Options recommends 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](http://www.studyoptions.com/what-can-i-study) for details of what you can do and contact Study Options to get a list of all the courses available in the subjects you are interested in.

“You can request a course list at [www.studyoptions.com/contact](http://www.studyoptions.com/contact), or call us on 0117 911 5610. Once you’ve got your list, you can talk to one of our student advisors to go through

the different options if you would like help narrowing down the choices.

“Once you have looked at courses, the next thing to check is costs. You’ll need to budget for tuition fees and living costs for the duration of your study. Costs can be a big factor in deciding where you study, so it’s important to plan budgets and funding in to your research as early as possible. See page 22 for information about tuition fees and pages 28 and 44 for guidelines on

the cost of living in both countries.

“Then, consider whether the student lifestyle in Australia or 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 university accommodation options and campus facilities, and make sure you check out the interviews with current students that appear here in the Guide and online at [studyoptions.com/student-stories/](http://studyoptions.com/student-stories/)”



# 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 to masters (by coursework and/or research) and higher degrees by research

Despite the undeniable 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 a university in the UK will be offered by at least one university in Australia or New Zealand. They also offer the opportunity to study subjects not widely available here, such

as tropical marine biology, oceanography, Antarctic studies, Asia-Pacific diplomacy, children’s literature, maritime archaeology, and Indigenous history and culture.

Although many of the academic subjects available are the same, their content or emphasis are likely to be different. Australian and New Zealand universities offer a fresh perspective on subjects including history, literature, politics and international relations and often have a stronger focus on Asian languages, culture, politics and business than on

European affairs as a result of their location and economic, historic and cultural ties in the Asia-Pacific region.

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

**What courses are available in my subject?**

You can get course lists from Study Options. Fill in the online form at [www.studyoptions.com/](http://www.studyoptions.com/) contact, or contact us on 0117 911 5610, or mail@studyoptions.com

Let us know what subject(s) 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? Would you prefer to be in a specific city or location? Let us know!

We will send you a list of the courses available in your chosen subject. The list will include links to each course’s content and structure, as well as details of tuition fees, entry requirements, application deadlines and any other key information. Please go through the list carefully. We offer free, expert, friendly advice so if you’d like help making a shortlist of universities and courses to apply to, please let us know – we are always happy to help.





# Undergraduate (bachelor) degrees

A bachelor degree awarded by an Australian or New Zealand university is considered to be the direct academic equivalent of a bachelor degree awarded by a UK university.

Degrees also 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 require three years of study, just as it would in the UK. Professional and specialist degrees (such as the Bachelor of Fine Art, Bachelor of Physiotherapy, or Bachelor of Veterinary Science) require a longer period of study to complete.

**Undergraduate teaching and assessment 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 organised and self-motivated 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 here in the UK, and many UK students tell us that they find academics in Australia and New Zealand to be accessible and approachable if they have any issues with or queries about their work.

Australian and New Zealand degrees are assessed continually from first year, so academic marks count toward a final degree result right from the start of the course. This is different to the assessment system in 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 enrolled on a Bachelor of Arts degree in New Zealand or Australia, for example, could expect to have 12 to 16 contact hours a week during the first year of study and would 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 not sure about spending such a long time away from home, there are plenty of alternatives to consider. Many of our universities offer shorter term study options, starting from just four months. See page 23 for more information, or contact Study Options at [www.studyoptions.com/contact](http://www.studyoptions.com/contact)

What can I study?  
Undergraduate degrees

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contact to ask for a  
course list for your area of  
interest, or call us on  
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## 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.

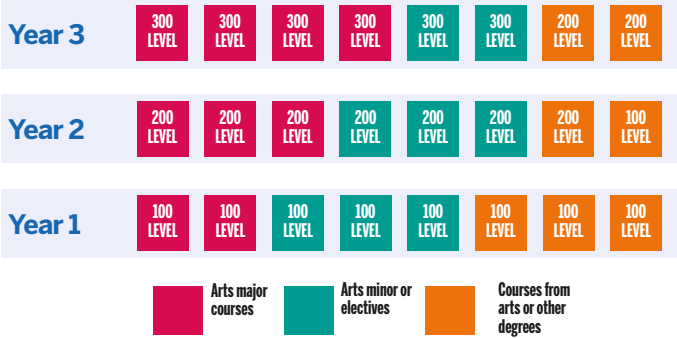
This approach allows you to effectively construct a degree unique to you and your interests, and which can be individually tailored to fit your future career goals.

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.

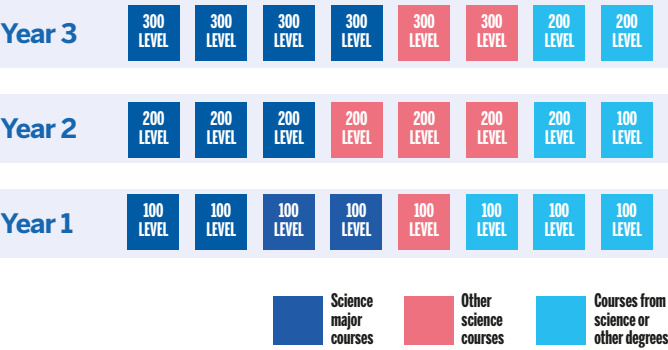
Here are some examples of study plans for different undergraduate degrees in Australia and New Zealand. These plans are only examples – many other combinations are possible. Check the course structure for degrees you are interested in carefully to see what opportunities they offer. All course details, including structure and content, are provided on Study Options' subject lists, so to get started go to [www.studyoptions.com/contact](http://www.studyoptions.com/contact) to ask for a course list, or call us on 0117 911 5610.

### BACHELOR OF ARTS



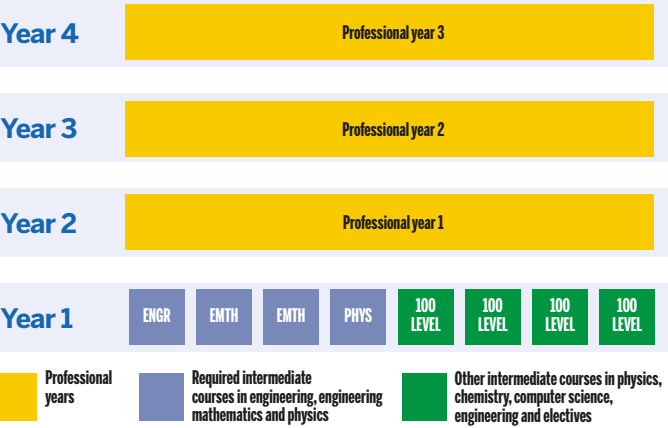
A Bachelor of Arts is the most flexible degree of all, offering students the opportunity to study other subjects from the arts and humanities faculty as well as courses from other faculties alongside their chosen major subject.

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE



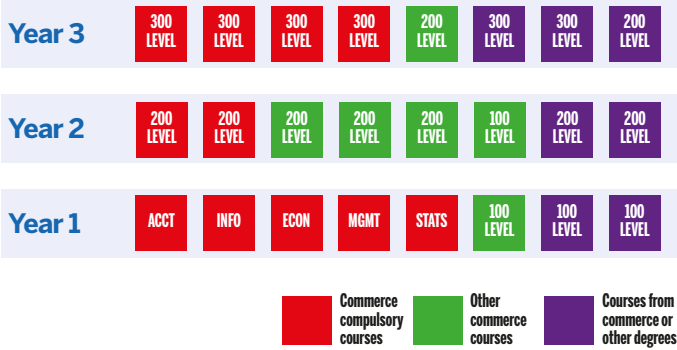
Australian and New Zealand universities aim to produce graduates who are scientists or business people first and foremost, but who then also have specialist knowledge and skills in their chosen subject – chemistry, geology, marketing, mathematics, management and so on.

### BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING

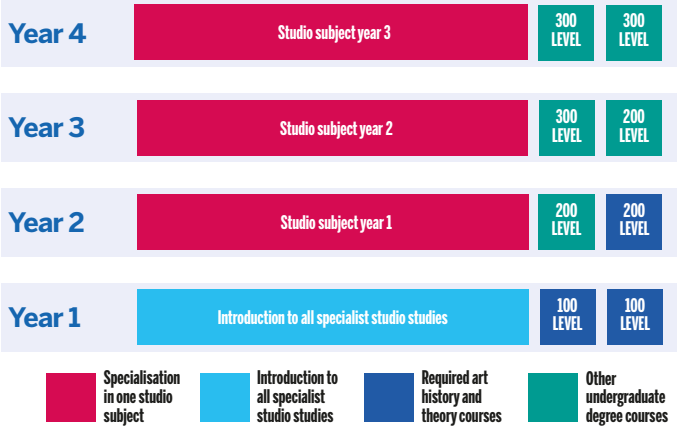


The broad, flexible structure described above only applies to general academic degrees. Students studying professional or specialist subjects, such as engineering (above), medicine, law or social work will follow set, structured study programmes that offer little or no opportunity to take electives from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

### BACHELOR OF COMMERCE



### BACHELOR OF FINE ART

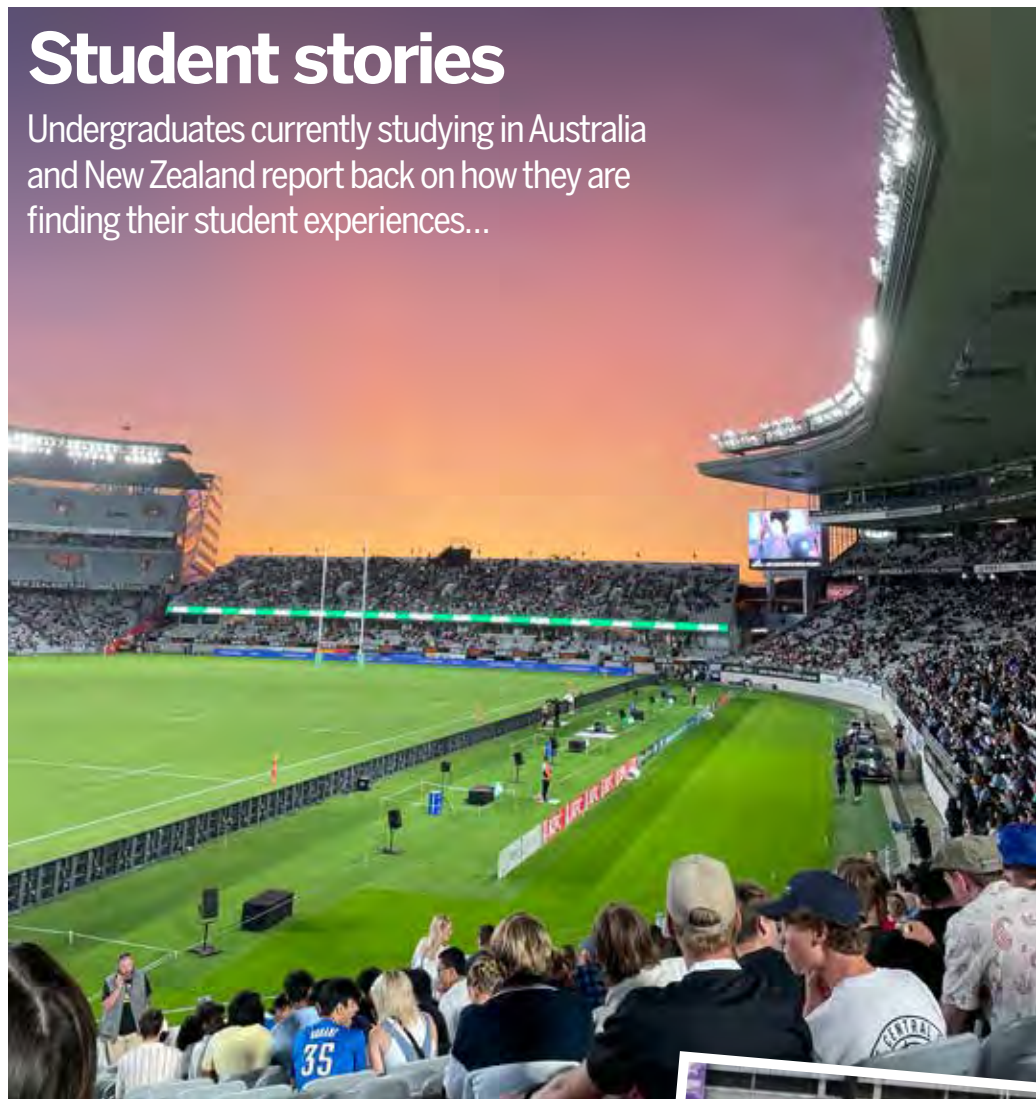


Students are NOT required to undertake an Art Foundation year before enrolling on a fine art or design degree in Australia or New Zealand. As shown in the example study plan above, in many degrees the first year serves as an introduction to the different studio disciplines. The student then chooses a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



# Student stories

Undergraduates currently studying in Australia and New Zealand report back on how they are finding their student experiences...



## Zhenyang Lin

**Zhenyang started a Bachelor of Health Science at the University of Auckland in New Zealand in February 2023 and is due to move on to the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery degree in February 2023**

“Study Options are lifesavers! There is so much stress and uncertainty when you are going to the other side of the world to study, but with their help, the process was more than smooth.”

“I was studying for my A-levels in the UK and knew that I wanted to study medicine at university, so I contacted Study Options for help. Sarah not only helped me select the most suitable universities to apply to, she also helped me to get my place at Auckland, which is such a great opportunity.”

“Study Options’ knowledge about the different universities and universities is so extensive and so detailed that it really helps

you make the right decisions.

“When you decide to study in a completely new country that decision brings with it many challenges, such as getting the right student accommodation and applying for your study visa. I’m really thankful that Study Options were there to help every step of the way. You can tell that they care about the students they work with; they always replied to my questions very quickly and provided clarity on whatever I was asking about.”

“I’m now settled in the University halls of residence here at Auckland and have also managed to get a

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part-time job. My first semester has been fairly relaxed – I think in part because all the stress that comes with the competition to get into medical school has finally been lifted. During the uni holidays I am planning to travel outside of Auckland and explore much more of this beautiful country.

“I want to thank Study Options and especially Sarah for guiding me through this whole process. I really am incredibly grateful for everything you’ve done!”

## Hannah McGuigan

**Hannah started her degree at UNSW Sydney in February 2022**

“I first got in contact with Study Options when I was in lower sixth. When I was thinking about my university choices I just always knew I wasn’t going to stay at home in Northern Ireland. I was never going to go to a local university; at the very least I was going to go across to England. But when I was going through the English university options, I just thought – I want something more. I really wanted to have a brand-new experience. I wanted to go to a place that was similar enough to home that I wasn’t completely lost, but which still had a real difference. I had been on holiday to Australia and loved it, so I started doing some research into different universities. I found Study Options via the UNSW Sydney website.

“I didn’t find applying for a place at the uni stressful but applying for accommodation was hard work. I got my first choice of housing, I am so so happy here, but I had to interview for my place, I had to speak to the Dean, I had to put in a lot of effort to get it! And even before that there was a lot of work to do in terms of comparing all the different types of accommodation available and working out which

one I wanted to go for. It’s difficult to work out which will suit you best because most people my age don’t have anything to compare it to, you’ve just been living at home beforehand. Having to imagine living by yourself at all; and then trying to work out what type of accommodation would work for you – that was stressful.

“I live in Columbo House, which is the only self-catered college at UNSW. I have my own room and own bathroom, but I share a huge kitchen and there’s a shared laundry. There are about 240 people here in total. There’s a really big communal kitchen, and then every floor above the third has its own kitchen too. The kitchens have a load of stovetops, then you have your own fridge (it’s quite big), freezer, pantry and equipment cupboard. It’s very independent but at the same time I have a good group of friends here and there is a real community. Colombo House is above Columbo Theatres, lecture theatres on campus, so I can wake

up 10 minutes before a lecture and just roll downstairs!

“I applied to do the Bachelor of Design but when I got here I quickly found that I really hated design. I was taking a design studio, design history and theory and then you need to choose one specific field of design, so I took graphics. I loved graphics but hated the others. After a month I decided I couldn’t do them anymore.

“It was really stressful but the University was so helpful with sorting it all out. UNSW has a student services department in the library called the Nucleus, which essentially runs everything to do with courses. You can get a one-on-one consultation with them; that’s really easy to get and happens very quickly. I went to them and said that I needed to leave design, that I was hating it, and the guy set out my options. We decided that applying for a new degree was the best way to go, so I did, and they handled everything. They were really good. I got a new offer for a degree in media, pr and advertising. But I’m still able to take graphics as an elective, and I was able to transfer my programme credits, so the change hasn’t affected the total time it’ll take me to complete the degree and to graduate.

“Even when I started my new degree I was still a bit confused by electives and the structure of things – being asked to choose your courses feels strange, though I’m more used to it now. I had to

ask for help at the beginning. I like it though; I like being able to personalise my degree, I like being able to do things outside of my degree. General electives can’t be from within your faculty, they have to be from another area. I’m going to take a computer science course next term. I plan to do a language next year, and the fact that I can do that is great. I like having other things that I’m doing apart from my degree. Because sometimes the things in your degree burn you out, so it’s nice to be able to go to do something different; and get some progress with that.

“I work in a clothing store in Bondi Junction, which has a big shopping centre. I also worked for the University during graduation. It was so much fun – I was selling graduation teddy bears and merchandise. And the pay was amazing – \$28 per hour!

“I love Sydney; I absolutely love it. I can’t say anything bad about it. Some of my friends are from big cities and they struggle to get just how exciting Sydney is to me, being from a small town. I feel like I have really made Sydney my home. I have a job here, I have a life here, I have friends here, I can go places by myself and know exactly where I am. The transport here is so good, my friends and I regularly go all over the place to eat food, go to clubs, all sorts of stuff. I am so settled. I already refer to Northern Ireland and Sydney as ‘home’. I see both of them as my home.”



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**What can I study?**  
Undergraduate student stories

## Yousun Ahn

**Yousun began the Bachelor of Science/Doctor of Medicine at the University of Sydney in February 2022**

“I am from Seoul in South Korea, but I studied my A-Levels in the UK and received offers from several UK medical schools [for the September 2021 intake]. However, I chose to study in Australia, and I believe this was the best choice I have ever made in my life. This was all possible due to the huge help and support from Study Options.

“There were differences applying to Australian universities compared to UK universities. First, Sarah gave me a clearly written list of medical schools in Australia, which enabled me to research each university’s medicine programmes. Each Australian medical school has their own specific admission tests, personal statements, and criteria. When I was struggling to make decisions, Sarah gave me specific advice and support so that I could choose the right university for me. This guidance made the process to apply to medical schools simple – I just needed to follow the steps given to me. I have ended up successfully enrolled on the University of

Sydney’s double degree medicine programme.

“This programme awards two degrees, a Bachelor of Science and a Doctor of Medicine. For the first three years, we study a Bachelor of Science and one of the biggest advantages here is that I can choose any major. This is a great opportunity, because I can choose to learn anything in my interest, without any restrictions. I have been able to learn R coding. While it was a tough experience, as it was my first-time learning it, I believe these experiences will be valuable for me in the future. Not only science subjects but also, I can choose any other subjects in the shared pool. I chose an elective and was able to take history. I am happy studying and earning experiences during the Bachelor of Science. And after finishing my Bachelor of Science, I am excited to start the Doctor of Medicine.

“I am glad I was able to find Study Options to help me through all these processes and the Australian visa process and I am thankful for all their help, which made the application very simple and easy. There was nothing for me to worry about when I followed their guidelines. Thank you very much Study Options!”

## Michael Ridgway

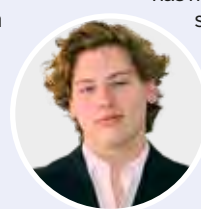
**South African national Michael grew up in Oman, completed his International Baccalaureate in the UK and is now enrolled on a degree in computer science at Edith Cowan University (ECU) in Perth, Western Australia**

“I chose to study in Australia because I wanted to immerse myself in a new and exciting environment while pursuing my degree. Australia’s stunning natural beauty, warm climate, and welcoming people made it an easy choice for me.

“When I arrived in Australia, I was greeted with open arms. There are endless resources available to support students here, from the impressive library of texts and journals to the supportive lecturers who are always available to help with assignments. It’s fair to say

that ECU has so far exceeded my expectations.

“I have been living in central Perth and studying at ECU’s Joondalup campus, which is a bit of a journey. But despite the distance, the helpfulness of the staff and the support provided has made me feel that I can succeed in anything.



“Life as a student can be challenging, but with the help of the supportive ECU community, I’m doing well in my classes. I’m also enjoying exploring the diverse cultures that exist in Australia. Students come from all over the world to study at ECU. I’d definitely credit Study Options with making my journey to ECU a smooth and stress-free process and I’m really grateful for their efforts. I’d recommend ECU to anyone looking for a supportive and welcoming community of learners in a beautiful, exciting setting!”



# 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, studied by research, or 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 a subject to specialise in their field. They include, for example, the Master of Engineering, the Master of Marketing, and the Master of Education. For a qualified teacher, a Master of Education provides the opportunity to specialise in, for example, education for gifted children, special needs teaching or school management. An engineer might enrol on a Master of Engineering to become specialist in their engineering discipline, or alternatively to train in engineering management. To be eligible for entry to these courses, applicants usually need to have relevant work experience as well as a professional university qualification in their

field. These courses are usually taught, though some may offer research modules as options.

## 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. The Master of Teaching, which enables graduates of non-teaching degrees to train and qualify as teachers, is another example. Australian and New Zealand universities offer graduate entry professional courses in a wide range of areas, including medicine, nursing, social work, law, dentistry, physiotherapy and veterinary science, among many others. Some require applicants to have a relevant undergraduate degree but others do not, so don't assume that your options will be limited by your academic background – please contact Study Options to check!

These courses are almost always taught, with very few or no options to undertake 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 linguistics, or a Master of Science in physics, or geology. In order to be eligible for these courses, you'll 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. Examples include the Master of Commerce – a broad postgraduate programme that provides a solid grounding in most major aspects of business while also allowing students to choose a specialism, such as marketing, finance, or management. These courses are open to applicants with a first degree in any academic discipline. They are predominantly taught, though some offer options for research projects or modules.

Masters courses vary in length. In New Zealand, masters are usually 12-18 months (coursework qualifications) 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 the 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.

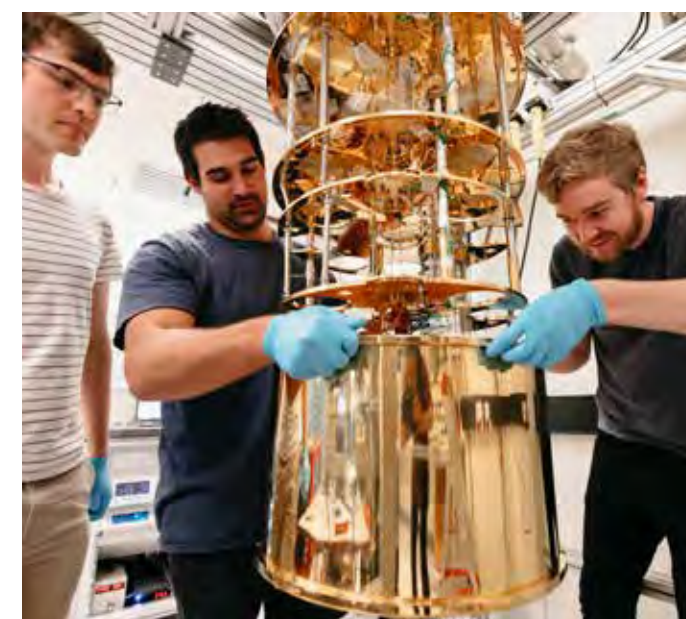
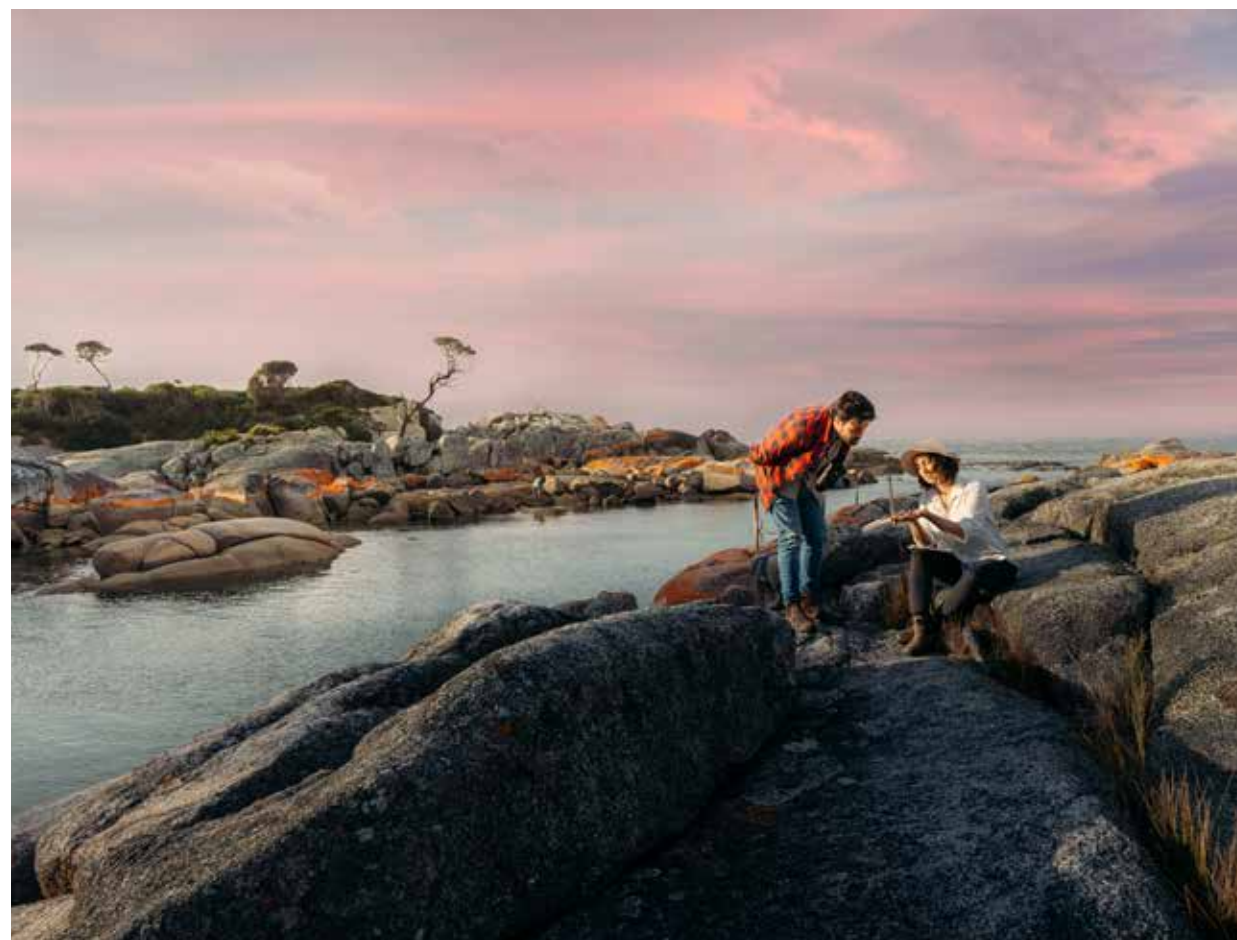
The basic entry requirement for admission to postgraduate study in Australia and New Zealand is for a student to have successfully completed a bachelors degree, but exact academic and professional standards requirements vary between courses and universities. Contact Study Options for more details or 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. Qualifications in Australia and New Zealand usually have the same names as their UK equivalents, but in some cases titles are different. So if you can't see your course on our lists please don't give up and assume it isn't available; it might just have a different name.

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 be able to find a PGCE (Postgraduate Certificate in Education) because in Australia the professional qualifying course is known as the Master of Teaching.

If you can't see your course on our lists please get in touch to check if it is available. Just send us a message at [www.studyoptions.com/contact](http://www.studyoptions.com/contact)



## How can I find out what courses are available?

Request a course list from Study Options by filling in the online form at [www.studyoptions.com/](http://www.studyoptions.com/) contact, call us on 0117 911 5610, or email [mail@studyoptions.com](mailto:mail@studyoptions.com).

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

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





## Student stories

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

### Bethany Castle

**Bethany completed a Master of International Relations at UNSW Sydney in 2021**

“In 2019 I applied for a Rotary Global Grant Scholarship, and was awarded one in Economic and Community Development. The grant is specifically to send students abroad. I did geography for my undergraduate degree, at the University of Exeter. It was a BA in geography so very much focused on humanities, economic development, and so on. I did my dissertation on refugees and reproductive rights, and a lot of the work I’d done was around community development, youth development, reproductive justice. I wanted to keep studying in that area. I want to keep going and do a PhD in this, and go in to academia. “I moved to Sydney in August

2019, and started at UNSW Sydney in September 2019. I’d been to Australia the year before, on holiday, and I also had some friends from my gap year living here.

“It’s hard, moving country, I’m not going to sugar coat it! It’s challenging. Settling socially, finding a job, cultural differences – it’s not easy, but it is incredibly character-building. I’m very settled now, but it was tricky and COVID definitely exacerbated that. I wasn’t able to go home, no-one could come here. I had to build a community around me. It takes a

“It’s challenging to move country. Settling in socially, finding a job, navigating cultural differences – none of it is easy, but it is incredibly character-building



### Bethany’s top tips

- Don’t live on campus! As an international postgrad student, make sure you go out and live in a share house. That’s the best way to meet people, like-minded people who are in the same life stage and socio-economic bracket as you.
- Get a job. In the UK not everyone works through university but in Australia it is absolutely the norm, part-and-parcel of the culture. Even if you’re studying full-time, Australians expect you to have a job as well. You don’t have to do anything prestigious, but working is part of the culture here. Everyone has a job! It’s also a really good way of expanding your social network and meeting people.
- Don’t assume that Sydney means living at the beach. Bondi and other touristy areas are extortionately expensive to rent and have a very ephemeral atmosphere – people are only ever passing through as backpackers, or here for a month or two at most. If you’re going to be here for a stint, for a couple of years, you need to put down some roots and live somewhere that Australians live. I live in the inner west. It’s affordable, which means it has a young demographic – everyone I know is here, and they are all at a similar stage in their lives to me.

the work is only masters level. But eventually someone will take something, the work will pay off if you keep at it.

“I’ve now finished my masters and am working as a research assistant for one of my professors. I’m going to see what happens in the next couple of months and then make a firm decision on what to do next. My next goal is to complete a PhD.

“I’d love to eventually work in public policy. I want to write research that informs policy. My areas of interest so far have really been around migration and gender, those kinds of issues. But that’s a pretty niche field so I’m now thinking where to take my PhD; whether to broaden it. I want to do something that will stand me in good stead to have a career in public policy.”



### Phillipa’s top tips for future students:

- I would definitely recommend living closer to the city rather than on campus. We were lucky enough to find an apartment right in the heart of Melbourne, which has meant we’ve been so close to everything 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 (it is the smallest state in Australia, but it is the same size as the UK!) so make sure you make time to do it. A weekend trip away every so often has been a good way to start. The longer holidays can be a good chance to travel, depending on work commitments.
- 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 brand new city.

### Mariyah Hatim Hoosenally

**Mariyah began the Doctor of Medicine at Deakin University, Melbourne, in February 2019**

“After moving across the world from Hong Kong to London for my undergraduate studies, I decided it was time to do the same again, and found myself moving from London to Geelong for my medical degree at Deakin.

“Applying for medical school is a demanding, bureaucratic process, from evaluating what MCAT and/or GAMSAT scores are required, to checking how many places each university has and what their curriculum offers. Study Options helped streamline this process, as well as my visa and accommodation applications, making my journey to graduate medical school a lot less stressful.

“Deakin University has been an

incredibly rewarding and intellectually stimulating experience. From being 15 minutes away from the surf coast, to 45 minutes away from Melbourne, there is plenty to do and great people to do things with. The degree has been everything that I expected it to be, with a few positive surprises along the way. Although moving from the big city of London to the regional town of Geelong was a bit overwhelming at first, the community spirit and endless stream of university and town-led events made integration easy. Also, if you do miss the hustle and bustle, Melbourne is just a train ride away.

“One great thing about studying at Deakin is the amount of space and facilities it has to offer. From a full-sized athletics track, gym, outdoor climbing hall, swimming

### Philippa Goddard

**Philippa began the Master of Public Policy at Monash University in February 2022**

“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 packed up my life in the UK and my partner and I were en route to Melbourne. Neither of us had so much as set foot in Australia before so this was a bit of a jump!

“I have absolutely loved studying at Monash University. Coming back to study after several years of working has been so refreshing, and I feel that 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.

“The course has been intense, with each unit taught over a short six-week period, and classes mostly delivered during the evening. Assignments come through thick and fast and you really have to throw yourself into it. I have gained so much already

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and can’t wait to see what the next few months 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 next semester. I will be writing a thesis next year and hope to make strong faculty connections during my time here, with the hope of potentially pursuing a research role or a PhD once I graduate.

“I would say the first three months here were the most challenging. There is so much admin to do when you arrive – 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 as I’d 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, I built up a life and a community. After passing that three-month mark, I’ve been really happy here in Melbourne, at Monash, and am excited for what’s next on my journey here in Australia.”



pool, and academic facilities that are large and bright with high ceilings, studying here is so much less cramped than at my previous university in London! Also, the cost of living is significantly less, from rent to food to general lifestyle.

“My advice, if you are thinking

about studying abroad, is to use Study Options! Take full advantage of all the services they offer, attend their university fairs, connect with current students and think clearly about what you (and only you) want, not what others want from you. Take the big leap, it’s worth it.”



# Postgraduate study (by research)

Research study options include MPhil, 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 application routes to consider:

- Look for an existing research project that you can apply to join as a PhD student
- Apply independently, with a research proposal you have developed yourself.

## Where to start

Regardless of which application route you intend to take, at almost all Australian and New Zealand universities the first step is to check what research is being conducted at that university, whether by individual academics or within established projects and groups. You will need to initiate and develop a conversation with a potential academic supervisor, or research project leader, and get their provisional approval for your research application. And all of this needs to happen before you can begin work on a formal application for admission. It is almost always key to have academic support before you begin the application process – at many universities unsolicited research applications are declined automatically.

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

When you approach academic staff it is important to communicate your research ideas in a concise and well-thought-through manner – academics receive a LOT of contact requests from potential

research students, and are only likely to respond positively to those that demonstrate both ability and commitment.

If you want to apply with your own proposal, please note that it does not need to be perfect, or even particularly detailed when you first get in touch with an academic, but it does need to provide that person with enough information to decide whether your ideas are something they and their university have the resources, expertise (and inclination) to supervise.

If you would like Study Options' help at this stage, please contact us on [mail@studyoptions.com](mailto: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 important that you do your own homework about which Australian or New Zealand universities might be the best fit for you and your research ideas. Try asking your current tutors or other academic staff or contacts for their thoughts or suggestions on possible destinations for your research, for example, and check to see which Australia 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 a research project leader can be a time-consuming and sometimes frustrating process, but it is extremely important and well worth investing your time and effort in. Research applications are often assessed by a committee of academics – your supervisor is the person who can champion your application through this and other internal processes. They are also often good sources of information regarding scholarships and may be able to tell you about funding options that other people within a university are not widely aware of.

Please look at the university profiles here in the Guide and on [www.studyoptions.com](http://www.studyoptions.com) to start

thinking about which institutions 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 [www.studyoptions.com/research-degrees-mphil-phd](http://www.studyoptions.com/research-degrees-mphil-phd).

## Making a formal application for admission as a research student

Once you have established contact with a potential supervisor and have secured provisional support for your application, either from them directly or from their department, please contact 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 assistance when you are ready on [mail@studyoptions.com](mailto:mail@studyoptions.com). Research applications submitted via Study Options are fast-tracked through university assessment procedures and are exempt from university application fees.

Please see the research pages of our website for more 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/](http://studyoptions.com/research-degrees-mphil-mres-phd/)

## Application deadlines

In both Australia and New Zealand, research students are not bound to the academic calendar in the same way as coursework students. Instead, you are able to start your PhD or 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'll 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.



## Funding options

Many 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 in their application that they want to be considered for a scholarship are then assessed at the same time that their application is being assessed, without having to provide any further documentation. At others, however, a separate application is required once an offer has been issued. Please check the requirements of each scholarship in plenty of time, and contact us to discuss any details you are unsure of.

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

Some external scholarships are also available to research students in both Australia and New Zealand. The Costs And Practicalities section of [www.studyoptions.com](http://www.studyoptions.com) gives further information and where to look for scholarships.

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



## STUDENT STORIES

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

### 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 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'd had an interest in chronic condition prevention and

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

management, and in 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 covered my tuition fees and provided 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 be able to enter the country, and two weeks of hotel quarantine, I finally got to 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 the 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, and could then start looking 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 can often be found 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!

“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 whilst 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 since arriving, and am keen to do more travelling in Australia soon!

“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 for you!”

“The real advantage to applying with an independent research proposal is that you can design your own project, starting from a blank canvas



## Jack Webster

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

“Having left the UK after finishing my undergraduate, 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.

“Using university directories and academic databases, I got in touch with five or six academics at different universities, outlining my background, experience, research interests and why I had chosen to contact them specifically. After a few emails back and forth with potential supervisors, 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. So, I was relieved to find that, after an

hour-long 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 would become my primary supervisor in a team of three – each having a specialist role to support aspects of my work.

“I believe that choosing the right supervisor(s) 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 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 challenging months. I moved to Auckland just before Christmas and one supervisor asked if I’d like to join them for Christmas dinner! I had already

made other plans but the kindness of the offer 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 your supervisors; contact them via email and try to arrange a call to speak over Zoom; make sure 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 just 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 me in the long run.

“My advice here is to speak to others in your school or students who have also started at the same time as you and get a sense of what they are doing day-to-day. You’ll quickly find 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. Trust the process.

“It also 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 opportunity was offered to me, but on the condition that I could be in Auckland before December. This was great, except I hadn’t started the visa process and didn’t have any of my documents ready! Luckily, Study Options were able to offer advice and explain expected timeframes for applications to help me navigate this change of plans. I landed in Auckland on November 21 – with nine days to spare!

“Overall, I am delighted with my choice to move to Auckland. The laidback lifestyle, the welcoming locals and of course the world famous scenery all make this a fantastic place to come and study. I’m already looking for ways I can stay beyond my PhD.”

## Mathilde Merridale Punter

Mathilde began her PhD in veterinary science at the University of Melbourne in 2021

“Why did I want to do a PhD? I am a vet by training, and normally the way that you specialise as a vet is via clinical specialities. But the area that I work in is more to do with industry, and so there isn’t a clinical speciality available. So I thought I would improve my skills as a researcher in the area I’m working in, which would allow me the possibility to go into academia if I wanted. But also it was really 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, which is why I started looking for PhDs here. We previously lived in London. It was quite daunting because I wasn’t familiar with Australian universities at all, though I was slightly protected in that the NGO I was working for as a vet advisor in London were happy for me to keep working for them remotely, so that gave me a layer of safety, if you like, of knowing that even if things didn’t work out with my plans to do a PhD at least I still had a job!

“I didn’t apply for an existing project; my PhD came about through my contacting people that work in the

same area and asking whether any of them would be interested in creating a PhD position for me.

“I had a firm idea of the topic I wanted to research, but I didn’t have an exact project or 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; the concept of applying with an independent proposal rather than joining an existing group was very alien. But it is possible to apply with a top-level proposal, a skeleton proposal, and then dedicate the first months of your PhD to building that, putting some flesh on the bones.

“What I wanted to research was the area that I had been working in for my NGO, and the academics that I had contacted at Melbourne also had practical, on-the-ground experience with this work. We put together a case for why it was worth doing research in this area, and that’s what I used to apply for the PhD position.

“If I am honest, I think it is probably far easier to apply for an existing, pre-packaged PhD position than it is 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 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, I’ve now spoken to a lot of PhDs who say that they wouldn’t necessarily have chosen their exact area of research, but it was what was available in their area 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.

“The next stage was financial support. My research area is working equids in low income countries, cart donkeys and horses in developing countries, which are a huge part of the economies there. It is in collaboration with the NGO that 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, so it felt like a huge step forward when that was confirmed. And then I got a full scholarship from the University, which meant I got a living stipend as well. I consider myself so lucky to have received that.

“When you are applying for a PhD with a new idea it is very important to have a strong connection to your prospective supervisors. Now I am at the University I speak to people who would be potential supervisors and they are contacted all the time by people asking whether they have anything available. So you really have to stand out in that process, make sure you bring detail, don’t just randomly contact someone. Busy academics are only human, they’ll respond to someone who 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 real 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 this would work. I didn’t know if 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 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 my project involves collaboration with people at the NGO, so I talk to them a lot. But within the University I work by myself, which is why it is so important to create relationships in other ways – to talk to peers, other postgrads, to find people you can relate to and can chat with about some of the common challenges that you come across as researchers. There are well-established resources here, like the Postgraduate Student Association, and a lot of support. 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. It is easy to build networks. Melbourne is a wonderful, melting-pot city.

“My top tip? Always, absolutely, ask your question. We are all so intimidated by this big world of academia where everyone is a professor of this or 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 at first! So always ask, don’t be intimidated. 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 processes and timeframes 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, University of Melbourne, and the University of Queensland, for example, also have residential colleges.

### 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 lots of sporting, musical and other recreational activities. The majority are fully-catered. Some students love the closeness and the level of support they offer; others 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 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 do 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](http://www.gumtree.com.au), which carries free local classified

advertising and has become the go-to site for many young Australians looking for a place to rent. Once you're on the Gumtree homepage you can click on to the site specific to your destination state. A similar site for New Zealand is [www.trademe.co.nz](http://www.trademe.co.nz).

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

are 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](mailto:mail@studyoptions.com).

**For more information on student accommodation, please see pages 28 (New Zealand) and 44 (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 that a landlord is taking liberties? Take your tenancy contract in to them to check. Can't get rid of your 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 at the university 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.**



# How to Apply

Follow our step-by-step guide, right, for a stress-free application experience. And before you start, check out some of the application 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 your predicted grades. Please ensure you apply no later than the end of April in your final year of school.

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 all your Australian and New Zealand conditional offers alongside offers you receive from universities in the UK, or elsewhere, and make a decision on which to accept when you get final results.

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

Yes. You can apply during your final year of university study and be assessed for an offer of place that will be conditional on your 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 would then be considered for an unconditional offer. If taking this option, we recommend you apply immediately on getting your final marks.

Your decision on which of these routes to take might depend on when your chosen course starts in Australia or New Zealand. The

majority of courses start in semester 1 (February).

If applying for this intake, you can take either of the application options above. Some courses, however, also have an option to start in semester 2 (July). If you wish to start in semester 2, please apply for a conditional offer of place, as outlined above.

## Will I have to sit a test to apply?

As a general rule, no. Undergraduate and postgraduate applications are assessed primarily on the basis of your academic achievements (predicted or actual, in A-Levels, IB, BTEC etc, or university degree).

The exceptions are applications for medicine or dentistry (school or graduate entry) and in some cases to postgraduate business or law programmes, 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 of work. Please contact us 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.

## I'm ready to apply. Where should I send my completed applications?

Please submit all applications to [mail@studyoptions.com](mailto: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.

## Study Options

Call: 0117 911 5610  
Email: [mail@studyoptions.com](mailto:mail@studyoptions.com)  
[www.studyoptions.com/contact](http://www.studyoptions.com/contact)

The Study Options team are available Monday – Friday to speak via phone, WhatsApp, Zoom, Skype, Teams or any other virtual medium you like!

Study Options is a free support service for students. What do we do, and how can we help you?

- **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](http://www.studyoptions.com/how-apply)
- **Waive university application fees for qualified applicants.** These fees can range from A\$75 up to A\$500, but you will not have to pay anything when you apply through Study Options.
- **Offer full pre-departure support**, including helping you to secure the right accommodation, book flights, open a bank account before you leave, get the right medical insurance and lots more! [www.studyoptions.com/costs-practicalities](http://www.studyoptions.com/costs-practicalities)
- **Provide a full student visa application checking and support service.** [www.studyoptions.com/visas](http://www.studyoptions.com/visas)

## 1 GET IN TOUCH

Call, email or submit an online enquiry to tell Study Options 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 a particular university? Do you want to be in a specific place? Let us know! [www.studyoptions.com/contact](http://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 details of 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 or book in a Zoom meeting to talk through your options. The goal at this point is to create a shortlist of universities for you to apply to.

## 5 THE DECISION

If you have been offered a place, we will send through your formal 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, opening a bank account in Australia or New Zealand and anything else you need to arrange. If you need help with anything, at any point, just ask.

## 3 GET YOUR APPLICATION FORMS

When you've decided where to apply, get your application forms from [www.studyoptions.com/how-apply](http://www.studyoptions.com/how-apply) or request PDF copies via email ([mail@studyoptions.com](mailto:mail@studyoptions.com)) or phone (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](mailto: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.

## 7 FINAL PREPARATIONS

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

## 8 YOU'VE MADE IT!

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



# Short term study 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? Whatever you like! You get to choose what to study while you are there. Courses from different university departments are all available, and you can combine subjects in any way you wish.

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 – such as sport, travelling, student clubs and societies and so on – you might go for three courses, to ensure that you have a lighter workload and therefore enough time to do everything else! If you are using Tester Semester 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 subjects.

### 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; and to give your CV a point of difference – without you having to commit to doing a full degree 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, cycling, or any other sport, during a Tester Semester you'll get the chance to experience great facilities, a

sports-mad culture, a climate conducive to being outside a lot and training methods considered to be among the world's best, all alongside your university study.

Outside of the extra-curricular, Tester Semester is a valuable chance to experience studying 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 of trying different degree subjects, but it is also a great way of checking how you get on with university more generally.

If, during your Tester Semester, you love studying overseas and want to stay on to complete a full degree, it's straightforward to convert to a 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 (see right) you can use Tester Semester as a direct alternative to Exchange. This means planning your overseas study carefully to make sure you will be able to take your academic credits back and use them toward your UK degree.



## The practicalities

### • How much does it cost?

In Australia, tuition fees for Tester Semester range from A\$5,500 to \$16,000 per term while in New Zealand they range between NZ\$12,000 – NZ\$13,500 per term.

### • When would I go?

The academic year in the southern hemisphere runs from February to November. Tester Semester usually runs in semester 1 (February – June), though some students will be eligible to take

the programme in semester 2 (July – November). Please contact Study Options to discuss your eligibility.

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

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

### • How do I apply?

Please contact Study Options! [www.studyoptions.com/contact](http://www.studyoptions.com/contact)

## University Exchange

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

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 already in place, 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 can only apply to universities that your UK university has a formal exchange agreement with. Places on exchange can also be limited, and therefore may be competitive. 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 in place, it might only have a few places available on each scheme. Check this carefully! If you wanted 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 carefully and factor the results into your thinking about where to apply
- Remember that tuition fees are different for each degree, as well as at each university, so expect 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 where you decide to apply

If you have any questions about costs, contact Study Options on 0117 911 5610 or [mail@studyoptions.com](mailto:mail@studyoptions.com)

To get some guidelines on what to expect from the current cost of living in Australia please see page 44. For New Zealand, go to page 28

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

You will need to budget for tuition fees and living costs for the duration of your course, as well as for additional costs such as 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. 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 each country.

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

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

Yes. Provided you are studying a course that is at least one year long, you can work while 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 during the university holidays if you want 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. Please see pages 28 and 44 for more information about working part time 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 are not eligible to get a student loan in Australia or New Zealand. The UK Government does not currently offer student loans for international study. You may be eligible for funding from the Turing Scheme, the UK Government programme for study and work abroad. For most, however, study at university in Australia or NZ will need to be privately funded.

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

### Are there any scholarships to study in Australia?

Yes, almost all Australian universities offer international student scholarships. For undergraduate and postgraduate coursework students, these tend to be awarded as a reduction in tuition fees (typically between 20-50%). 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](http://www.studyoptions.com/scholarships-and-funding). We highlight any scholarships we feel are particularly applicable to applicants from or educated in 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 tuition fees.

As with 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](http://www.studyoptions.com/scholarships-and-funding).

You can also use the Education New Zealand scholarship search tool, which is available at [www.studyinnewzealand.govt.nz/how-to-apply/scholarships](http://www.studyinnewzealand.govt.nz/how-to-apply/scholarships)

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

### When should I investigate scholarship options?

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



# 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 this country and many others now seek out and employ graduates from universities located 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?

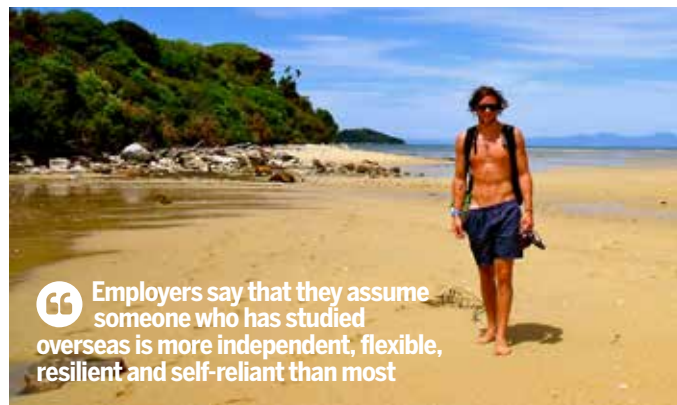
The first undeniable advantage of having an international university education as a job candidate is that it gives you a real point of difference; something that will straightaway make your CV stand out from the pile.

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, resilient, self-reliant 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 degrees feature opportunities for students to take internships, placements, industry projects and networking – in short, to put academic learning into practice in the real world and ensure they graduate ready to hit the ground running in their chosen career.



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## Kit Chamier

**Kit graduated with a Bachelor of Sport Coaching from 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)**

“In 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 everything – biomechanics, kinesiology, psychology, coaching – but we also did nutrition, and this module really hit the spot with me. I shadowed him for a bit, with the Canterbury Crusaders, and just felt completely inspired.

“I had the best time at UC. It was as though I was on a gap year while studying. I did so much, even on a student budget! Road trips and skiing and hikes up mountains. The New Zealand students were into 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 take a general degree so I could get a bit of everything. The UC 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 at Canterbury is unique in terms of what you cover. The structure of the degree has really paid dividends because I'm consulting every day now, and the coaching content has really come into its own. We did whole modules on body language, communication, eye contact, the way you sit, the way you listen, and that has been one of the best things I could have ever done; it has really fed into what I do now. On a 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 UK masters and then started working I realised I was drawing on it all the time! We also did modules on coaching with children, and 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 in the UK 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 did the 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 at all. I've been busier and busier at each location I've been based at.”

## Laura Ubero

**Laura graduated from the University of Melbourne with a Master of Laws in 2012. She is now senior counsel in the Banking and Finance Team at Macfarlanes. Laura is also a Council and Board Member at The Law Society and former President of Westminster & Holborn Law Society**

“In 2011 I packed my bags and set off for Melbourne to do a Masters in Law (LLM), focusing on international law. I did not realise at the time how the opportunities I came across would impact my career for so many years after I returned. Here, I set out the key areas to build on when you return home and some 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 extra-curricular 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 little success. However, as soon as I returned I saw a dramatic change in the responses to my applications and one of the 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 and take part in activities not available in England are all 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 makes 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 really where all 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 the finance team at Macfarlanes because it was a fascinating and academic area with a diverse and exceptionally successful team. I have always made it known that I am interested in the international sphere and it certainly helped when I found myself seconded for nearly a year to a large international bank.

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 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 during his annual visit to London,



where we review my previous year and set targets for my next year.

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





# New Zealand

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

The North Island is where two-thirds of all New Zealanders live and the majority of those are concentrated in the Auckland region. Auckland is by far the biggest city in New Zealand and is the country's commercial hub as well as its most cosmopolitan centre, with large Polynesian and Asian communities. Two harbours and plenty of beaches within the urban area contribute to Auckland's nickname, the City of Sails. Auckland was named among the ten most liveable cities in the world in the 2023 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 city of New Zealand and, though much smaller and lacking the commercial clout of Auckland, it 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 well-deserved reputation as a centre for music, cinema and the arts.

The South Island usually features heavily in social media

stories from New Zealand. Which isn't surprising, given that it is home to 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 and so on and on and on) as well as hosting some of its most dedicated adrenaline-junkie activities (bungee-jumping, snowsports, sea-kayaking 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 rare combination of the spectacular and the soothing that gives it its enduring appeal.

The South Island's small population means there is always more than enough space for everyone – it's frequently possible to get a golden sandy beach all to yourself here – and the lack of queues, traffic jams and general hassles create an amazingly

relaxed 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, good food, and great wine. So whether you prefer some freshly cooked fish and chips sitting on the jetty after a day out walking or sea-kayaking, or a night out after a leisurely day spent wandering around a few museums, galleries or vineyards, there's something here for 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 as of July 2022 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 30-31 for more). Please note that all figures quoted on these pages are approximate – the cost of living will vary according to lifestyle. All costs on these pages are given in New Zealand dollars.

## How much do things cost in New Zealand?

**Takeaway pizza (large):** From \$10  
**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  
**Main meal at restaurant (off campus):** \$15 – \$40  
**Backpacker (dorm bunk room):** From \$30 per night  
**Return flight Wellington to Queenstown:** From \$350  
**Ticket (foot passenger) on the ferry between the North and South Islands:** From \$75  
**Glass of wine:** From: \$9

The amount needed for living costs depends on each person's individual 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, remember to factor in how long you intend to stay in the country each year. The academic year in New Zealand is usually 40 weeks, and lots of the online calculators and example budgets provided by the universities assume you will only be in the country for those 40 weeks. If you want to stay over the summer and work or travel (both of which you're entitled to do on a student visa) you'll need to allow extra budget for this.

### Accommodation costs

Accommodation is the single biggest living expense for every student. Each New Zealand university offers different options for housing and we would advise looking into them, and factoring the likely costs into your budget, as early as you can.

### Accommodation option 1:

#### Fully-catered halls of residence or residential colleges

This is a good option if you don't want to think about buying food or dealing with utility bills when you first get to university.

Fully-catered halls can look expensive at first, but bear in mind that hall fees generally include two or three meals a day, as well as all utility bills. Some also include laundry and internet access. Each hall can 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 that you have to manage in your weekly budget. Plus, with so many headline costs taken care of in one big bill at the start of the 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 many students find much easier to manage, 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 eating at set meal times is really not your thing, you might be better off looking at options for self-catered housing.

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 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 definitely 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 new first-year undergraduate students, but many returning students – and the majority of postgraduates – opt for private rental accommodation.

Private rental may seem at first to be much the cheapest option, but remember that you'll need to budget for all your food, utilities, internet, local travel (if living away from campus) and set up for your new flat (any missing furniture, linen, kitchen equipment, maybe the hire of television and white goods) on top of the weekly rent. Also remember that any lease you take on private housing is likely to be for 52 weeks, so if you are not intending to stay longer than the academic year, you might end up paying for housing that you're not actually 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.

## Working while you study

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

All New Zealand universities have a Student Job Search service, to help students find part time work during term time and in the summer holidays. If you need 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 that you would like to keep doing – whether it's serving behind a bar, office admin work or waiting tables in restaurants – get organised before you leave, so you 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 2023, is \$22.70 per hour before tax. In order to work in New Zealand you'll need an IRD (tax) number. The IRD is the Inland Revenue Department. It's a good idea to apply for an IRD number as soon as

possible after arriving in NZ – you can get an application form at a PostShop. You'll need to show your passport and New Zealand student visa, plus evidence of registration at a student.

While most of the students we work with at Study Options choose to work while they study, remember there is no guarantee of finding work, and 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 be able to step straight into a high-paying part time job; have a backup plan!



## 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 here to find out more about 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.

**www.naumainz.studywithnewzealand.govt.nz/studying-in-nz/before-your-arrival/cost-of-living**



### 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.vgtn.ac.nz/\_data/assets/pdf\_file/0007/2049181/money-matters.pdf**



### University of Waikato Hamilton

**www.waikato.ac.nz/study/costs**



### University of Otago Dunedin

**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/**



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

## 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 (WHV) 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 per week during term and full time during the holidays.

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

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

## How do I apply?

The best way to apply is to submit your student visa application online, at [www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/visas/visa/full-fee-paying-student-visa](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/visas/visa/full-fee-paying-student-visa). You can alternatively complete a paper application form, which is also available from the INZ website, but online applications are preferred (and processed more quickly). The webpage above has lots of helpful guides to making your application, including a checklist of supporting documents required for first-time student visa applicants.

## Will I have to show any evidence of my finances?

Yes, you'll need to prove you have enough money to live on while you study. INZ will want to see proof

that you have access to NZ\$20,000 per year as a student – this can be demonstrated by providing bank statements, evidence of a scholarship, or by your family completing a financial undertaking form to guarantee your living costs. You'll also need to show that you have enough money to buy a ticket home from New Zealand.

## What about character documents?

All applicants for New Zealand visas must 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.

## 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 for after you graduate. Depending on your New Zealand qualification and where you studied it, you'll be able to work for almost any employer in New Zealand for up to three years, and do almost any kind of work.

In order to be eligible to apply for a Post Study Work Visa, you must have completed a qualification assessed at Level 4 or above on

the NZQF. All university level study in New Zealand, from bachelors degrees upward, meets this criteria.

If you have completed a qualification at Level 7 (bachelors) or above, you can work for any employer, in any job. If your qualification is below degree level you'll be required to work in a job that's related to what you studied, and have done a qualification that's on the Qualifications Eligible for a Post Study Work Visa list.

The duration of your post study

work visa will depend on how long you've studied in New Zealand. The duration of the PSWV will mirror the duration of your study. So if you studied a three year bachelors degree, you will be eligible for a three-year Post Study Work Visa. If you study a one-year postgraduate diploma, you'll be eligible for a one-year Post Study Work Visa.

This rule doesn't apply to PhD or masters 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 1-10. 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 – 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 higher degrees by research (PhD).

You will also need to provide police clearances for every country you have lived in for five years or more since you turned 17. Find out more at [www.immigration.govt.nz/who-provides-police-cert](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/who-provides-police-cert)

## 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, but this is not always required for student visa applicants. You can check whether you will need to include health documentation at [www.immigration.govt.nz/xray-or-medical-exam](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/xray-or-medical-exam)

## Can I take my partner with me to New Zealand?

It is not possible to include a partner in your student visa application as a dependant. Your partner will need to apply for their own visa to be in New Zealand if they wish to work, study, or simply accompany you while you are studying your course. They also 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, Qualifications Eligible for a Post Study Work Visa list, or the New Long Term Skill Shortage List, or
- Studying for a postgraduate qualification (Level 9 or 10).

If your course of study does not fall into either of these categories, your partner will need to apply to be in New Zealand of their own accord, for example under the Working Holiday Scheme, the Essential Skills Visa or the Skilled Migrant Category.

## How long does a student visa take to get?

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

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

The visa is valid immediately upon issuing, so once you have your visa you can use it to enter New Zealand. Please DON'T book any travel that cannot be easily amended until you have been granted a visa for New Zealand.

## How long will my visa last?

The visa is valid for the duration of your course if it is up to 12 months long, or for approximately 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 further years of study. This is a process that the team at your university's International Office will help with.

## Can I apply for another visa when my course finishes?

Yes, potentially, if you meet policy. For information about other visa options for New Zealand, visit [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz).

## What are my obligations on a 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.





# NEW DRAWS INSPIRATION FROM DIVERSITY.

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## Broaden your horizon...

...with an international education experience like no other in Aotearoa New Zealand

Half a world away from the UK, New Zealand has always been a special destination for students. Its stunning scenery and landscapes combine with the modern, hip, urban environments in its major cities to provide an environment that appeals to a wide spectrum of people. In New Zealand you're never far from the coast – and you're often only a stone's throw to the nearest snow-capped mountain, volcanic plain, or lush bush walk.

Add the traditional warm, Kiwi welcome to the country's unique te Ao Māori culture and values, and it is clear that the attraction of New Zealand goes beyond attaining academic qualifications.

### **A warm haere mai/welcome to our community**

Although many things about New Zealand will seem familiar – like our social customs, traditions and even our food – we differ from the UK in some special ways.

Visitors are welcomed to our country and greeted with our indigenous Māori culture the moment they step foot on our whenua (land). The Māori values of kaitiakitanga and manaakitanga are intrinsically linked to our education system. Kaitiakitanga encourages our people and visitors to see oneself as a guardian of the earth, caring for our environment while students also experience manaakitanga, the process of showing respect, generosity, and care.

As an international student, you will be a welcomed member of the community in your chosen place of study. New Zealand was one of the first countries in the world to introduce a mandatory code of care for international students, which means you can expect your education provider to be helpful and informative when it comes to things like looking after your health and finding a place to live.

### **A place to achieve**

Preparing for the future has been a long-term goal of the New Zealand education system. According to the 2019 Worldwide Educating for the Future Index, New Zealand is the top English-speaking country in the world for preparing students for the future.

Our approach to international education and the international student experience enables us to champion new skills through education that develops our students' ability to think critically, creatively, and collaboratively. We offer new perspectives through education that encourages

**“When you study with New Zealand, you're invited to bring your whole self. You will benefit from New Zealand's cultural values as well as our high-quality education that embodies innovation, practical learning, and preparing you for the future.”**

Grant McPherson, Chief Executive  
Education New Zealand Manapou ki te Ao



diversity, empathy, and a fresh way of looking at the world. New understanding teaches students how to put knowledge to work in the world while new outcomes prepare our students for the future world of work. Finally, new growth challenges and supports our students to reach their full potential through education.

Our education institutions are keenly aware of the looming challenges associated with climate change. Many of them have committed to sustainability by

nation in the Pacific does not mean that you can't be at the cutting edge of global solutions.

The world is facing some of its biggest challenges yet. New Zealand is re-imagining what education could be in the new world, inspired by the optimism and innovation of rangatahi (young people) everywhere. We strive to prepare our students for the knowledge and practical skills that they will need through life, to be global citizens that can positively contribute to the world around them.

### **He rangi tā Matawhāiti, he rangi tā Matawhānui**

*The person with a narrow vision sees a narrow horizon, the person with a wide vision sees a wide horizon*

changing how they operate, or by commissioning new research in areas as varied as the sciences, law and engineering.

The sharing and exchange between students and the communities they live in is also seen in the contribution of international students who are determined to make a difference.

International students studying in New Zealand have been involved in a wide range of sectors. From research into a robotic gut capsule to aid in early detection and treatment of cancer and diabetes, to developing nutritious flour from waste pulp and peel from fruit and vegetables, and making wall panels using seaweed as a bio-filler, international students have shown that choosing to study in an island

### **A place to be yourself**

As a small nation in the Pacific, we've forged our own path to the country you see today. Today, New Zealand is home to around five million people who value inclusivity, equality, and diversity. What might surprise you is how multi-cultural New Zealand is. There are now over 160 different languages spoken in New Zealand and Auckland is one of the most culturally diverse cities in the world. In our main urban centres of Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin, you will see, hear, walk with and experience a huge mix of cultures. In the results of the 2018 Census, over 27 percent of New Zealanders were born overseas.

We look forward to welcoming you soon.





## 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 in the North Island – some three quarters of New Zealand's total population lives here and it is the country's economic centre, accounting for around 75% of all economic activity.

**Population:** Almost 4 million  
**Size:** 113,729sq km  
**Major cities:** Auckland, Hamilton, Palmerston North, Wellington  
**Universities:** University of Auckland, University of Waikato, Massey University, Victoria University of Wellington, AUT

[www.newzealand.com](http://www.newzealand.com)



## Victoria University Of Wellington

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 18,000 universities\*, and in the top 100 in seven subject areas\*.

We are among a selected group of universities worldwide to hold the maximum 'five stars plus' overall rating in the QS Stars rating of excellence and 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 on the world. 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 from 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 an exciting, compact, welcoming

city and a great quality of life. You can enjoy arts, adventure and 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, Royal New Zealand Ballet, the National Library, Archives New Zealand, the New Zealand Film Archive and New Zealand's national museum, Te Papa.

### Diverse and welcoming

At Victoria University of Wellington, you'll join a warm, open community of students from over 100 countries. The University has over 22,000 students, including around 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 to study here. We have a dedicated team who will help you to settle in and support you to achieve your goals. They provide practical assistance with health insurance, accommodation, academic guidance, and any other support you need to ensure your time at the University is a success.

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



### 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 breath-taking. Wellington's large harbour, along with its hills, parks, forests and coastline, frame city life in a 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 it was named one of the '21 Places Of The Future' by Forbes magazine; Lonely Planet calls it 'the coolest little capital in the world' and it is home to the prestigious Weta Workshops.



**VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON**

**Established:** 1897

**Location:** Wellington

**Student population:** 22,000

**Go to:** [www.wgtn.ac.nz/international](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international)





# The University of Auckland

The University of Auckland (Waipapa Taumata Rau) is Aotearoa New Zealand's largest and leading university. The name Waipapa Taumata Rau, gifted to the University by local Māori iwi (tribe) Ngāti Whātua Arākei, refers to the 'place of many peaks' – places to strive for, to ascend to and succeed.

The University is ranked among the world's top universities and is the only New Zealand university placed in the top 100 globally by the QS World University Rankings 2024. We offer you the chance to gain an internationally recognised qualification from a research-led university. Many of Auckland's individual academic disciplines are ranked in the top 50 in the world, including geography (43); pharmacy and pharmacology (37); sports-related subjects (32); anthropology (47); education (37); engineering – civil and structural (45); English language and literature (47); and archaeology (46), by the 2023 QS World University Rankings By Subject.

## An impressive range of programmes

The University of Auckland offers a huge variety of programmes and courses at bachelors, masters and doctoral level across its eight faculties. 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.

## Research-led learning

Great learning begins with great lecturers. The University of Auckland has more than 13,000 academic staff including researchers, scholars and creative artists, many of whom are at the top of their field, nationally and internationally. Your courses will incorporate the latest findings and perspectives related to your discipline, including the research carried out by your lecturers.

## Start your story at New Zealand's leading university

With a degree from the University of Auckland, you'll gain the skills employers are looking for. Our university is filled with the brightest people, doing the most amazing things. Our graduates go on to shape the world through creativity and innovation. The skills you gain when you study with us will put you in a strong position to succeed in your chosen field.

## A great campus location

The University's main City Campus is just a five-minute walk from Auckland's bustling central business district. Auckland is a cosmopolitan, vibrant city with plenty of shops, restaurants, cafés and theatres to enjoy. Auckland's unique location between two harbours also offers easy access

Pictures, clockwise from below: An aerial view of the city; students in front of the Business School; students on campus



## Why study at Auckland?

- The QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2022 place the University top in New Zealand and 68 worldwide for delivering work-ready graduates.
- The 2023 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 12 in the world in the 2023 Times Higher Education Impact Rankings.
- Auckland city is surrounded by picturesque islands. It is known as the 'City of Sails' thanks to the great number of yachts that sail the waters of its harbours and those of the adjoining Hauraki Gulf. To the west of the city, the Waitakere Ranges rainforest forms a gateway to magnificent west coast surf beaches and an abundance of bush walks.

to stunning beaches, subtropical islands, and coastal forest walks.

## Academic and personal support services for students

The University offers a wide range of academic, personal, financial and career support services. Our dedicated Career Development and Employment Services provide ongoing support, information, and resources to help you prepare for your career or to consider further study. We also have a team of international student support staff available to assist you at every stage of your academic journey.

## 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. We offer Summer Start International participants a scholarship to cover on-campus housing costs and extra cultural and social activities.



## THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND

**Established:** 1883

**Location:** Eight campuses, including

Goldie Vineyard on Waiheke Island

**Student population:** 46,000

**Go to:** [www.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.auckland.ac.nz)



# Massey University

Massey is a leading New Zealand university, world-renowned for unique practical qualifications, 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 Pārehuroa. The literal translation of this 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.

With award-winning teachers, well-connected lecturers and world-renowned researchers, Massey provides the best learning environment to help students move towards their future.

## Get the career you want

Each year over 5,000 international students from more than 100 countries find a warm welcome at Massey. We are consistently ranked in the top 3% of universities worldwide and have an established reputation for academic leadership, research excellence and innovative teaching.

Our animal and veterinary science programmes are ranked among the top 50 in the world by

the QS World University Rankings By Subject, and the University is internationally recognised for its food science, technology and agricultural programmes. Massey has one of the largest business schools in New Zealand and an internationally-recognised pilot training facility. We are also home to the oldest and most prestigious design school in New Zealand.

## Achieve your goals

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 work placements, internships 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 for over 60 years, providing students from around the world with the ability to tailor their study to meet their needs via a wide range of academic qualifications that can be completed fully online.

Our geographic spread over three North Island campuses in Auckland, Palmerston North and Wellington, as well as the range of programmes we offer both in person and online, provide students with the choice of where and how they can study.

## Support

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 for all.

The Student Support team on each campus offer comprehensive advice and wellbeing services for all international students. Our academic advice teams assist students in choosing the right study plan for their future career.

## Join us

Studying at Massey University is about shaping the world by finding innovative, practical solutions and ideas for how we can live our lives better. 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 and wherever they choose to study, Massey understands that success comes from a thousand little moments and are committed to helping all its students every step of the way.



## MASSEY UNIVERSITY

**Established:** 1927

**Location:** Three campuses in the North Island of New Zealand – Auckland, Manawātā (Palmerston North) and Wellington

**Student population:** 31,600

**Go to:** [www.massey.ac.nz/international](http://www.massey.ac.nz/international)





# The University of Waikato

The University of Waikato stands proudly on the world stage as a provider of future-focused, international education. Through our strong connections with local, national and global industries, we create opportunities for you to apply your knowledge and skills in real work environments.

### A world-class education

Our 11 faculties and schools cover a wide range of subjects including arts and humanities; sciences; engineering; management; health and sport; education; Indigenous studies and law. We offer students a variety of qualifications, from undergraduate degrees to postgraduate diplomas, masters and higher degrees by research. Our faculties and schools combine world-class research with state-of-the-art facilities and forward-thinking teaching.

Waikato Management School is a member of an elite group of business schools worldwide to have earned Triple Crown accreditation from Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB); Association of MBAs (AMBA) and EFMD Quality Improvement System (EQUIS).

### Work-ready graduates

With over 2,000 internships and industry placements available, Waikato students are exceptionally well-prepared for employment after graduation. We have staff across the University dedicated to finding work placements for our students. A range of papers at both undergraduate and postgraduate level include internship and industry experience components. The University maintains close links with many businesses and organisations willing to host students during their studies.

### The ideal location

The University of Waikato main campus is in Hamilton, a vibrant and multicultural city immersed in Māori culture, and home to around 165,000 people. Set on the banks of the Waikato River, Hamilton and the surrounding areas offer world-class bike trails, surf beaches and restaurants.

Our new campus is in Tauranga, a city of around 125,000 people some 80 minutes drive from Hamilton. The cosmopolitan city of Tauranga is well known for its blue skies, warm climate, beautiful beaches and relaxed lifestyle. The

Waikato campus in Tauranga is a multipurpose space where students, researchers, industry and the community can work together in the heart of what is the fastest growing region in New Zealand.

As well as a great lifestyle and world-class education, our region has one of New Zealand's largest and most varied economies. Waikato is part of New Zealand's 'Golden Triangle', an area bound by Auckland, Hamilton and Tauranga that makes up over half of the country's gross domestic product and supports more than 50% of all jobs in New Zealand.

### A supportive environment

Our students tell us that we are one of the friendliest and most supportive universities in New Zealand. Our dedicated staff will provide the advice and support you need to ensure your time here is successful. Our International Student Services team is available throughout your time at the University. This dedicated team organise orientations for all new students and oversee insurance, visa renewals, student events and our student buddy programme.

## Why study at Waikato?

### • Internationally recognised

The University of Waikato is a strong performer in prestigious international rankings. Waikato Management School is one of only 100 worldwide to receive Triple Crown Accreditation..

• **The Waikato experience** Our campuses are bursting with life and energy. With small class sizes, great access to lecturers, affordable living, a wide range of support services and dozens of student clubs to choose from, your student experience will be both dynamic and distinctive.

• **Flexibility** Our flexible degree structures mean you can study a broad range of subjects and shape a qualification that matches your academic strengths and career interests.

• **Scholarships** We believe in rewarding success, which is why every year we offer hundreds of scholarships to help students to fund study and study-related expenses. Scholarships of up to NZ\$20,000 are available to international students starting at the University of Waikato.

• **Teaching excellence** Our students learn from award-winning lecturers and world-leading researchers who are committed to delivering a world-class, innovative education.

• **Industry ready** Each year, we offer 2,000 industry placements and internships. Whether you are an undergraduate or postgraduate student, our partnerships and networks offer you a unique opportunity to embed yourself in local or international organisations as part of your learning experience.



NEW ZEALAND

THE UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO

Established: 1964

Location: Hamilton and Tauranga

Student population: 12,000

Go to: [www.waikato.ac.nz/international/](http://www.waikato.ac.nz/international/)



## 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 vibrant cities of Dunedin, Christchurch and Nelson 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](http://www.newzealand.com)



# The University of Otago

As New Zealand's first university, founded in 1869, Otago has an international reputation for excellence in research and teaching. The University is in Dunedin, a city in the lower South Island with a population of 130,000; around 21,000 of whom are students. Education is the main industry of Dunedin, making it the true 'student city' of Australasia. The compact campus has a vibrant, social student culture and offers an unrivalled experience, with world-class teaching and research labs, a marine studies centre, libraries, performance spaces, study areas, and sports facilities, including a state-of-the-art recreation facility.

## Undergraduate study

The undergraduate experience at Otago is unique, with 85% of students coming from outside Dunedin. Otago's 14 residential colleges, each with its own identity, history and traditions, provide an environment that allows new students to develop their independence, build a social network and succeed in their academic endeavours. What's more, most Otago degrees are incredibly flexible. Almost every undergraduate degree is unique and can be tailored specifically to your interests and career goals. Many international students choose to further enrich their experience by living in a University Flat with a Kiwi host as a flatmate. Everything is close by, with most accommodation within a 10-minute walk of campus, and the city centre within a 15-minute walk.

## Postgraduate study

Otago is a research-led university that attracts the best and brightest students from within New Zealand and around the globe. Research supervision for masters and PhD students is provided by academic staff who are at the cutting edge of research in their disciplines. Of the 4,700 postgraduate students and 1,600 doctoral candidates currently at Otago, 50% are international. The University has postgraduate campuses in Christchurch, Wellington, and Invercargill, with specialist facilities in Auckland.

Specialist postgraduate programmes available at Otago include business data science; bioengineering; wildlife management; entrepreneurship; international studies; MBA; peace and conflict studies; tourism; and science communication (including natural history filmmaking).

## Explore Dunedin

No other city in New Zealand offers the same opportunities to get out and explore. Dunedin is surrounded by fantastic beaches, hills and harbour waters that offer opportunities for a range of activities, from surfing and kayaking to mountain biking and paddleboarding. World-class ski resorts are also only a few hours' drive away – including the popular city of Queenstown. Dunedin is New Zealand's wildlife capital, full of the sounds and sights of beautiful native birds, and home to endemic rare species like the New Zealand Sea Lion and the Yellow-Eyed Penguin. Southern Right Whales and orca can be seen travelling up the surrounding coastline or even entering the Otago Harbour. The beauty surrounding Dunedin has to be seen to be believed.

## Get involved

Volunteering and good citizenship are a part of the culture at the University. Opportunities through volunteering allow students to find ways to connect and understand the role of active citizenship in the community while developing skills that can only be found outside of lecture theatres. These experiences offer students many ways to become socially and environmentally responsible global citizens. Getting involved in social projects has many benefits. You'll be contributing to positive change in the community while gaining valuable work experience and strengthening your future career prospects.

## 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.



## THE UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

**Established:** 1869

**Location:** Dunedin

**Student population:** Over 21,000

**Go to:** [www.otago.ac.nz/](http://www.otago.ac.nz/)

[facebook.com/OtagoInternationalOffice](https://facebook.com/OtagoInternationalOffice)

[instagram.com/otago.international](https://instagram.com/otago.international)



## 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 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, they are involved in a wide variety of sporting, cultural, and community activities.

- **Academic excellence** Otago is ranked in the top 1% of universities in the world 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 ten 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 can transform

individual lives, communities and the environment, locally and globally. The University actively contributes to the UN Sustainable Development Goals through research, activities, and teaching. Otago is internationally recognised in health sciences and produces leading research into reducing social, health and economic inequalities. It partners with industry to develop efficient and sustainable technologies and 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** There's plenty to do and explore in Dunedin, surrounded as it is by forest-covered hills, beaches, wildlife and a natural harbour. A two-hour drive will take you to the spectacular Central Otago region, including Queenstown and Wanaka for skiing and snowboarding in the winter. Or grab a surfboard and get up close and personal with New Zealand nature in the Catlins area.



# Australia

Australia is the sixth largest country in the world, but it has a population of just under 27 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; equal to around 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 sand beaches that can be found in almost every state in the country.

Australia's sunny climate and outdoor lifestyle means that there are so many ways 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. Its desert interior is inhospitable and so 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 that 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 hidden laneway bars and sophisticated, coffee-and-craft-beer-loving people. Or the vibrancy of sunny Brisbane? The economic powerhouse that is Perth? The laidback gentility of Adelaide? The choice is up to you...





# Dollars and Sense: Australia

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

## Cost of living: What's the bottom line?

Different Australian universities recommend that international students budget somewhere between A\$22,500 and A\$35,000 per year for living expenses. Some cities are far 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. Bear in mind that all the figures quoted on these pages are approximate, and the cost of living will vary according to lifestyle. All costs are given in Australian dollars.

**Loaf of bread:** From \$3  
**Milk (2 litres):** From \$3  
**Takeaway pizza:** Starts around \$10  
**Takeaway coffee:** From \$5  
**Pint of beer:** From \$9  
**Bowl of noodles at a restaurant:** From \$15  
**Cinema ticket (student concession):** From \$10  
**Backpacker accommodation:** From \$30 – \$40 per night for a shared dorm room  
**Return flight from Sydney to Melbourne:** From \$200

How much money do you need to live as a student in Australia? There's no simple answer to this question, as it depends on where and what you are studying as well as on your individual everyday needs and habits. What one person might consider an everyday necessity others think of as a once-a-term treat. Having said that, here we'll try to give 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 in terms of having lots of things included in the overall bill, which means you then don't need to

worry about allowing for them in your weekly budget. Fees are generally payable at the start 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 several 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 during their first year away from home.

Fully catered accommodation, however, does not allow for much flexibility in your budget. Having a large chunk of each semester's budget pre-allocated might 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 cash.

Self-catered university flats or halls of residence offer all the security of fully catered halls (including 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 flexibility of being able to control your food spending.

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 definitely 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 lots of returning students and most postgraduates choose to stay in private rental accommodation, in part to give themselves as much financial flexibility as possible.

While renting privately may appear by far the cheapest option at first look, don't forget that you will need to budget for all your food, utilities, internet, local travel (if living away from campus) and the set up for your flat (any missing furniture, linen, kitchen kit, hire of television and 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.

## Accommodation and other living costs

Below are examples of what some everyday costs might look like at universities in eight different Australian locations. 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):** \$135 – \$385 per week  
**Power:** \$40 – \$55 per week  
**Food:** From \$100 per week  
**Local travel:** \$20 – \$35 per week

[international.adelaide.edu.au/life-in-adelaide/cost-of-living](http://international.adelaide.edu.au/life-in-adelaide/cost-of-living)



**James Cook University**  
**Townsville, Queensland**  
**Rent (catered on campus accommodation):** From \$400 per week  
**Rent (private accommodation):** From \$160 – \$440 per week  
**Power:** \$20 per week  
**Food:** From \$140 per week  
**Local travel:** \$10 – \$40 per week

[www.jcu.edu.au/international-students/coming-to-australia](http://www.jcu.edu.au/international-students/coming-to-australia)



**University of Queensland**  
**Brisbane, Queensland**  
**Rent (fully catered residential college):** From \$400 – \$700 per week  
**Rent (shared private rental accommodation):** From \$200 a week  
**Power:** From \$35 per week  
**Food:** From \$140 per week  
**Local travel:** \$30 per week

[future-students.uq.edu.au/university-life/living-in-brisbane/cost-of-living](http://future-students.uq.edu.au/university-life/living-in-brisbane/cost-of-living)



**UWA**  
**Perth, Western Australia**  
**Rent (catered on campus accommodation):** From \$475 a week  
**Rent (private accommodation):** From \$250 per week  
**Power:** \$20 per week  
**Food:** From \$140 per week  
**Local travel:** From \$30 per week

[www.uwa.edu.au/study/Student-life/cost-of-living](http://www.uwa.edu.au/study/Student-life/cost-of-living)



**Griffith University**  
**Gold Coast, Queensland**  
**Rent (catered on campus accommodation):** Up to \$400 a week  
**Rent (private accommodation):** From \$180 per week  
**Power:** From \$30 per week  
**Food:** From \$140 per week  
**Local travel:** From \$30 per week

[www.griffith.edu.au/life-at-griffith/australia/cost-of-studying](http://www.griffith.edu.au/life-at-griffith/australia/cost-of-studying)



**UNSW Sydney**  
**Sydney, New South Wales**  
**Rent (catered on campus housing):** From \$445 per week  
**Rent (private accommodation):** From \$300 per week  
**Power:** From \$35 per week  
**Food:** From \$150 per week  
**Local travel:** Around \$40 per week

[www.international.unsw.edu.au/cost-of-living](http://www.international.unsw.edu.au/cost-of-living)



**University of Melbourne**  
**Melbourne, Victoria**  
**Rent (catered on campus housing):** From \$600 per week  
**Rent (private accommodation):** From \$400 per week  
**Power:** From \$35 per week  
**Food:** From \$150 per week  
**Local travel:** \$40 per week

[services.unimelb.edu.au/finaid/planning/cost\\_of\\_living/summary](http://services.unimelb.edu.au/finaid/planning/cost_of_living/summary)



**University of Tasmania**  
**Hobart, Tasmania**  
**Rent (on campus accommodation):** From \$275 per week  
**Rent (private accommodation):** Around \$250 per week (Hobart)  
**Power:** \$12 – \$20 per week  
**Food:** From \$100 per week  
**Local travel:** \$15 – \$30 per week

[www.utas.edu.au/international-life-in-tasmania/cost-of-living](http://www.utas.edu.au/international-life-in-tasmania/cost-of-living)

## Working while you study

Australian student visas usually allow full time degree students (whether undergraduate or postgraduate) to work up to 48 hours per fortnight in the academic year and unlimited hours during university holidays. The minimum wage in Australia, as of July 2023, is A\$23.23 per hour before tax.

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 an area – whether it's serving behind a bar, office work or waiting tables – it is a good idea to do some preparation before you leave home, so you can hit the ground running in your search for work once you arrive in Australia. Take an up-to-date CV with you, and references from previous employers.

If you intend to get a job that involves serving alcohol, please remember that you will need an RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol) certificate in order to do this in Australia. It is possible to do your RSA training online and get the required certificate before you arrive in Australia, although note that not all states and territories 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 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 backup plan!



# Student visas: Australia

Anyone enrolling as an international student on a course lasting four months or more will need an Australian student visa. Study Options will provide full support with your application, but 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 online 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 Australian university. To get a CoE, you must have received a formal offer from the university, accepted it in full and paid a deposit toward your annual 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 for Australia?

Yes, your working holiday visa status has no impact on a student visa application, assuming that you didn't break any immigration rules during your working holiday visa (like 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.

## How much does it cost?

The student visa application fee is currently A\$710, which needs to be paid when you submit your online application. If you have dependents

## Can I work while on this visa?

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

All information is correct at time of going to press (September 2023) but is subject to change. Please check the Australian Department of Home Affairs (Immigration and Citizenship) website at [immi.homeaffairs.gov.au](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au) for the most up-to-date information.

joining you on your student visa, such as your partner, there will be additional fees to pay. If you are already in Australia on a different visa when you apply there will 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 also allow you some time to remain in Australia at the end of your course.

## How long does it take to get?

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

## 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. Check the criteria at [immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500) before you begin. As a start point, however, you will need your CoE, application fee, passport number, and evidence that you have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) insurance in place. You will also need to write a genuine temporary entry (GTE) statement and you may be asked to provide supporting documents to show you are a genuine student.

## Do I need to provide any health documents or checks?

Citizens of the UK or Ireland are not currently required to have a health assessment except in certain circumstances, for example if you are going to Australia to train as a doctor,

dentist or nurse, or if you are likely to work or train in an Australian childcare centre during your course. You may also be asked 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 Post Study Work Visa. Please see right for more details.

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

You may be able to apply for other temporary or permanent visas after graduating. Take a look at the Australian Government rules at [immi.homeaffairs.gov.au](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au) to check your 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'll need to prove that 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 the requirements for travelling on a student visa with your partner.

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

Yes. You will need to show evidence that you have enrolled them into an Australian school when applying for your visa. Please be aware that you will also need to pay fees for them to attend state (or private) schools in Australia, though some levels of study (usually PhD)



exempt dependent children from having 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 if I'm taking my family with me to Australia?

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 definition – please contact Study Options if you have queries).

If you (as the student) are going to be studying a bachelors degree, graduate certificate or graduate diploma, your partner will be allowed 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.

## Post study work visas (PSWV)

An Australian student visa is 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 happens if you want to work in Australia for a while after you complete your studies?

The first thing to stress is that if you want to keep living in Australia after graduating it's your responsibility to make sure you can move on to a visa that will allow this. Remember, immigration rules change regularly and visas that are available at the start of your course may not still be there by the time you graduate. Make sure you always check for the latest details at [www.homeaffairs.gov.au](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au).

According to current Australian policy, however, if your course meets eligibility rules you should be able to apply for a temporary graduate visa.

## Temporary Graduate Visa (subclass 485)

There are two streams of visa that you can be eligible to apply for under

visa subclass 485. Both of the options below are temporary work visas that allow you to work full time in Australia for a defined period of time.

### 1. Graduate Work Stream

This visa allows full work rights for you (and your partner, if applicable) for 18 months from issue. You will only be able to apply for this visa if you satisfy certain criteria, the main one being that the qualification you hold relates to an occupation on Australia's Skilled Occupation List.

### 2. Post Study Work Stream

This visa allows full work rights for you (and your partner). The duration of your PSWV will be determined by the level, location and subject of your Australian qualification, as follows:

- If you have studied a bachelors degree your post study work visa (PSWV) will be valid for two years
- For masters by coursework your PSWV will be valid for three years

- For masters by research the PSWV will be valid for three years
- If you have a doctoral degree your PSWV will be valid for four years
- From 1 July 2023, PSWV applicants who have a degree in an area of verified skills shortage may be eligible for an extended two years on these durations. Please contact Study Options to find out more.
- Where you choose to study in Australia also has ramifications for your future PSWV. If you study in Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane, please work to the PSWV durations listed above. If you study in Perth, Adelaide, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Canberra, Newcastle/Lake Macquarie, Wollongong/Illawarra, Geelong or Hobart, you will be eligible to access an additional year in Australia on a second post study work visa. And if you study in any other location in Australia, you will be eligible to access two additional years in Australia on a second post study work visa.

## Study to stay?

If your questions aren't covered by the information here in the Guide give me a ring on 0117 911 5610, email [mail@studyoptions.com](mailto:mail@studyoptions.com), or go to [www.studyoptions.com/](https://www.studyoptions.com/) contact to ask a question or to schedule a free meeting.

“Some of you, particularly those of you looking to study in Australia with your partner and/or children, may be hoping that your course of study leads to a more permanent move. This is certainly possible. We've been helping students apply to study in Australia for over 18 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 lots of factors including your age, qualifications, skills assessment and proficiency in English. You may also be eligible for extra points for studying in a certain area of Australia.

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

“If you'd like to find out more, please get in touch for a chat. Look forward to hearing from you!”

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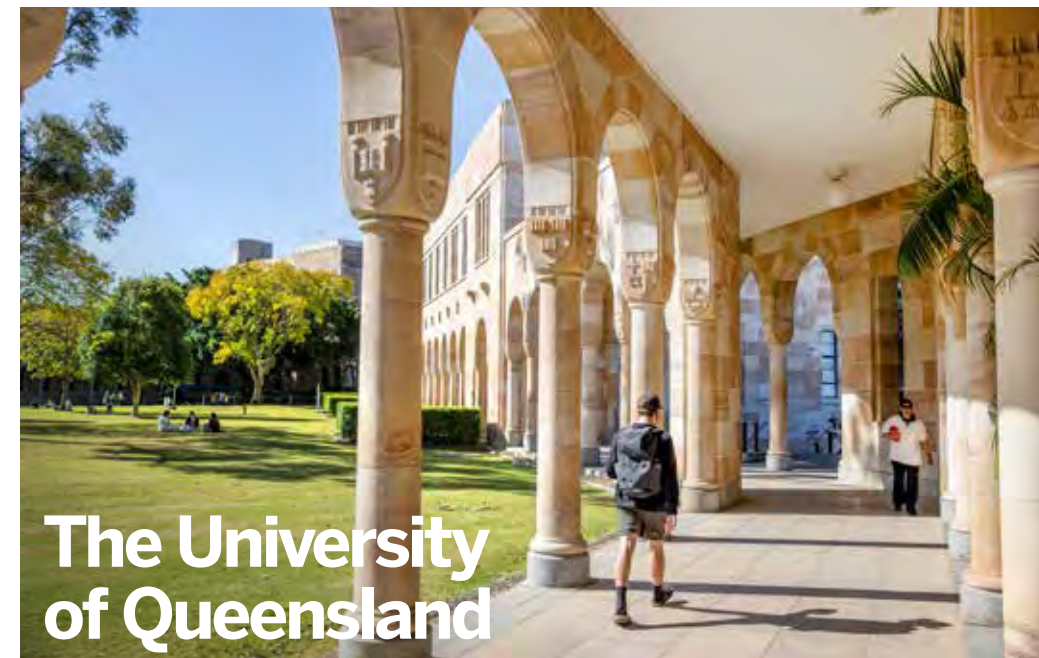
# Queensland

Queensland, which covers the northeast corner of Australia, is the country's second-biggest state and its third-biggest economy, with significant industries including mining, agriculture, banking and retail. It's also a top tourist destination. 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. The vast size of Queensland mean that its geography and climates vary hugely, from rainforests to coral reefs, mountain ranges to desert interiors.

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

[experiencequeensland.com](http://experiencequeensland.com)



## 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 more than 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 21,000 international students, contribute to a diverse, inclusive community across UQ's three campuses. Students enjoy innovative and flexible learning options, diverse and dynamic partnership opportunities, and state-of-the-art learning environments.

### An enviable student lifestyle

UQ students enjoy one of the best campus experiences in the world in a location famous for its safe, relaxed lifestyle, subtropical climate and vibrant, diverse culture. The campuses provide everything students need to study, live and relax. UQ's location is also a springboard to Queensland's much-loved tourist destinations with golden beaches, ancient rainforests, scenic mountains, and charming outback towns all within an hour or two's drive.

### Get the competitive edge

UQ's research, teaching and

connections prepare students for exciting careers. UQ qualifications are highly regarded by Australian and international employers alike. According to the 2022 QILT survey, 77.7 per cent of UQ bachelors graduates secured full-time employment within four months of completing their degree.

### Beyond the classroom

The University offers an exciting array of activities and events catering to the extracurricular interests of its students. UQ's award-winning Careers and Employability Service supports students to get the competitive edge after graduation. Students can take advantage of an annual programme of employment workshops and networking events, connecting them to UQ's extensive community of alumni and professional partners. Meanwhile, UQ Ventures supports students to develop their entrepreneurial potential by collaboration, connecting students with experts in the startup ecosystem.

### Study highlights

UQ's extensive, high-quality range 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 to boost skills and enhance employability.

### Be supported to succeed

The University supports students to make the most of their time at university and to forge connections that last a lifetime. There are more than 220 clubs and societies to choose from. Students can also access academic support, as well as cultural and recreational activities. UQ is committed to diversity and inclusivity. Our Ally Network is an award-winning programme that creates a safe welcoming space for the LGBTIAQ+ community. UQ also provides free support, services and facilities for students with a disability, illness, injury or mental health condition.

### 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 located close to Brisbane's city centre. This, UQ's main campus, is a vibrant mix of historic sandstone buildings, modern architecture, lush 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. Students enjoy first-class sporting facilities and can live on campus.

**UQ Herston** Herston is a hub for UQ's clinical health teaching and

## UQ's global reputation

The University consistently ranks among the world's top universities, as measured by several key independent rankings:

- QS World University Rankings 2024 (43)
- Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2023 (53)
- Academic Ranking of World Universities 2022 (47)
- Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities (NTU Ranking) 2022 (33)
- U.S. News Best Global Universities Rankings 2023(36)

The QS World University Rankings By Subject 2023 rank the University among the top 50 in the world in 16 subjects. It is in the top 30 for eight subjects, including:

- Sports-related subjects (2)
- Mineral and mining engineering (5)
- Agriculture and forestry (=19)
- Environmental sciences (20)
- Petroleum engineering (20)
- Pharmacy and pharmacology (23)
- Hospitality and leisure management (=27)
- Psychology (30)

research. Just minutes from Brisbane's centre, Herston is home to UQ's Medical, Public Health and Dentistry schools, as well as the UQ Oral Health Centre and several globally significant centres for clinical research.

### Other sites

The University of Queensland has eight other teaching sites located throughout Queensland, including the UQ Business School in the centre of Brisbane, marine research stations at Heron Island and Stradbroke Island (Minjerribah), and the Pharmacy Australia Centre of Excellence (PACE), a leading facility for pharmaceutical research, education and commercialisation.



## THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

Established: 1910

Location: Brisbane, Gatton, Herston

Student population: Over 55,000

Go to: [study.uq.edu.au](http://study.uq.edu.au)

CRICOS: 00025B; TEQSA: PRV12080



# Queensland University of Technology (QUT)



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

At QUT, technology is more than just part of our name. We embrace and develop new technologies to help our 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 feature a balance of theory and practical experiences such as internships and placements.

Our teachers include industry leaders and entrepreneurs who equip, inspire and link students to the real world through projects based in industry, internships and placements. Our degrees and connections with industry are internationally recognised, which means that our students and our research have a global impact.

## What can you study at QUT?

You can 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 world-class courses, you'll be prepared to hit the ground running in the real world. You'll gain the knowledge, skills and connections to thrive in your chosen fields.

QUT provides many opportunities for students 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.

We know what employers want in our graduates – because we ask them. Our courses are designed and reviewed in consultation with employers to ensure you graduate with the knowledge and skills required now and into the future.

## Research with impact

Collaborate, research, and work with us for a more innovative approach to research that can help you and the world progress.

At QUT, we are conducting world-leading, outcomes-focused research at the intersection of traditional disciplines. Recognised as a leader in this transdisciplinary approach, we are at the nerve centre of progressive research – an exciting and rewarding place to be.

A focus on technology and on the innovation needs of our society and our economy drives our research at QUT. Transdisciplinary collaboration between experts from multiple fields helps us to meet the complex needs of our ever-changing world.

## At QUT, research expertise, strengths, and priorities lie in:

- Biomedical engineering
- Biomolecular science
- Chronic disease intervention
- Business of technology
- Data science
- Digital media
- Education for better outcomes
- Health systems
- Injury management and prevention
- Materials science
- Plant and industrial biotechnology
- Robotics and computer vision
- Technology, regulation, and society

Our research students are agents of change, constantly seeking out new and innovative ways to progress ideas to reality. Through a more progressive, collaborative approach to research, we are delivering solutions to real-world challenges.

Whether you're beginning your research studies or continuing at a higher level, our degrees offer a unique and enriching research experience. The different research degrees we offer include PhD; professional doctorate; Master of Philosophy; Honours and undergraduate research, and higher doctorate.

## Study in the heart of the city

**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 strong links with business, industry, and government.

**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, and 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 opens up a range of opportunities that may enhance your career prospects. There are plenty of scholarships that you could be eligible for including merit scholarships, research scholarships, and more.

## A reputation you can count on

Our solid international reputation also ensures your qualifications will be well regarded wherever you choose to pursue your career. Some recent rankings include:

- 3 in Australia and 21 in the world in the Times Higher Education (THE) Young University Rankings (2022)
- 2 in Australia and 49 globally for Employer-Student Connections in the 2022 QS Graduate Employability Ranking.

## Academic subject areas ranked in the top 100 in the world (QS World University Ranking by Subject, 2023):

- Communication and media studies (1 in Australia and 19 in the world)
- Nursing (6 in Australia and 30 in the world)
- Art and design (4 in Australia and 51-100 in the world)
- Architecture and built environment (6 in Australia and 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](http://www.qut.edu.au)

**CRICOS:** 00213J; **TEQSA:** PRV12079

JCU Townsville Campus



# 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 programmes, you'll have plenty of opportunities to gain valuable industry experience and build a network of professional connections while you study.

Whether you're interested in undergraduate or postgraduate study, JCU offers programmes in a range of disciplines, including:

- Business and law
- Data science and IT
- Dentistry
- Education
- Engineering
- Environmental science and management
- Marine biology
- Medicine
- Psychology and social work
- Public health
- Science
- Veterinary science.

## 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. Our 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 for researchers.

## Enjoy life in tropical paradise

JCU offers spacious and friendly campuses with accessible teaching staff and extensive support services to ensure 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, 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](http://www.jcu.edu.au/international)

**CRICOS:** 00117J; **TEQSA:** PRV12077





Images, clockwise from below: Griffith Mates; the Nathan campus in Brisbane; sports facilities at the Gold Coast Campus



# Griffith University

At Griffith, we're led by our values. Our teaching and research prioritise innovation and social impact, reflecting our belief that everyone deserves a chance to make a difference – for themselves and for others.

We are committed to providing you with a quality education, as well as guidance and support to help you make the most of your time as a student in Australia. With five campuses located across Brisbane and the Gold Coast, over 50,000 students, more than 200 degrees and a reputation for research and teaching excellence, Griffith is a leading university of choice in Australia.

The beautiful climate and lifestyle of South East Queensland, along with the University's global reputation and world-class rankings, are just some of the reasons international students choose to study at Griffith.

### What can I study?

Griffith offers over 200 degrees in academic study areas including:

- Architecture, construction and planning
- Business and government
- Criminology and law
- Education
- Engineering, IT and aviation
- Humanities, languages and social science
- Medicine, dentistry and health
- Music and performing arts
- Science and environment
- Visual and creative arts

### World-class subject rankings

Griffith ranks highly for a range of subjects in the ShanghaiRanking Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2022. Rankings include:

- Nursing (1 in Australia)
- Hospitality and tourism management (1 in Australia)
- Law and Criminology (1 in Australia)
- Dentistry and oral sciences (2 in Australia)
- Computer science and engineering (3 in Australia)
- Education (5 in Australia)
- Energy science and engineering (6 in Australia)

### Build your career

Griffith graduates are well equipped for the new world of work. Our degrees include real-life industry experiences and we have a great range of employability initiatives to help you be job-ready.

### Community Internship

The Community Internship is a 10-credit point course, available to students in most Griffith degrees. Through this course you can make a difference in a local community organisation while developing a range of professional and personal skills. You will spend a minimum of 50 hours in a volunteering placement and combine this with academic learning. With hundreds of internship opportunities available, we are able to tailor the internship to match your study area or interests.

### Careers and Employment Service

Our Careers and Employment service supports you to plan your career, become job ready, and find work both while you study and after you graduate. Get help with cover letters, your CV, interview preparation and job search techniques to improve your employability and increase your chances of finding your dream job.

### Scholarships

We offer a range of scholarships to support international students studying our undergraduate, postgraduate, research and pathway programmes. At Griffith, scholarships are awarded primarily on academic merit and, for coursework students, eligibility is assessed automatically as part of the admission process.

### Student support services

You will have access to Griffith University's diverse range of student support initiatives, programmes and staff dedicated specifically to helping international students, including the International Student Advisory, the Griffith Mates, Careers and Employment Service, and more.

### Griffith Mates

Enjoy the most memorable years of your life with the Griffith Mates. The Griffith Mates are a diverse

peer-support network for international students. Members speak over 46 languages! Griffith Mates will help you make the most of university, make friends, and:

- Meet other international and Australian students
- Join in volunteering opportunities which change each trimester. These can include volunteering at fun runs, community events and caring for the environment.
- Visit amazing locations on trips around South East Queensland
- Attend free on-campus events and activities from games and sports to networking events
- Expand your world view with cross-cultural leadership opportunities by becoming a Griffith Mate.



### GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY

Established: 1971

**Location:** Five campuses across Brisbane and the Gold Coast, plus an online set of programme options

**Student population:** Over 50,000

**Go to:** [griffith.edu.au/international](http://griffith.edu.au/international)  
**CRICOS:** 00233E; **TEQSA:** PRV12076

# University of the Sunshine Coast



Images, clockwise from below: Sunshine Coast campus; Alexandra Headland, Maroochydore; Orientation Week; International Student Ambassadors



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. No matter what kind of future you're looking for, you can find it at UniSC. Our programmes offer the choice and flexibility you need to get started on any career goal.

UniSC programmes include a strong focus on the core skills you'll need in the future workplace. No matter what you study, you'll learn to communicate well, solve problems and think creatively. Our students receive a high-quality educational experience, all 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 located in coastal South East Queensland, on the east coast of Australia. The state of Queensland is famous for

its warm climate, pristine beaches, tropical rainforests, and access to the Great Barrier Reef. It also boasts 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 on the Sunshine Coast.

The Sunshine Coast is a destination of endless beaches, lush rainforests, and expansive hinterlands. Located just 90km (55 miles) north of Brisbane, it is home to the UniSC Sunshine Coast campus – 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 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 healthy 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 academic subject, using cutting-edge findings and theories.

### UniSC programmes

UniSC is all about opportunity. Whether it's practical work experience or the chance to pursue your passion, connect with your community or to travel, UniSC offers you opportunities. UniSC has over 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 is available at [usc.edu.au/internationalstudents](http://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 enable you create a programme to suit your needs and career ambitions.

### Postgraduate programmes

UniSC's postgraduate programmes 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.

### Why choose UniSC?

- UniSC is number one in Queensland for overall educational experience
- Rated five-star for teaching quality 16 years in a row
- Ranked 1 in Queensland for Global Impact Rankings
- Ground-breaking research undertaken on relevant topics
- 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:** Four campuses in Queensland – Sunshine Coast, Moreton Bay, Caboolture, Fraser Coast

**Student population:** Over 17,500

**Go to:** [usc.edu.au/internationalstudents](http://usc.edu.au/internationalstudents)  
**CRICOS:** 01595D; **TEQSA:** PRV12082





# Western Australia

Western Australia is Australia's largest state, covering a third of the continent – an area 10 times bigger than the UK. Yet the number of people who live here is relatively small. Most of WA's 2.8 million people 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

been popular with the British and the Irish – you'll find large ex-pat communities here. Many are drawn to the state by its strong economy and wealth; GDP per capita in WA is almost twice the national average. There's plenty to see and do in Western Australia, with the south west region in particular prized as one of the world's biodiversity hot spots. Up to 80% of its fish, invertebrates, and other organisms are to be

found nowhere else in the world – a perfect living laboratory for study and research.

**Population:** Around 2.8 million  
**Size:** 2,529,875sq km  
**State capital:** Perth  
**Universities:** University of Western Australia (UWA), Edith Cowan University (ECU), Murdoch University, Curtin University

[www.westernaustralia.com](http://www.westernaustralia.com)

## University of Western Australia



Images, clockwise from below: The sandstone buildings of the UWA Perth campus; students conducting fieldwork at the Albany Centre; an aerial view of UWA



Established in 1911, the University of Western Australia (UWA) is ranked in the world's top 100 universities (QS 2024). UWA has an international reputation for remarkable and life-changing contributions across research, learning and teaching. In 2022, UWA educated more than 25,000 students from over 100 countries.

The University is a member of the internationally recognised Australian Group of Eight and a foundation member of the Matariki Network of research-intensive universities with a particular focus on student experience.

As one of Australia's leading research-intensive universities, UWA operates more than 40 research centres and 22 academic schools, as well as a broad range of successful industry partnerships.

UWA has a strong connection to industry and government, supports communities both locally and internationally, and is driven to make the most of its collective potential and contribute to the world's advancement.

### Our campuses

**Perth campus** Set on 65 hectares, UWA's historic main campus sits on the banks of the Swan River, next to Kings Park and just minutes from the centre of Perth.

**UWA health campus** Located at the Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre grounds in Nedlands, the UWA Health Campus connects students and researchers with hospitals,

medical research institutes and healthcare providers.

**UWA Albany Centre** Based in Western Australia's Great Southern region, a biodiversity hotspot, the Albany Centre allows students to experience all that regional WA has to offer. In addition to being able to complete an undergraduate degree in the region, there are opportunities for students to participate in research projects in the fields of environmental research and wave energy.

### UWA courses

Our courses include the teaching of generic skills including critical thinking, communication skills, problem solving, teamwork and research skills, all of which will give you an employability edge with attributes attractive to employers from all over the world. There are exciting opportunities including study abroad, work-integrated learning (such as internships and placements), service learning and practical activities such as field trips.

Courses at UWA include bachelors degrees, combined bachelors degrees, integrated honours degrees, combined bachelors and masters degrees, masters degrees, and research programmes.

### UWA study areas

- Architecture and design
- Business and commerce
- Data and computer science
- Education

- Engineering
- Health and biomedical sciences
- Humanities and social sciences
- Law
- Music and fine arts
- Natural and physical sciences
- Psychology

### Real world experience

#### Work integrated learning

Through UWA's Work Integrated Learning (WIL) placement programme you will go beyond the classroom to apply your learning in real work settings. This programme will see you undertake a placement or internship with one of over 500 host organisations across private, public and not-for-profit sectors and gain credit toward your degree.

### Career mentors

Through the Career Mentor Link programme, students are matched with professionals to gain guidance, knowledge and perspective from people with industry experience. The Centre not only facilitates access to a network of like-minded and professional contacts from across the world but also leverages UWA's extensive industry connections and alumni, to help students gain confidence and traction to pursue their career.

### Accommodation

UWA's residential colleges – commonly referred to as College Row – provide hassle-free student accommodation in Perth. You'll enjoy an amazing lifestyle that includes meals, Wi-Fi, all your

utilities and becoming part of a great community of friends.

All five colleges are located opposite UWA, so you can sleep late and still get to class on time! With public transport right on your doorstep, getting to the city, beach, and Perth's best shopping and nightlife areas is quick and easy.

As well as an action-packed calendar of social and sporting events to choose from, you'll have access to a gym, indoor and outdoor recreation areas, comfy chill-out zones, music rooms, and quiet study spaces giving you plenty of opportunities to catch up or study with your friends.

### Scholarships

The University of Western Australia offers generous scholarships to high-achieving international students across the globe who study with us. Scholarships are awarded to high-achieving undergraduate and postgraduate students, who apply for particular courses at the University.



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**Established:** 1911

**Location:** Perth

**Student population:** Around 24,000

**Go to:** [uwa.edu.au/study](http://uwa.edu.au/study)

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





Murdoch has everything you expect at a world-class university: Leading academics, world changing research, excellent facilities and a wide range of courses. We believe creativity powers change and strive to be the place where new ways of thinking can be found. We won't tell you what to think; instead, we give you the skills, opportunities and support to forge your own path. This is the place for free thinking.

Murdoch provides an innovative, welcoming environment. You will be surrounded by some of the world's most progressive minds; 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 Stars 2022, this is a place where you can be yourself and be appreciated for who you are.

#### Perth campus

Our main campus, 15 minutes from both the bustling centre of Perth and the historic port of Fremantle, offers all our courses and a unique student experience. It is one of the largest university campuses in Australia and sits in 227 hectares of beautiful native bush. Our new building, Boola Katitjin, is designed to enhance your study experience and provide you with a fresh space to learn, collaborate and socialise. Boola Katitjin combines modern, sustainable design and digital technology to provide the best possible student experience. It

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

Up to 60% of classes are taught in the new building, so chances are you will be studying there too. It is an amazing spot in which to study, do group assignments and hang out with friends on campus!

#### What can you study at Murdoch?

We offer over 200 innovative and practical degrees in these areas:

- 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:

As a chiropractor, you'll be able to recognise the signs and symptoms of disorders of the musculoskeletal system and related pain syndromes. This course has a well-rounded scientific base combined with the evidence-based clinical skills required, so you will graduate ready to work.

#### Bachelor of Science/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine:

Do you want to be a vet? Murdoch is home to WA's only veterinary science degree. It 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.

#### Study Abroad

When you chose our Study Abroad programme, you're choosing to learn from esteemed educators while enjoying our laidback Australian lifestyle. Your time at Murdoch will give you a chance to experience, study and live on a beautiful campus, make lifelong friends and visit different parts of a fascinating and unique landscape. The cost for a Study Abroad semester in 2024 will be A\$8,500.

#### A supportive environment

We offer extensive support services for international students, to help you succeed at Murdoch. 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.

#### Scholarships

Our International Welcome Back Scholarship of 20% applies to all international students starting in 2024 and covers the duration of your course. Please go to [www.murdoch.edu.au/study/scholarship/welcome-back](http://www.murdoch.edu.au/study/scholarship/welcome-back)

international-scholarship for full details of eligible courses.

#### Practical and real-world experience

Our world-class teaching facilities give access to real-world resources and equipment, giving you 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 laboratories
- 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 also provide learning in workplaces and practical settings. Our Work Integrated Learning programme allows students to demonstrate their skills to employers.

#### Research

Murdoch is a research-led university, focusing on multidisciplinary translational research with real-life impact. We engage with global challenges, the 'wicked' problems of the near future. Our rapidly evolving world has emerging complex problems with interconnected causes: Climate change, land degradation, food and water security, minority group disadvantage, population growth and ageing, and emerging infectious disease. Often working alongside key corporate, government and academic partners, our research outcomes translate 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, The Asia Research Centre and Australian National Phenome Centre (ANPC).



#### MURDOCH UNIVERSITY

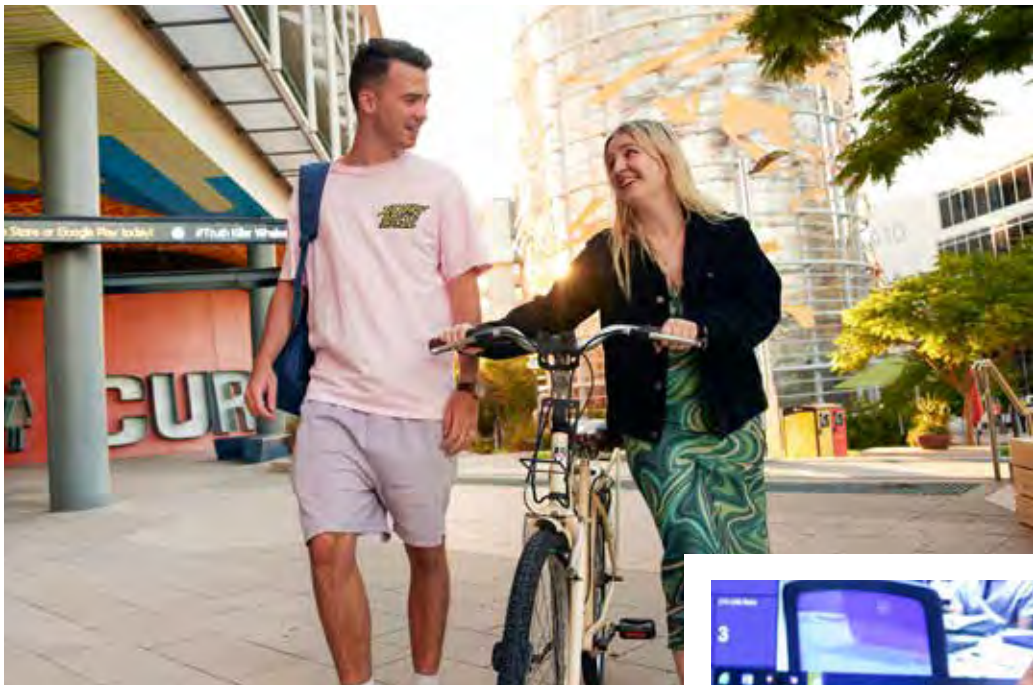
**Established:** 1973

**Location:** Perth

**Student population:** Around 25,400 (across all campuses)

**Go to:** [www.murdoch.edu.au](http://www.murdoch.edu.au)

**CRICOS:** 00125J; **TEQSA:** PRV12163



## Curtin University

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 in the world's top 1% of universities by the Academic Ranking of World Universities, which is testament to its commitment to its values of integrity, excellence, respect, courage and impact, and desire to make tomorrow better.

Curtin prioritises work-integrated learning approaches for students to develop their real-world skills. It extensively collaborates with industry, providing hands-on experiences in professional settings, where you'll have opportunities to grow your skills and prepare for the jobs of the future. In the 2023 QILT survey, employers rated Curtin graduates as the best in Australia, so you can be confident you will graduate with qualifications and skills highly valued by employers.

Curtin is respected locally and globally. It leads international and national research projects in fields including agriculture, engineering, economics, health and biomedical science, digital transformation, space science and mining resources.

In 2022, the Australian Government recognised Curtin as the first Trailblazer University, acknowledging its role in bringing together multiple universities and

company partners to translate critical minerals and rare earth research into innovative products and services.

#### A place of innovation

Curtin's vibrant 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.

Through the Curtin Ignition programme, the University offers aspiring business owners expert start-up advice. Since starting in 2011, the programme has upskilled more than 700 entrepreneurs and 550 new businesses, helping to fuel Western Australia's start-up industry. In 2024, Curtin launches the Bachelor of Innovation degree, designed for students who think outside the box, strive for change, or aspire to set up businesses.

#### Study options at Curtin

Curtin offers a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate options across ten study 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.

Curtin provides technology-rich environments that simulate



real-world industry settings, such as the Jeanette Hackett 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. For course details, see [curtin.edu.au/study](http://curtin.edu.au/study).

#### Campus life

Curtin fosters a sense of connection and community, both within and beyond the classroom. Collaborative learning spaces and outdoor leisure areas enable you to connect and engage. You can enjoy a wide range of activities, including sports and fitness, social clubs and societies, volunteer work and campus events. Curtin fosters the development of life skills and cultivates a forward-thinking culture centred on the sharing of innovative ideas.

#### Scholarships

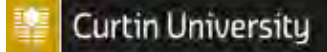
Curtin offers scholarships that

Scenes from the main campus in Perth. At Curtin you can enjoy campus life and a range of facilities that enhance your studies



provide financial, academic and career support, giving you more opportunities to gain new skills, expand your horizons and add to your portfolio of achievements. There are scholarships that reward academic achievement, and others that provide support if your socio-economic, cultural, geographical or personal circumstances affect your capacity to succeed at university. Find out more at [scholarships.curtin.edu.au](http://scholarships.curtin.edu.au).

We look forward to welcoming you to our vibrant community!



#### CURTIN UNIVERSITY

**Established:** 1967

**Locations:** Perth and Kalgoorlie; plus Malaysia; Singapore; Dubai; Colombo

**Student population:** 58,000

**Go to:** [curtin.edu.au/study](http://curtin.edu.au/study)

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





## Edith Cowan University (ECU)

ECU is one of Australia's youngest universities, named after one of Australia's most inspiring women.

We believe that human creativity, combined with the inspiration of learning, has the power to transform lives and create a better world.

We teach the skills sought by industries and employers worldwide, such as creative thinking and problem-solving.

ECU continues to grow its academic reputation, maintaining its position as one of the world's top 100 universities under 50 years old in the Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2023.

### Scholarships

ECU scholarships provide financial help toward gaining a world-class education, offering up to 20% reduction in tuition fees. See [ecu.edu.au/scholarships/offers](http://ecu.edu.au/scholarships/offers)

### Programmes

At ECU, courses are designed in consultation with industry and have a solid focus on hands-on learning experiences including project-based collaborations, internships and practicum. These develop critical thinking, solidify skills, and build the professional networks that are so vital for future career success. ECU offers more than 250 courses across eight schools and study areas:

- School of Arts and Humanities
- School of Business and Law

- School of Education
- School of Engineering
- School of Medical and Health Sciences
- School of Science
- School of Nursing and Midwifery
- Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA)

### World-class facilities

ECU invests heavily in facilities to ensure its students develop their technical skills, hone their talents and become masters of their craft.

### Security Operations Centre (SOC)

ECU computing and technology students get first-hand experience in detecting, monitoring, and responding to cyber security threats working in the largest Security Operations Centre in the Southern Hemisphere.

### Securities and Markets Analytics and Research Teaching Lab (SMART Lab)

Business students have access to real-time, global financial market data and dual screen terminals. Thomson Reuters Refinitiv Eikon software gives them the skills to succeed as world-ready graduates in a fast-paced, globalised economy.

### Teacher education professional experience

ECU has been at the forefront of teacher education for over 100 years and is the largest teaching school in Western Australia. We offer courses in early childhood, primary and secondary education.

### Nursing and midwifery wards

Our state-of-the-art health and wellness building incorporates high and low fidelity simulated practice wards for both nursing and midwifery that provide a safe, authentic environment for clinical skills development.

### Giant Super Labs

ECU's A\$48 million science building houses high-tech labs in a 2,500sqm space over two floors. The outside of the building features the world's largest Periodic Table!

### Spiegeltent

ECU is the first university in the world to have a Spiegeltent, or mirror tent, known as The Edith. This performance venue hosts many WAAPA events and is often used during Perth Fringe World Festival, an annual highlight in the city's entertainment calendar.

### Five-star experience

ECU graduates have again given us a 5-star rating for teaching quality in the 2023 Good Universities Guide. This outstanding rating has now been achieved for 16 years in a row. The same report also rated ECU at 5 stars for undergraduate overall experience, skills development, student support, learning resources and learner engagement. For the second time, ECU has been rated 5 stars for postgraduate overall experience, as well as skills development,

learning resources, student support and teaching quality. ECU continues to be highly regarded internationally in the following academic disciplines:

- **Sports-related subjects:** Ranked 33 (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023)
- **Nursing:** Ranked in the world's top 150 (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023)
- **Performing arts:** Ranked in top 100 (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023)
- **Business:** Ranked top business school in Australia for quality (AFR BOSS Best Business Schools, 2022)

### Namesake

ECU is named after Edith Dircksey Cowan, who in 1921 became the first woman to be elected to an Australian parliament. She was a passionate advocate for education and women's rights. ECU is proud to continue her work by striving towards a more equitable world.

### ECU campus locations

Our main campus is the Joondalup Campus, 25 minutes' train ride north from Perth Central Station, and just five minutes' walk from Joondalup station. Students can also take the free CAT (Central Area Transit) bus from the station to ECU.

ECU Mount Lawley is only six kilometres from the Perth CBD and can be reached from the city by bus in 10-15 minutes. Known for its creative, artistic environment, the Mount Lawley campus is home to WAAPA. Most arts and humanities courses are taught here.

ECU also has a regional campus in Bunbury, located around 200 km south of Perth. ECU South West offers a range of courses in subjects including nursing, science, teacher education, business, social work and health science.



### ECU

**Established:** 1991

**Location:** Joondalup (Perth); Mount Lawley (Perth); South West (Bunbury)

**Student population:** Approx 28,500

**Go to:** [www.ecu.edu.au](http://www.ecu.edu.au)

**CRICOS:** 00279B; **TEQSA:** PRV12160



## Tasmania

Tasmania, Australia's only island state, lies around 150 miles south of mainland Australia. Known for its pristine water, air and wildlife, over 40% of Tasmania's land mass is protected as national or state park or World Heritage Site and it is home to significant environmental bodies and research institutes, as well as to a strong eco-tourism industry.

Once thought of as charmingly old-fashioned, Tasmania is changing rapidly with the rise of its wine industry and burgeoning restaurant and art scene. Now almost as well known for its Museum of Old and New Art and gourmet food and wines as it is for its incredible natural beauty, Tasmania's landscapes and lifestyle attracts scientists,

artists, writers and musicians – resulting in a vibrant, modern, cosmopolitan community.

**Population:** Around 550,000

**Size:** 68,300sq km

**State capital:** Hobart

**University:** University of Tasmania

[www.discovertasmania.com.au](http://www.discovertasmania.com.au)





# The University of Tasmania

Tasmania is Australia's only island state; the country's southernmost state and the gateway to Antarctica. Our island is famous for its pure air, clear skies and stunning natural beauty. Tasmania is the perfect mix of land meets sea, with 45% of the island National Park or World Heritage listed. Here, rugged mountain ranges and ancient forests spill onto pristine beaches. Not only do we have some of the world's cleanest air and water, we also have more artists and marine scientists per capita than any other state. Tasmania has summer rock concerts, the biggest winter festival in Australia, and a unique art and café scene.

As the only university in Tasmania, we have a strong set of course offerings. Studying with us, you'll learn alongside unique people and places. Studying with us will give you an inspirational, diverse study experience that will enrich you academically, socially, culturally, and environmentally.

**Your journey starts here**

Tasmania is filled with creativity, industry, nature, and adventure. It's a great place to follow your

passions and start doing what you love. Because we're the only university in the state, you get close access to the people and industries that are shaping our island. We've gained international recognition for our teaching and research excellence. No matter what you want to study, you'll learn alongside the very best as you hone your skills for a successful career. Plus, our committed staff will give you the close attention and support you need to succeed.

**Our whole island is your campus**

When you're in one of the world's most amazing places, you need to get outside, explore and live while you learn. Whatever you're passionate about, we'll give you a hands-on education and an unforgettable adventure. In the natural and social sciences, our island will be your living laboratory. In health, you'll travel the state and apply your learning to real-life scenarios. In engineering and design, you'll access cutting-edge facilities and technology. Our courses also put you alongside key decision makers in government, industry, and the community.

You'll help yourself and future generations to create a better tomorrow. You'll also find yourself at the heart of a creative revolution. Working on real briefs and projects, you'll connect and collaborate with the acclaimed artists, performers, and creatives that are drawn here.

**Leading the way for a sustainable future**

As a university, we've become certified carbon neutral, divested from fossil fuels and joined the Race To Zero – the world's largest alliance committed to achieving net zero by 2050. But our understanding of sustainability goes beyond the environment alone. We have adopted the UN Sustainable Development Goals and are committed to improving socio-cultural and economic outcomes in Tasmania and beyond. The University has been ranked first in the world on climate action by the 2023 Times Higher Education Impact Rankings, making us the tertiary sector's official leader in taking climate action. We see sustainability as an opportunity across everything we do and are passionate about the



role you can play as a student. Our Sustainability Integration Program for Students (SIPS) lets you apply your learning to real sustainability challenges. You can get paid for your contribution, or gain course credit. It's just one way you can get involved, no matter what you study. Learn more at [utas.edu.au/study/sustainability](https://utas.edu.au/study/sustainability)

**A diverse range of courses**

We believe that university is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that changes the way that you see the world. Whether you want to kick-start your career, pick up a new skill, or tackle a lifelong passion, we have a range of exciting, diverse courses which allow you to embark on a journey as unique as you are. You can explore all our courses and guides at [utas.edu.au/study](https://utas.edu.au/study)

**Areas of study available include:**

- Agriculture
- Architecture and built environments
- Business
- Dementia care
- Design
- Economics
- Education
- Engineering
- Exercise and sport science
- Fine arts
- Global logistics and maritime management
- Humanities and social sciences
- Information and communication technology
- Justice studies
- Laboratory medicine
- Law
- Marine and Antarctic science
- Maritime engineering
- Media and communication
- Medical research
- Medicine
- Music
- Natural environment and wilderness
- Nursing
- Nutrition science
- Ocean seafaring
- Pharmacy
- Psychology
- Science
- Social work
- Surveying and spatial sciences

**Generous scholarships**

Our range of scholarships provide international students with financial and academic support across all areas of study. We reward talent and hard work, while also recognising individual needs and diversity. When you apply to study with us, we'll find the right

scheme for you. Learn more at [utas.edu.au/scholarships](https://utas.edu.au/scholarships)

**A great student lifestyle**

Tasmania offers an authentic Australian experience and a relaxed lifestyle. Each campus puts you in the heart of our cities and among a creative, diverse and welcoming community. You'll immerse yourself in a truly unique location. Here, you can experience world renowned cultural festivals as well as pristine World Heritage Wilderness – all in the same day! Studying with us, you'll also become part of a friendly and inspiring community. This will give you valuable opportunities to develop lasting friendships and employment networks. Find out more at [utas.edu.au/uni-life](https://utas.edu.au/uni-life)

**Get the support you need**

Whether you need academic help, career guidance, social networking opportunities or just someone to talk to, we're here to help. Our students have access to a wide range of support and wellbeing services. See [utas.edu.au/support](https://utas.edu.au/support)

**Our campuses**

Tasmania is a very special place. No matter where you choose to study, you'll be immersed in a vibrant campus lifestyle, filled with hands-on learning and adventure. We have campuses in the distinct regions of Tasmania: Hobart in the south, Launceston in the north, and Cradle Coast in the north west. We also have a specialised nursing campus in Sydney. Our campuses draw from each region's strengths, so your learning is informed by the place you live. We're also building exciting new campuses and spaces to connect you with industry and community. See more at [utas.edu.au/campuses](https://utas.edu.au/campuses)

**Hobart**

Hobart is a perfect slice of urban on the edge of pristine wilderness. Study in the heart of the city, on the harbour, or by the beach. Our beachside Sandy Bay campus is five minutes' drive south of the city centre. On Hobart's waterfront, the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies combines Tasmania's strengths in marine and Antarctic studies in one precinct. This building provides unique facilities for around 300 students and staff. Our Hobart campuses also include the new Hedberg Building. This cutting-edge facility provides a learning space for music and creative arts students that is unlike

anywhere else in the country. On Hunter Street, you'll find our School of Creative Arts and Media. This is a precinct where working artists, students, and teachers all collaborate to create meaningful work. In the coming years, we're planning an exciting move to Hobart City. This will be a vibrant, contemporary learning space that blends university and city living.

**Launceston**

Tasmania's second largest city, Launceston offers creative, sporting, and outdoor experiences at your fingertips. Our A\$300 million Northern Transformation is bringing exciting changes, with the main campus moving to new purpose-built facilities due to open at Inveresk by 2024. If you want to study architecture, the arts, or theatre, it's a great place to realise your creativity. We are located alongside the local museum and art gallery. And if you're interested in sport, health, or sciences, you'll join a like-minded community and have real-world learning opportunities. The new campus has nursing simulation labs, as well as allied health clinics in a shared precinct that includes the city's biggest sports stadium. Home to the Australian Maritime College, our Newnham campus continues to offer world leading maritime simulation and teaching facilities.

**Our accommodation**

Join a vibrant student community by living near or on-campus. From self-contained apartments to communal living colleges, we have options for all needs and budgets. Most are in easy walking distance of our campuses and all provide study support, social opportunities, and sports activities. See more at [utas.edu.au/accommodation](https://utas.edu.au/accommodation).



UNIVERSITY of  
TASMANIA

**UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA**

**Established:** 1890  
**Locations:** Hobart, Launceston, Cradle Coast and Sydney  
**Student population:** 47,000  
**Go to:** [utas.edu.au](https://utas.edu.au)  
**CRICOS:** 00586B; **TEQSA:** PRV12110





## Victoria

Located in the southeast corner of Australia, Victoria is the country's second-smallest state but its most densely populated. It's also Australia's second largest economy, generating around a quarter of the country's GDP. Global companies including Bosch, GlaxoSmithKlein, 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 impressive array of events, tournaments and matches every year, including the Australian Open tennis,

the Australian Grand Prix and the Boxing Day Test cricket match at the MCG stadium.

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

[www.visitvictoria.com](http://www.visitvictoria.com)

[www.studyoptions.com](http://www.studyoptions.com)



## Monash University

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

### Constantly evolving education and research

Monash is ranked in the top 50 universities worldwide and is home to Australia's first dedicated heart hospital, located right in our main campus. The 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 we are recognised as one of the top institutions globally for producing career-ready graduates.

### Location

Consistently ranked one of the top ten most liveable cities in the world, and number one for seven

years running by the Economist Intelligence Unit, Melbourne offers a thriving, multicultural base for study. The city has a fantastic quality of life, a lively arts scene, great cultural diversity and a deep love of sport.

### 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.

### Flagship rich education experiences

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

### Scholarships and bursaries at Monash

Monash offers generous study grants to undergraduate and taught postgraduate students, for which students applying to study at the University via Study Options are automatically eligible.



**MONASH**  
University

**MONASH UNIVERSITY**

**Established:** 1958  
**Location:** Melbourne  
**Student population:** 86,000  
**Go to:** [www.monash.edu.au](http://www.monash.edu.au)  
**CRICOS:** 00008C; **TEQSA:** PRV12140



# The University of Melbourne

Are you curious? So are we. For over 160 years, we've been seeking the answers to life's biggest questions, tackling the grand challenges and making an impact in communities in Australia and all over the world. We've been there for some of the biggest moments and breakthroughs in history and we don't plan to stop anytime soon. That's where you come in. When you join the University of Melbourne, you'll learn from some of the world's finest thinkers and innovators, study alongside other ambitious and talented students and become part of a proud legacy.

We're known for doing degrees a little differently. Our unique curriculum supports you to explore your passions and develop new skills, giving you a toolkit for success. We want you to leave with a degree as individual as you. How else are you going to make your mark on the world?

Ranked number 1 in Australia and 14 in the world (QS World University Rankings 2024), the University of Melbourne is placed among the world's best. The University is also ranked eighth in the world for graduate employability (2022 QS Graduate Employability Rankings), highlighting that a degree from Melbourne is a ticket to a global career. High-profile employers from around the world actively recruit the University's graduates for their problem-solving skills, capacity for independent critical thought and leadership. By studying at the University of Melbourne, you will:

- Be inspired and mentored by some of the world's leading academic minds including Nobel Laureates, distinguished scholars, award-winning researchers and other renowned thinkers
- Study alongside other bright and ambitious students
- Have an enviable launch pad for a brilliant career. Whether you undertake undergraduate or graduate study, Melbourne's degrees are designed to give you the skills needed to meet the challenges of the future, to be flexible and agile in a changing work environment

- Have an experience you will remember forever, living in the heart of Australia's food, sport, coffee and culture capital.

## What can I study?

### Undergraduate study

Similar to US qualifications, at the University of Melbourne broad undergraduate degrees, where you can develop a depth of expertise in one area and develop your skills in a range of other learning environments, are followed by specialised graduate professional or research programmes. The University's combination of interdisciplinary breadth and academic specialisation means that our graduates have an increased capacity to successfully find their way in a world where knowledge is rapidly changing, discipline boundaries are constantly shifting and employees are required to communicate in a variety of cultural settings. By taking this path, you'll also achieve a higher level of qualification than a traditional Australian double degree, something that helps our graduates stand out to future employers.

Because the Melbourne curriculum allows you to combine over 100 areas of study, you're free to shape the degree that will ultimately shape your world. You can blend psychology with artificial intelligence, wine-making with international communications, music with biomedicine. With such generous choice and scope, you'll become the person who makes a difference: Knowledgeable and well-rounded, in high demand globally, someone who can think critically and creatively, speak persuasively, adapt to new challenges and collaborate with your peers. Undergraduate degrees at Melbourne include:

- Bachelor of Agriculture
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Biomedicine
- Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Design
- Bachelor of Fine Arts
- Bachelor of Music
- Bachelor of Oral Health
- Bachelor of Science





### Study areas at Melbourne

- Architecture, building, planning and design
- Arts, humanities and social sciences
- Business and economics
- Education
- Engineering
- Environment
- Health
- Information technology and computer science
- Law
- Music, visual and performing arts
- Science
- Veterinary, agricultural and food sciences

#### Graduate study

With around 50% of our students undertaking graduate study, more than any other Australian university, you'll be studying in a supportive and rewarding environment. You can choose from over 400 graduate courses in our 18 graduate schools, ranging from graduate certificates and diplomas, masters by coursework through to masters by research and PhD programmes. You might have completed your undergraduate degree and have fallen in love with an area you never even knew existed when you started. Or, you might have studied your degree at another institution and are looking for a high-quality graduate school experience to give you the edge in an ever-competitive jobs market.

Find out more about graduate degrees at [study.unimelb.edu.au](http://study.unimelb.edu.au)

#### Research at Melbourne

Melbourne is a research-led university and our researchers are at the forefront in fields as diverse as medicine, climate change, law, art conservation and nanotechnology. Learn more about graduate research options at [study.unimelb.edu.au/study-with-us/graduate-research](http://study.unimelb.edu.au/study-with-us/graduate-research)

#### Learn from the best

Our academic staff are your tutors, lecturers and mentors and will guide you through your degree and prepare you for your career. Leaders in industry and research, our academics include community, government and business experts, as well as Nobel Laureates and Rhodes Scholars.

#### Your city

Consistently ranked the world's most liveable city, Melbourne is fun, safe and multicultural. The city has international ties to research and industry, including science, agriculture, government, the arts and commerce. We're part of the fabric of Melbourne and of Victoria, giving you invaluable opportunities to engage with organisations through internships with business

and community groups, applied research projects and overseas study groups.

The University's founding campus in Parkville is just a short walk from the famed cobblestone lanes, hidden bars, music venues, arts and culture, multicultural culinary delights and world-class shopping of Melbourne. Parkville Campus has world-class sports facilities and more than 40 places to buy your morning coffee! The University also has a rowing boat shed on the Yarra River and a ski lodge in the mountains.

Located in the heart of the city's arts precinct, Southbank Campus is home to Melbourne's acclaimed music, visual and performing arts programmes. In the city's west, Werribee Campus boasts some of the world's most advanced veterinary facilities at the Animal Hospital. Further out from the city are our rural campuses: Dookie, Creswick and Shepparton.

#### Accommodation options

University accommodation is where you can call home and the launch pad for your university experience. You'll have access to a range of trusted accommodation options and enjoy a complete residential experience, connected to the University. Dedicated staff are also available to support you while you study and there is a range of inclusions to enhance your university experience.

#### We support you while you study

Wherever you are, and whatever your passion, with a Melbourne Scholarship you can turn ambition into achievement. The University of Melbourne has one of the most generous scholarship schemes in Australia. Scholarships and prizes can propel you to new heights and help explore new opportunities. Scholarships are available for undergraduate, graduate and graduate research degrees and can also be awarded throughout your degree for merit or need. Search our range of scholarships at [scholarships.unimelb.edu.au](http://scholarships.unimelb.edu.au).



UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

**Established:** 1853  
**Location:** Melbourne  
**Student population:** 60,000  
**Go to:** [study.unimelb.edu.au](http://study.unimelb.edu.au)  
**CRICOS:** 00116K; **TEQSA:** PRV12150





# Deakin University

Over 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.

### 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 tools professionals use, you'll be better prepared for your future career.

### Award-winning careers and employment service

Beyond work experience, our unique DeakinTALENT service assists students to enhance their career planning, marketability and employment outcomes. DeakinTALENT directly connects the University's students and graduates with employers and offers opportunities and tools to build your experience and prepare you for your graduate job search.

DeakinTALENT has been voted the most popular careers service in Australia for 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 for Deakin graduates to access for life.

### Campuses in great city and 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 2023. Melbourne is a city built for exploring. Coffee shops and galleries, music and amazing food can be found down every lane and alley. There is always something happening here, from cultural festivals and arts performances to local and major sporting events. Our 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 have two campuses in Geelong, an hour's drive or train 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 both have great

outdoor areas for students as well as 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.

### 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

### Deakin is also home to world-class research institutes, including:

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

### DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

**Established:** 1974

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

**Student population:** 60,000

**Go to:** [www.deakin.edu.au/](http://www.deakin.edu.au/) international

**CRICOS:** 00113B; **TEQSA:** PRV12124



### Deakin highlights

#### Top 1% of universities worldwide

Learn from the best at a university ranked among the best in the world. This rating, from ShanghaiRanking's Academic Ranking of World Universities 2022, highlights Deakin's world-class facilities, research and teaching, as well as employability, innovation and inclusiveness.

#### 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 at a university that puts your study experience first. Whether you're studying on campus or online, you'll feel supported to achieve your best and transition into a job you love.

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





# Northern Territory

The Northern Territory sits in the central and central northern regions of Australia. It's the country's third largest state, yet has the smallest population at just 250,000 people, concentrated in the capital city of Darwin on the northern coast. The Northern Territory is rich in Indigenous

history and incredible landscapes. Uluru can be found here, on the vast plains of Australia's Red Centre, as well as World Heritage-listed Kakadu National Park and the Katherine region, where the tropics meet the Outback. Bushwalking, scenic flights and canoeing are all great

ways to experience the spectacular scenery.

**Population:** Around 250,000  
**Size:** 1,421,000sq km  
**State capital:** Darwin  
**University:** Charles Darwin University (CDU)

[www.northernterritory.com](http://www.northernterritory.com)

## Charles Darwin University

Charles Darwin University (CDU) is unique. No other Australian university serves such a large area of the continent, in such remote locations and with such a small population to sustain it.

CDU offers both vocational education and training (TAFE) and higher education and is the only university in the Northern Territory.

Our multi-campus, dual-sector status, virtual and online expertise, course profile, research activities, delivery methods, and operations are the result of our commitment to the regions in which we operate. The NT spans around one-sixth of Australia's landmass but just 1% of the population live here, of whom 30% are First Nations peoples.

We are a deeply connected university, working in partnership and collaboration with First Nations peoples, communities, industries, government and alumni to address the needs of the NT and regional, rural and remote people nationally and globally. We are proud of our history and our place in the world and look forward to a bright future.

### Why CDU?

**CDU is one of the top universities in Australia for graduate futures** We were ranked 2 in Australia for postgraduate outcomes and 4 for undergraduate outcomes by the Good Universities Guide 2023.

**CDU is a university with a growing international reputation** CDU has been identified as a 'rising star' in an elite group of 20 universities with the potential to

be globally influential by 2030. The report, from UK consultant Firetail, lists new generation global universities on the rise.

### Work-integrated degrees ensure students graduate work-ready

You'll build lasting relationships with your tutors and peers and experience quality placements that will allow you to apply your learning in real-world contexts. CDU courses with professional placements include engineering, IT, nursing, business and accounting.

### CDU offers a unique experience

Surrounded by excellent resources, support and high levels of student satisfaction, our international students quickly feel at home here. We have a low staff to student ratio which enables small class sizes and strong teacher-student interaction.

### CDU's main campus is in Darwin

Darwin is known for its wide-open spaces, beautiful beaches, good public transport and lack of traffic. It has a population of 160,000 and a median age of 32. Darwin is surrounded by world-class national parks, including Kakadu and Litchfield, where you can experience stunning Australian wildlife and outback adventures.

### CDU is deeply connected

Approximately 30% of the NT's population is Indigenous, and over 4,000 Indigenous students study at the University each year. There are many opportunities to

experience and celebrate local culture in the Northern Territory.

### Scholarships at CDU

- Vice-Chancellor's International High Achievers Scholarships (50% tuition fee reduction)
- CDU Global Merit Scholarship (30% reduction in tuition fees)
- Study in Australia's Northern Territory Scholarships
- CDU International College Pathway Scholarship.

### Student life at CDU

**Engage** Become part of our community from the moment you arrive. Life on campus is vibrant with lots of activities to help you meet and get to know people. Because our classes are small, it's easy to connect with like-minded people. Our student ambassadors can help you adjust to student life and to settling into Australia.

**Enjoy** Take a break and enjoy our campus spaces including libraries, student rooms, gardens, cafés, art galleries, and the student square. Take a weekend off to go exploring in Litchfield National Park, Kakadu, Nitmiluk, Mindil Beach Markets and much more.

**Educate** Take advantage of the extracurricular activities on offer and add value to your CDU student experience. Why not learn a new sport or volunteer for a cause? You can also learn employability skills, or become a student ambassador or student mentor to further your leadership skills.

### What can I study?

Choose from a broad range of pathway, vocational education and training (TAFE), undergraduate, postgraduate and research programmes in subjects including:

- Accounting
- Arts
- Business
- Culinary arts and baking
- Education
- Engineering
- Exercise and sport science
- Hairdressing and beauty services
- Health
- Humanitarian, emergency and disaster management
- Humanities and social sciences
- Indigenous knowledges
- IT, cybersecurity and network engineering
- Law and legal studies
- Nursing and midwifery
- Psychology
- Public health
- Science, environmental science and management
- Social work
- Tourism and hospitality
- Workplace health and safety



**CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY**

**Established:** 2003

**Location:** Main campuses in Darwin (Casuarina, Darwin Waterfront and Palmerston), Alice Springs and Sydney

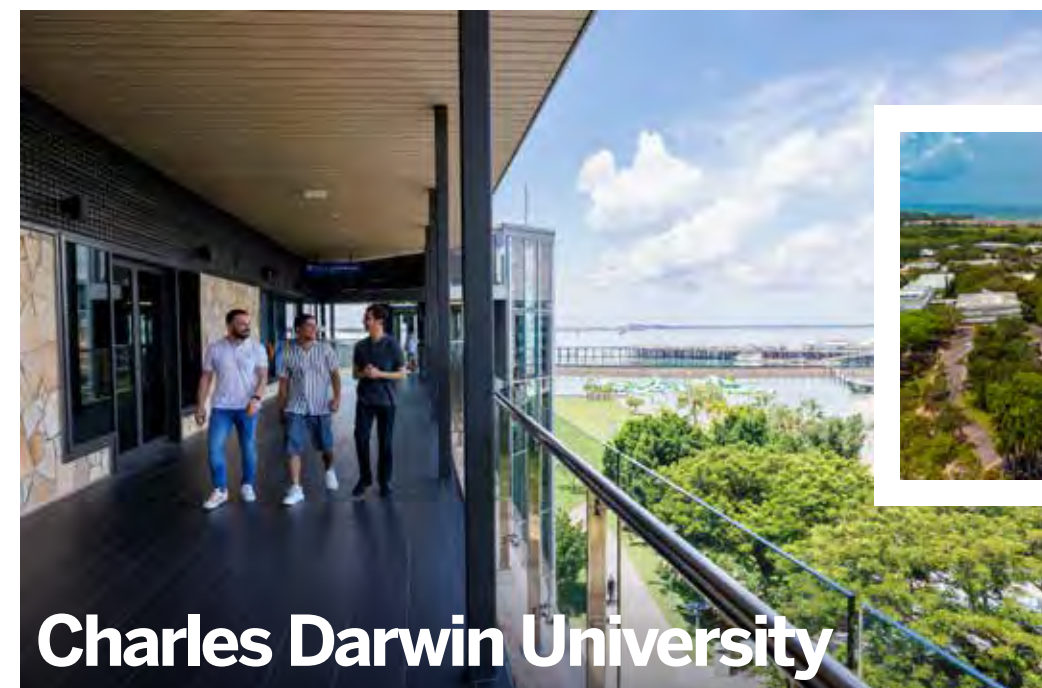
**Student population:** Over 22,000

**Go to:** [www.cdu.edu.au/international](http://www.cdu.edu.au/international)

**CRICOS:** 00300K; **TEQSA:** PRV12069;

**RTO Provider No.** 0373

**Australia**  
Charles Darwin University



Left: Students on campus at CDU. Below, a bird's eye view of the main Casuarina Campus in Darwin, with the Timor Sea behind





## 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, it accounts for around a third of Australia's total economic output. Though justly famous for its vibrant, glamorous, wealthy capital, Sydney, there is much more to explore in

New South Wales, including the majestic Blue Mountains and the Hunter Valley, one of Australia's best-known wine-growing regions. NSW also has over 1,000 kilometres of coastline, which includes seemingly endless miles of golden sand as well as laid back hipster beachside towns including Byron Bay.

**Population:** Approx 8.1 million  
**Size:** 800,628sq km  
**State capital:** Sydney  
**Universities:** UNSW Sydney, University of Sydney, Macquarie University, Torrens University, University of Western Sydney, Southern Cross University, University of Newcastle

[www.visitnsw.com](http://www.visitnsw.com)

[www.studyoptions.com](http://www.studyoptions.com)



Images: Scenes from the Kensington campus, UNSW Sydney's main campus

programmes to help you gain investment and an extensive array of networking opportunities.

### The Sydney campus experience

Situated in Sydney's leafy eastern suburbs, the UNSW Kensington campus is only 20-minutes ride away from the city's famously beautiful beaches and the city centre. The campus is a vibrant hub of activity. Located on 38 hectares of land, it has its own banks, post office, supermarket, restaurants, medical centre and more. There are plenty of sporting and recreational spaces available for students, including an Olympic-sized indoor swimming pool and a weights gym. There are also over 300 student clubs and societies you can join.

You will find your home away from home with award-winning accommodation options on our campus. Living on campus allows you to walk to your classes within minutes, meet people from around the world, and make friends for life. There is a variety of on-campus accommodation available, including apartment-style or dormitory living options.

### Programmes and study areas

UNSW Sydney offers over 400 programmes and double degree options in a range of academic fields, including:

- Advertising, marketing, PR
- Architecture
- Business, finance, IT
- Climate science
- Computer science
- Design, fine arts, photography
- Education
- Engineering
- International relations
- Journalism, media
- Law
- Medicine
- Psychology
- Renewable energy engineering
- Science

## UNSW Sydney

UNSW Sydney is a world-leading teaching and research university powerhouse recognised by employers and organisations around the globe.

We are dedicated to shaping forward-thinking, environmentally conscious and socially engaged graduates who'll make a positive impact in the world.

At UNSW Sydney, you will receive a truly hands-on, career focused education that will uncover your potential. You will discover and grow your strengths through life-changing experiences and inspirational mentoring from world-renowned academics.

We consistently invest to ensure UNSW is a modern, vibrant campus with state-of-the art equipment and strive to create a world-class learning environment for all. UNSW is a world-leading place of learning, thinking and growing, with highly applied, industry-connected research underpinned by an intensive academic focus.

### Innovate and change the world

We will transform your ideas and research discoveries into successful innovations to benefit communities around the globe, the economy, and the future. We invest considerable resources in the areas of research where we believe we can make the biggest difference. Here are just a few of the important developments we are proud to have pioneered:

#### Solar power (photovoltaics):

We hold the world record for the conversion efficiency of a silicon solar cell and are home to the world's fastest solar powered car. UNSW campuses are now powered by 100% solar electricity.

#### Clean drinking water:

We created membrane filtration technology to filter water that is now used in taps around the world.

**The bionic eye:** We successfully trialled a bionic eye system that is a world first in terms of neural stimulation and clarity of vision.

**HIV/AIDS:** Since diagnosing the

first case of HIV in Australia, UNSW Sydney has been involved in the development of every existing antiretroviral drug.

#### The world's largest computer:

Using silicon, we are building the world's largest supercomputer.

### Set up your future career success

UNSW focuses on hands-on learning – our graduates are among the most employable in the world. We equip you with the skills, opportunities and support that will set you up for future success. Our graduates now work with some of the most in-demand employers and global organisations, including Google, Unilever, Ernst & Young, Microsoft, Rio Tinto, HSBC, NASA, UNESCO and Oxfam.

UNSW is also home to the most comprehensive student and alumni entrepreneurship scheme in Australia, UNSW Founders. Turn your business idea into reality with one-on-one mentoring with expert start-up coaches, accelerator

### WHY STUDY AT UNSW SYDNEY?

#### • Global Top 20

Ranked =19 university globally (QS World University Rankings, 2024)

#### • World-leading education

Ranked 46 in the world for quality teaching and research (academic reputation) QS World University Rankings, 2023

#### • Employable graduates

Ranked 29 in the world by employers seeking the best graduates (employer reputation). QS Graduate Employability Rankings, 2022

#### • 1 for full-time employment

Highest graduate full-time rate of employment of Sydney-based and

Go8 universities. QILT Graduate Outcome Survey, 2021

#### • Five of the world's top 25 subjects

Mineral and mining engineering (4); petroleum engineering (13); law (13); civil and structural engineering (16); accounting and finance (21). QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2023



### UNSW SYDNEY

**Established:** 1949

**Location:** Sydney and Canberra

**Student population:** More than 65,600 (22,946 international students)

**Go to:** [unsw.edu.au/study](http://unsw.edu.au/study)

**CRICOS:** 00098G; **TEQSA:** PRV12055



# 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 leaders in education, research, graduate employability and student experience.

Our graduates are 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 we still hold that belief strongly today. We strive to ensure our students have every opportunity to live up to their potential from day one.

## Follow your interests. All of them. More than 30 subjects ranked in the top 50 globally.

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

Our 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 our faculties and schools have dedicated campuses, such as the Sydney Conservatorium of Music in the

heart of Sydney's CBD, near the Sydney Opera House, and the Sydney Dental School in Surry Hills. We also have several other facilities in 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 260 student clubs and societies available, ranging from social justice to chocolate appreciation, you're bound to find one 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.

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

## Why choose Sydney?

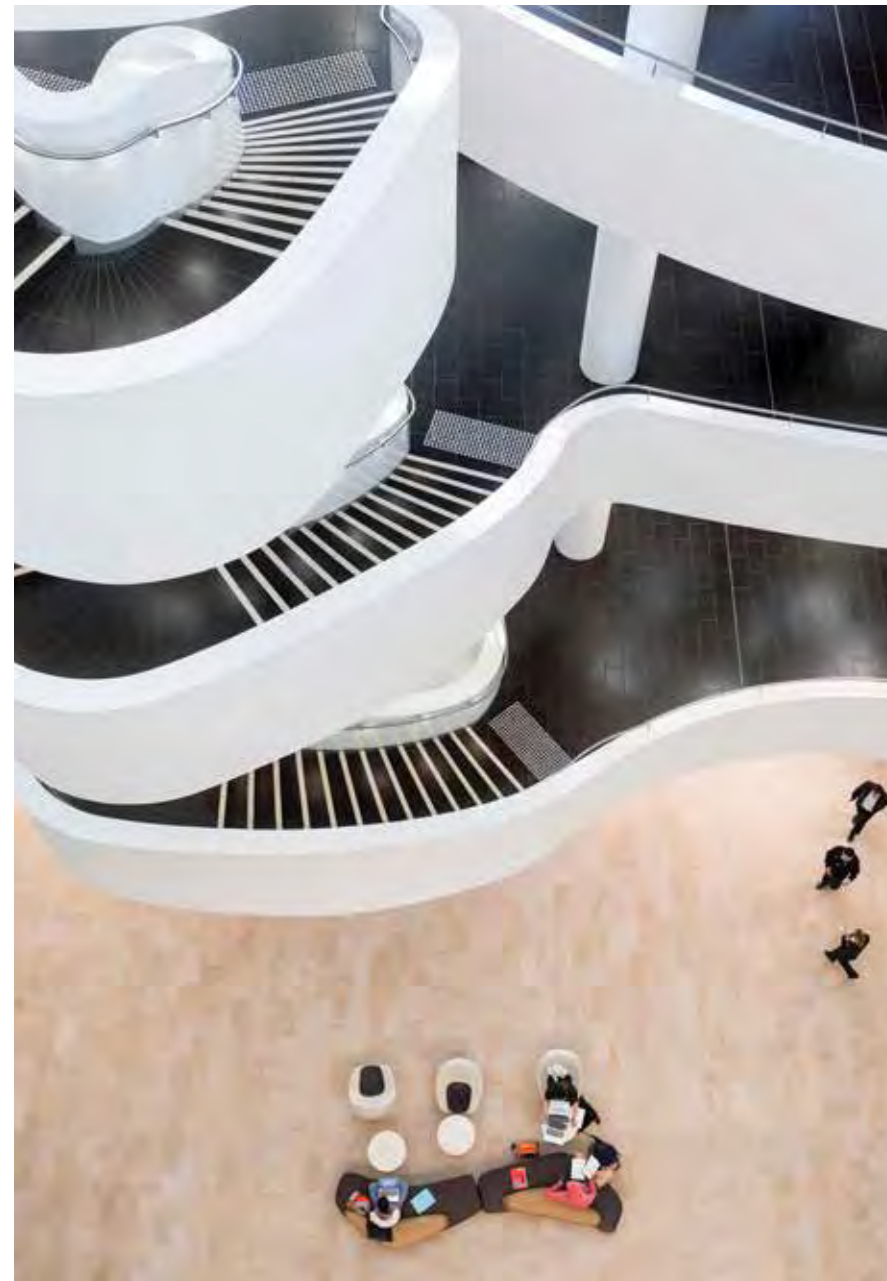
- Ranked in the top 20 universities in the world by QS (QS World University Rankings 2024)
- Ranked 1 in Australia and 4 in the world for graduate employability (QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2022)
- Ranked 1 in Australia for sustainability
- Over 100 majors and minors available to combine your interests across disciplines
- 260+ 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 (including more than 25,000 international students)  
**Go to:** [sydney.edu.au/study](https://sydney.edu.au/study)  
**CRICOS:** 00026A; **TEQSA:** PRV12057





# Macquarie University

Macquarie offers an unforgettable study experience. Its rankings, huge range of courses and unique location in Australia's largest high-tech business precinct attracts students from all over the world. Over 300 leading companies are located on or around campus, enabling students to forge industry connections that give them an edge in their future careers, while staff can readily access research and innovation opportunities.

Many of the world's best universities partner with us, as do global organisations including AstraZeneca, Johnson & Johnson, Optus, Hyundai and Sony. Such partnerships are evidence of our reputation as a university at which research, learning and teaching innovations are all world class.

## 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 locally and internationally. 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 over 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 this challenge in mind, we have transformed our courses. We have introduced more than 40 year-long masters degrees and a huge range of double degrees at both bachelors and masters level, enabling students to combine more diverse areas of study than ever before and to open up ever greater employment options. Our degrees now contain 'core' and 'flexible' zones, giving students greater choice in their studies. And we have introduced new degrees in areas of growing global market

demand, such as financial technologies, cybersecurity, engineering management, forensic accounting and many more.

## Research excellence

Macquarie has a reputation for research excellence and was given the maximum rating in the most recent Excellence in Research For Australia report by the Australian Government. The report also rated 100% of Macquarie's research activity at world standard or higher. 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. We were the first Australian university to align with the Bologna Model, and our research students can carry out research at other universities via a Cotutelle partnership.

## Our campus

Macquarie is 15km from Sydney Harbour and has a train station on campus that connects directly to the CBD. The campus sits on 126 hectares of parkland. More than A\$1 billion has been invested in recent years and our students enjoy world class facilities – a new library, a private hospital, sports fields, an Olympic-sized swimming pool and a gym. Accommodation is available both on and off campus.

## 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 international scholarship programmes. A key addition is the Europe – Macquarie A\$10,000 Early Acceptance Scholarship. Open to all students from Europe who begin studies in 2024, it is valued at up to A\$10,000 per year for the standard duration of a bachelors or masters degree.



## 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 130 in the world**  
(QS World University Rankings, 2024)
- **Macquarie is ranked 10 in Australia and 175 in the world**  
(Times Higher Education World University Rankings, 2023)
- **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)
- **Master of Marketing ranked 1 in Australia and 19 globally**  
(QS Business Masters Rankings, 2022)
- **Master of Finance ranked 1 in Australia and 32 globally**  
(QS Business Masters Rankings, 2022)
- **Master of Management ranked 2 in Australia and 46 globally**  
(QS Business Masters Rankings, 2022)
- **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**



## MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

**Established:** 1964  
**Location:** North Ryde, Sydney  
**Student population:** 44,000  
**Go to:** [www.mq.edu.au](http://www.mq.edu.au)  
**CRICOS:** 00002J; **TEQSA:** PRV12032





## Torrens University

Torrens University is Australia's fastest growing university with a national presence and an international focus, offering courses in business, design and creative technology, health, hospitality, education and more.

Whether you study on campus or online, Torrens University brings a fresh, unique, careers-focused perspective to higher education based on industry immersion. With the ability to shift its focus to the changing needs of society, Torrens University Australia is able to adapt its course offerings and delivery modules to ensure a unique education experience. We also maintain strong student

retention rates: 83% across the board and over 90% for international students, supported by our success coaches and retention activities.

**Torrens offers complete flexibility with hybrid study options. Study what you want, where you want, when you want with:**

- Small class sizes
- Industry placements with some of the most influential brands in the world
- Success coaches helping you choose subjects that reflect your strengths and coaching you to achieve your career and life goals



- Industry-experienced lecturers and learning facilitators
- Purpose-built campuses to facilitate collaborative learning.

**Here's what all this means for you:**

- An innovative, intentional and international approach to higher education
- Access to over 300 high quality, industry-aligned courses
- Over 21,000 students in 2023
- Industry placements with over 3,600 industry contacts
- Up to 90% of Torrens University graduates began their career in 12 months of course completion
- 90% postgraduate full-time employment rate



**TORRENS UNIVERSITY**

**Established:** 2013

**Location:** Campuses in Sydney, Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne and the Blue Mountains

**Student population (total):** 21,000 (about 11,000 international and 10,000 domestic)

**Go to:** [www.torrens.edu.au](http://www.torrens.edu.au)

**CRICOS:** 03389E; **TEQSA:** PRV12209



## South Australia

The state of South Australia 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, Adelaide. Voted one of the top three cities in the world in which to live in 2021 by the Economist Intelligence Unit, Adelaide has a great array of

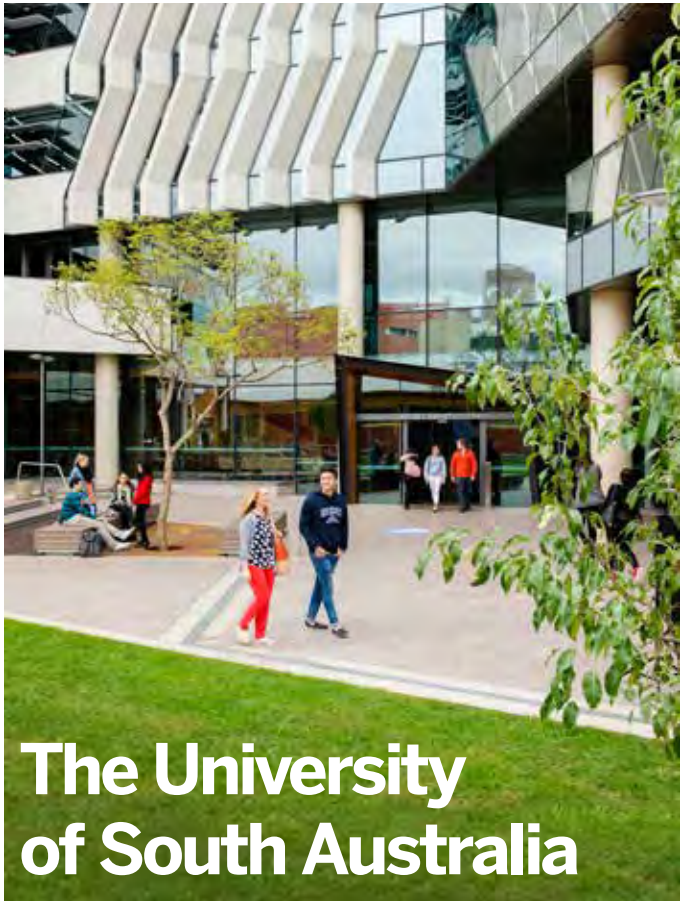
arts and sporting events that it plays host to each year, including the Adelaide Festival, the Adelaide Fringe Festival and WOMAdelaide. As well as attracting sports fans and culture lovers, the city is a gateway to some of Australia's best wine-growing regions and has long been a favourite destination for foodies.

**Population:** Around 1.8 million  
**Size:** 983,482sq km  
**State capital:** Adelaide  
**Universities:** University of Adelaide; University of South Australia

[www.southaustralia.com](http://www.southaustralia.com)







## Highlights

- **One of the world's top young universities**  
Ranked 52, 2023 THE Young University Rankings
- **Top 5 in Australia for quality education**  
Ranked 3, 2023 THE University Impact Rankings
- **1 in Australia for graduate employability**  
QILT Employer Satisfaction Survey 2020 – 2022, Graduate Employability Skills Indicator. Public universities.
- **Overall five star plus rating for excellence**  
2022 QS Stars Ratings
- **Top 15 in Australia for student support**  
Ranked 12, ComparED (QILT) Student Experience Survey 2020-21 (Undergraduate). Public universities.
- **100% of our assessed research is rated at or above world-class**  
2018 Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) report, 4-digit Fields of Research

The University of South Australia is a globally connected and engaged university with industry-informed teaching and research that is inventive and adventurous. As one of the world's top young universities, the University is both young and innovative and offers its students the chance to gain real-world experience.

### Practical degrees

Focused on life beyond the classroom, the University offers a practical approach to teaching and learning with over 200 degrees across a range of academic disciplines. Degrees are designed in partnership with industry, giving you opportunities to gain skills and graduate career ready. UniSA collaborates with more than 2,500 companies worldwide to bring you valuable networking and work opportunities including projects, placements and internships.

### Areas of study

- Accounting
- Architecture, planning and design
- Aviation
- Clinical exercise physiology
- Communication and media
- Creative industries
- Cyber engineering
- Data science
- Digital business
- Digital learning
- Education
- Engineering
- Environmental science
- Exercise and sport science
- Film and television
- Finance and financial planning
- Game art
- Illustration and animation
- Information technology
- Innovation and entrepreneurship
- Journalism and writing
- Law
- Management and HR
- Marketing
- Medical radiation science
- Nursing and midwifery
- Pharmacy and biomedical science
- Public health
- Psychology, social work and human services
- Science and mathematics
- Speech pathology
- Tourism, sports and events
- Visual arts
- Visual effects (VFX)

### Student experience

Our student support services are designed to help you succeed and enjoy your university experience. With over 100 academic, cultural and social clubs, it is easy to find

something that interests you. Support services include study assistance, counselling, career advice, mentoring, disability and health services, legal advice, accommodation support and a welcoming orientation programme.

### Scholarships

Each year over 2,500 students benefit from scholarships and grants, worth millions of dollars.

### World-class facilities

You will learn in purpose-built modern facilities with the latest industry-standard tools and technologies. You will have access to innovative labs, community clinics, collaborative learning areas, creative studios and simulation spaces. Highlights include:

- **The Iress Trading Room**  
A state-of-the-art learning facility featuring live market data and financial analysis tools.
- **Samsung SMARTSchool** One of the most technologically advanced teacher-training facilities in Australia, featuring Samsung technology including video walls and VR headsets.
- **Boeing 737 Next Generation flight simulator** Equipped with the latest technologies to simulate flying conditions for aviation students.

### Research excellence

Our research is inspired by challenges and connected to both industry and community needs. Research degrees are focused on producing new knowledge, finding solutions to global challenges and preparing candidates for competitive careers.

### Life in Adelaide

A welcoming and multicultural city, Adelaide is the ideal home away from home. It also has one of the highest standards of living in the world yet is one of the least expensive cities in Australia.



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**Student population:** Over 37,500

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