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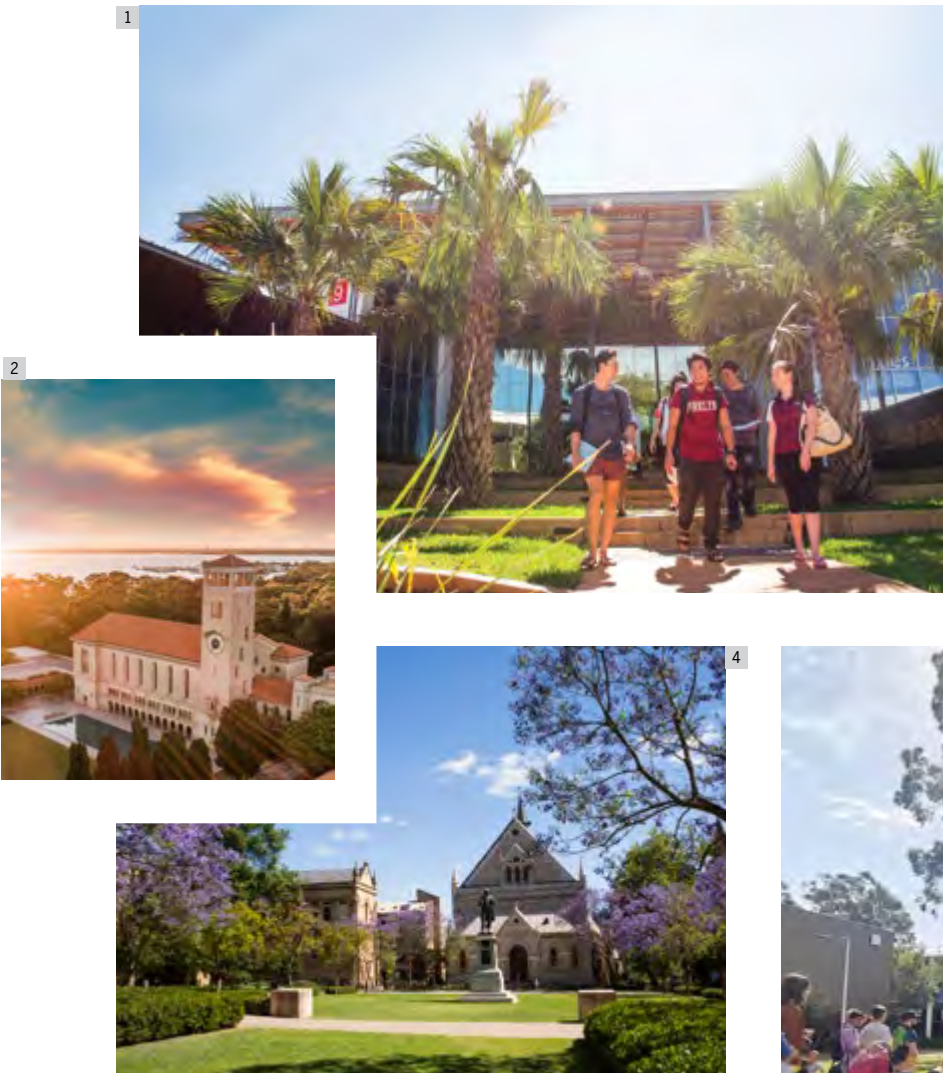
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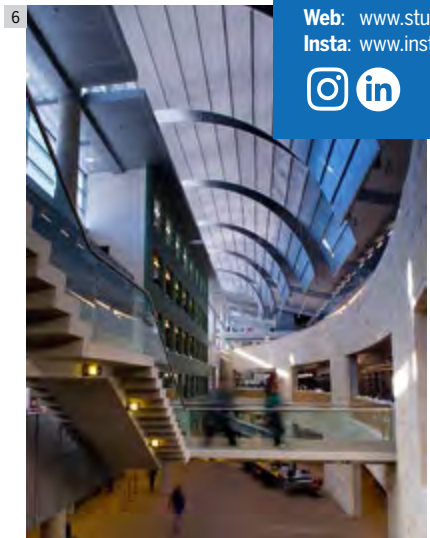
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Why go?

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

1 International rankings and reputation

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

There are three Australian universities ranked in the world's top 25, according to the 2026 QS World University Rankings, with a further six Australian and one New Zealand ranked in the world's top 100. There are 43 universities in Australia and just eight in New Zealand, so the proportion judged

to be among the world's best shows how high standards are. The UK has around 160 universities, 17 of which are ranked in the world's top 100 by QS in its 2026 report. Four UK universities are listed in the top 25 institutions. Australia's top ranked universities are University of Melbourne, UNSW Sydney and the University of Sydney.

It is important to check different rankings to get a balanced picture. Take a look at the annual rankings from the Times Higher Education and the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU).

2 The quality of university teaching and academic research available

Australia and New Zealand are both home to internationally prestigious, research-led universities, many of which rank among the world's best. Their qualifications are recognised and highly valued by employers and universities worldwide.

Australian and New Zealand universities are engaged in pioneering academic 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 filter down to inform all levels of university teaching.

See the individual university profiles on pages 37 to 57 (Australia) and 66 to 73 (New Zealand) for more.

3 A chance to broaden your horizons

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

Living such a long way from home for an extended period of time does have its challenges, particularly at first. But if you are independent by nature, with a bit of initiative and a sense of adventure, there are also some amazing experiences to be had. Depending on where you are, once classes are over you can head to the beach, go skiing for the weekend, take in an exhibition or an art gallery, learn to dive, or just explore the great outdoors.

Find out how students spend their time in Study Options Student Stories, [studyoptions.com/student-stories/](https://www.studyoptions.com/student-stories/)

Is studying overseas is the right option for you?

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

"The first – and most important thing – to check is that there are suitable courses available. Have a look at www.studyoptions.com/what-can-i-study for 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, or call us on 0117 911 5610. Once you've got your list, talk to one of our student advisors to go through the different options if you would like some help narrowing down your 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 26 for information about tuition fees and pages 32 and 60 for guidelines on the cost of living in both countries.

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

There are three Australian universities ranked in the world's top 25, according to the 2026 QS World University Rankings



1: Kev Carmody House, a student residence at the University of Queensland St Lucia campus 2: Students on campus at ECU, Perth 3: Fieldwork at UWA



4 Flexible courses and dedicated, accessible academics

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

The degree structure used in

Australia and New Zealand means you will have a much wider choice in the courses that you study and will be able to create a programme tailored to your interests and goals.

Contact teaching hours for undergraduates are higher than at many UK universities, and the teaching culture is relaxed and informal. Students often comment on how accessible and friendly they find academic staff to be.

For more details, see page 6-17 and [studyoptions.com/student-stories/](https://www.studyoptions.com/student-stories/)

Why go?



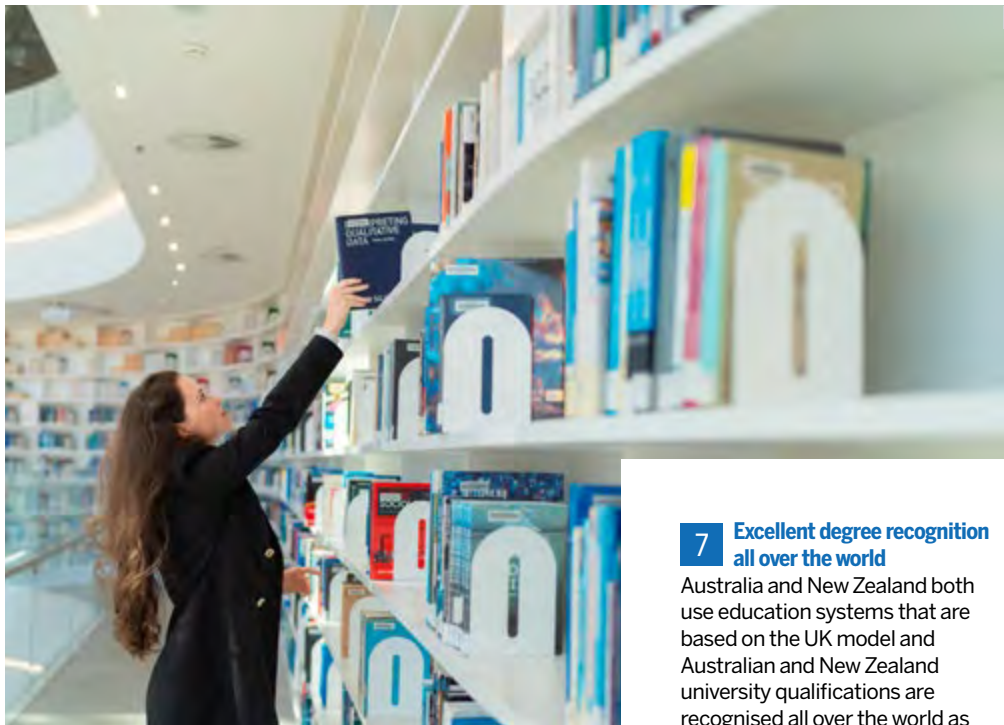
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5 Strong graduate job prospects

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

Australian and New Zealand universities are also firmly focused on graduate employability and offer a huge range of opportunities – and support systems – to ensure that their students graduate career-ready. These include plenty of options for hands-on, real-world learning in all degrees. Look out for chances to undertake fieldwork, internships or industry placements or projects during your studies.

Students can also access career support and mentoring schemes. Many Australian and New Zealand universities run programmes dedicated to nurturing student entrepreneurial talent, or ensuring that research has a successful application in the real world.



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

Australian and New Zealand universities are recognised as world leaders in a large, 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. Be

sure to look into individual subject rankings, as well as overall university rankings, when considering your options.

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

7 Excellent degree recognition all over the world

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

8 Make the most of your time as a student

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



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What can I study?

New Zealand and Australian universities offer qualifications in a huge range of subjects at undergraduate and postgraduate level, from bachelors degrees through to masters (by coursework and/or research) and PhD programmes

Despite the fact that Australian and New Zealand universities are a long way away, the experience of studying at them is in some ways similar to going to a UK university.

The range of subjects available to study at Australian and New Zealand universities is huge. Almost any subject that you can study at university in the UK will be offered by at least one 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, maritime archaeology, Asia-Pacific diplomacy, children's literature and Indigenous history and culture.

Although many of the academic subjects available are the same,

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

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

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

You can get a course list from Study Options by completing the online form at www.studyoptions.com/ contact, or by contacting 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 one particular university? Do you need to be in a specific city or location? This is the time to tell us if so!

We will send you a list of the courses available in your chosen subject. The list will include links to each degree'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 a free, expert course counselling service so if you'd like help choosing what and where to study, please call us, email us, or come to the office in person to discuss your options.

Australian and New Zealand universities are focused on graduate employability and offer extensive opportunities and support to ensure students graduate career-ready

1: Computer lab at Monash University
2: A library at UTS, Sydney
3: The swimming pool at Queensland University of Technology



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1: Waiting for a lecture to start at Monash University
2: Superlab at QUT Gardens Point campus, Brisbane



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

Undergraduate teaching and assessment

Teaching methods are 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 as required. As is the case here in the UK, university students need to be self-motivated and organised about their work in order to succeed. Lectures and tutorials must be backed up by independent reading and research,

which you – the student – are expected to organise yourself.

The teaching atmosphere is less formal than at universities here in the UK, and many UK students tell us they find academics in Australia and New Zealand accessible and approachable if they have any issues or questions.

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

Contact teaching hours

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

1: Adelaide University 2: Leigh Marine Science Lab at the University of Auckland 3: QUT, Brisbane



Did you know?

If you want to experience student life in Australia or New Zealand but are concerned about being away from home for a long time, there are alternatives to consider. Many of our universities offer shorter study options, starting from just four months.

See page 24 for more information, or get in touch with the team at www.studyoptions.com/contact

Greater flexibility; greater breadth

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

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

On this page you will find some examples of study plans for different undergraduate degrees in Australia and New Zealand. Please note these plans are only examples – many other combinations are possible. Check the structure for the degrees you are interested in to see what opportunities it offers. All course details, including structure and content, are provided on Study Options' subject lists, so as a first step go to www.studyoptions.com/contact to ask for a list for your area of interest, or send us an email at mail@studyoptions.com.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Year 3	300 LEVEL	300 LEVEL	300 LEVEL	300 LEVEL	300 LEVEL	300 LEVEL	200 LEVEL	200 LEVEL
Year 2	200 LEVEL	200 LEVEL	200 LEVEL	200 LEVEL	200 LEVEL	200 LEVEL	200 LEVEL	100 LEVEL
Year 1	100 LEVEL	100 LEVEL	100 LEVEL	100 LEVEL	100 LEVEL	100 LEVEL	100 LEVEL	100 LEVEL

Science major courses Other science courses Courses from science or other degrees

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

BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING

Year 4	Professional year 3							
Year 3	Professional year 2							
Year 2	Professional year 1							
Year 1	ENGR	EMTH	EMTH	PHYS	100 LEVEL	100 LEVEL	100 LEVEL	100 LEVEL

Professional years Required intermediate courses in engineering, engineering mathematics and physics Other intermediate courses in physics, chemistry, computer science, engineering and electives

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

What can I study? Undergraduate degrees

Please note that the plans below are only examples – many other combinations are possible and each university's courses will differ in structure. All course details, including structure and content, are provided on Study Options' subject lists.

Send an enquiry at www.studyoptions.com/ contact to ask for a course list for your area of interest, or call 0117 911 5610

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Year 3	300 LEVEL	300 LEVEL	300 LEVEL	300 LEVEL	300 LEVEL	300 LEVEL	200 LEVEL	200 LEVEL
Year 2	200 LEVEL	200 LEVEL	200 LEVEL	200 LEVEL	200 LEVEL	200 LEVEL	200 LEVEL	100 LEVEL
Year 1	100 LEVEL	100 LEVEL	100 LEVEL	100 LEVEL	100 LEVEL	100 LEVEL	100 LEVEL	100 LEVEL

Arts major courses Arts minor or electives Courses from arts or other degrees

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

BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

Year 3	300 LEVEL	300 LEVEL	300 LEVEL	300 LEVEL	200 LEVEL	300 LEVEL	300 LEVEL	200 LEVEL
Year 2	200 LEVEL	200 LEVEL	200 LEVEL	200 LEVEL	200 LEVEL	100 LEVEL	200 LEVEL	200 LEVEL
Year 1	ACCT	INFO	ECON	MGMT	STATS	100 LEVEL	100 LEVEL	100 LEVEL

Commerce compulsory courses Other commerce courses Courses from commerce or other degrees

BACHELOR OF FINE ART

Year 4	Studio subject year 3				300 LEVEL	300 LEVEL
Year 3	Studio subject year 2				300 LEVEL	200 LEVEL
Year 2	Studio subject year 1				200 LEVEL	200 LEVEL
Year 1	Introduction to all specialist studio studies				100 LEVEL	100 LEVEL

Specialisation in one studio subject Introduction to all specialist studio studies Required art history and theory courses Other undergraduate degree courses

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

Student stories

How are UK students currently enrolled on bachelors degrees in Australia finding their university experience? We got in touch to find out...

Joe Noble

Joe started a Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Western Australia, Perth, in Semester 1 (February) 2025

“My first semester has gone very quickly. I threw myself in at the deep end and signed up for a million different things when I got here. It's flown past.

“I live in a residential college at UWA, St Catherine's. They ran an O-Week [Orientation Week] when we arrived. It was just so busy and full on getting to know everyone, it took your mind off everything.

“They put on the Freshers Dance, a 15 minute dance recital that we all had to learn – it's a public embarrassment exercise really but you're all in it together and you get to know people pretty quickly! There were also talks about laws in Australia, College rules, friend speed-dating events, just lots of information to help you get set up.

“St Catherine's has around 400 people, with a fairly equal gender split. The College is on campus at UWA, in the middle of everything.

“I found it a helpful environment to go into when I first arrived. I went to boarding school in the UK,

and in lots of ways it felt similar. At my school we had a house system,

sports, prefects, and so on, and College is very similar. It didn't feel like a massive change for me. But there are people here who have grown up in remote mining towns in Western Australia, for example, and who have never travelled before – I think they found it more daunting. So perhaps coming to uni here was a smaller step for me than it was for some Australian students who'd come from a completely different environment.

“Why did I want to study in Australia? There wasn't a particular point that made me want to do it. I just felt that all my schools in the UK had been very close to where I live. If you travel to go to university in the UK you have to leave your family anyway, and I was already used to that from boarding school. So I thought, why not go somewhere else in the world, try somewhere else and do something different? While you're young and have the time and the freedom – why not?

“I haven't found the move from school in the UK to university in Australia to be that big of a jump.

The language is the same, many of the cultural values are the same, infrastructure levels are the same. It's all fairly similar, even though it is on the other side of the world.

“I'm studying a BA majoring in applied human geography. My modules haven't had exams – I've had assignments throughout the semester instead, which I've liked.

“This semester I took courses in applied human geography, politics, international relations and anthropology. I enjoy the flexibility

“Why not go somewhere else in the world and do something different? While you're young and have the time and freedom – why not?

to study different things. I feel I am studying a wide variety of courses, which I prefer to the UK system. I think this makes you more well-rounded at the end – you're slightly less specialised than you would be in the UK, so you have a broader knowledge over a larger area. Which I think is potentially going to be of more use in the workplace in the future.

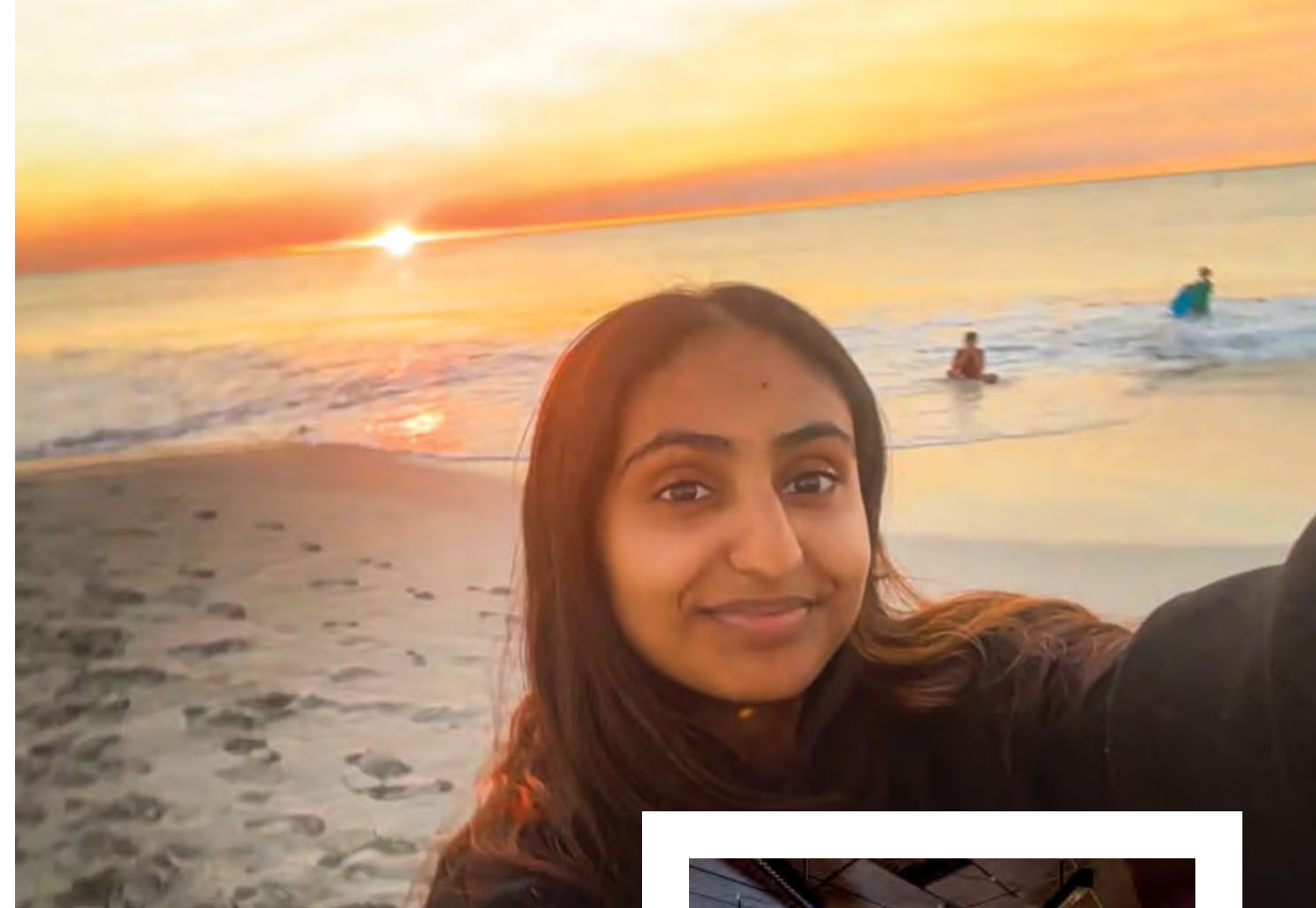
“Outside study I run the football club at College, which was a bit daunting at the start because people would ask me where we were going to be playing and I didn't even know where the pitches were. You tell me – I'm not local! But I've joined a local football team as well and play for them, which I really enjoy because it's outside of university, which means that my Australian world isn't just about being a university student. I also work on a volunteer project that aims to protect the Carnaby's Cockatoo, a bird that is critically endangered. There are only 5,000 left in the world and they are all in Southwest Australia.

“I've travelled at weekends but I'm hoping to go further soon, to Shark Bay or further up the coast. ☺

What would you say now to someone thinking of studying in Australia?

“There were times during the application process where I felt as though I was the only person moving from the UK to Australia for uni, and it's important to know that there are lots of people doing the same thing. You are NOT the only one! I found someone at my College who had gone to school very near me, was just one year above me – we'd likely played each other at sport in the UK without realising. So remember that there are lots of others in the same boat. Australia is a world away, but there are a lot of similarities to home.”

To read the full versions of Aahuti and Joe's student stories and many others go to [studyoptions.com/student-stories/](https://www.studyoptions.com/student-stories/)



Aahuti Jesani

Aahuti is studying the Bachelor of Computing at Curtin University in Perth. She started her degree in semester 1 (February) 2025

“I really enjoy life in Perth. The sun is always shining. It helps your mood! Making friends has been easy – I sit next to someone and they just start talking!

“I started applying after A-level results. I thought, I'm just going to do it. The Australian universities recommended I get in touch with Study Options and suddenly it all felt possible! I had uni places in the UK but my Australian applications went well and I got my first offer quickly, which gave me confidence to turn down my UK place.

“After that first offer, though, there was an issue with my other applications – a problem with the format of the A-level exam board result I'd been given. Study Options sorted it all out and I'm so glad they did; I don't know how I would have handled it otherwise. They did everything – contacting the exam board, working with the admissions teams. Eventually got it resolved.

“When I arrived for Orientation I was so confused – Curtin's campus is huge! But I soon made friends. My course here is very boy-heavy;

there's probably an 80/20 gender split. When we started having labs and lectures all us girls would see each other all the time, and we just gravitated to each other. There aren't that many of us! Now we have a really nice big group, there's always someone to go to the library with, or to sit with in labs.

“During lab sessions there are always tutors walking around, checking if we need any help. I missed a lab one week, which I got stressed about because that's where all your work for the week comes from, so if you miss one you'll definitely be behind for the next. I went to class and one of the tutors saw me struggling. He sat

with me for an hour and helped me catch up with the previous week's work, and to get through that week's as well. He took that time to make sure I wasn't left behind and went through everything with me step by step. I felt so grateful.

“Our whole group is friends with the tutors; we can talk to them for advice on our major or about studying computer science more generally. I really like that.

“Outside of class I've been really lucky with my friendship group. I've got this great set of people, about 15-20 of us. I've also joined the Desi Society. They have Indian clubbing nights, Indian music; and I've been to the Perth Holi Festival, where you throw colour everywhere. We watch lots of films, we go to the beach to watch the sunset, particularly during the summer. I always take pictures and show my friends back home – look where I am! ☺

“I love life in Perth. The sun is always shining here – it helps your mood! And the people here are so helpful and friendly



Aahuti's top tips for new students

- You have to be independent here. You're far from home, plus there's a time difference. So if you have a problem, you can't just ring home for help, you need to try and work it out by yourself.
- Be open minded, be open to new experiences. Things are going to be different!
- Particularly for anyone used to a city like London, public transport isn't as good here. Be ready for that – check times because there won't be a train or a bus coming through every couple of minutes. But if you live on campus you won't need to worry at all – and you won't need a car.
- I feel safe on public transport here; I take a train and a bus to uni. There are lots of TransPerth officers around after 6pm and always staff you can ask for help.
- Curtin run regular trips around Western Australia – to places like Rottnest Island – that any student can sign up for. Make sure you do – they are great!

Postgraduate study options (taught/by coursework)

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

What are the options for taught postgraduate courses in Australia and New Zealand? There's plenty to consider. In addition to masters programmes (which can be taught, 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. These can be taken as standalone qualifications, but are also sometimes recommended as a first step for students who do not initially meet entry requirements, as a means of pathwaying up into a masters course.

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 studied a subject to specialise in a particular area. They include, for example, Master of Engineering, Master of Marketing, and Master of Education. For a qualified teacher, a Master of Education is an opportunity to specialise in an area such as education for gifted children, special needs teaching or school management. A qualified engineer could undertake a Master of Engineering to specialise in a given field, or alternatively to train in management for engineering. In order to be eligible for entry to these courses, applicants are often

required to have relevant work experience as well as an academic qualification in their field. These courses are usually taught, though some may offer research modules.

2. Graduate entry professional qualifications

These include courses such as graduate entry medicine (Doctor of Medicine), or the Master of Nursing, which allows graduates with degrees in other subjects to train and qualify as nurses. Another example is the Master of Teaching, which allows graduates of non-teaching degrees to train and qualify as teachers.

Australian and New Zealand universities offer graduate entry professional courses in a wide range of subjects, 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 set or limited by your academic background – please contact Study Options to check!

These courses are almost always taught, with very few or no opportunities to pursue research.

3. Traditional masters courses

These aim to strengthen and develop a student's knowledge in a particular subject. They are the most traditional form of postgraduate study and include programmes such as a Master of Arts in, for example, History, or a Master of Science in Physics. In

order to be eligible for entry you would usually need to have an undergraduate degree in the same subject, or a strongly relevant subject, to the one you want to study at masters level.

These courses can be taken by coursework, or by research, or by a combination of the two.

4. 'Change of direction' courses

These enable students who have an undergraduate degree in one academic area to gain a solid understanding of and qualification in another. Examples include the Master of Commerce – a broad postgraduate programme that provides a solid grounding in most major aspects of business before allowing students to choose a specialism, such as marketing, finance, or management. These

What's in a (course) name?

Study Options says: "If you can't immediately see the course you are looking for, that doesn't necessarily mean it doesn't exist. Qualifications in Australia and New Zealand usually have the same names as their UK equivalents, but there are some that are titled differently. So if you can't see a 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 use specific names, such as 'Bachelor of Marketing.' In Australia and New Zealand, the same degree could be a 'Bachelor of Commerce (Marketing)'. UK graduates looking for a teacher training course will not find a PGCE

(Postgraduate Certificate in Education) because the equivalent courses are the Graduate Diploma of Teaching or the Master of Teaching.

If you can't see your course on our lists please get in touch to check if it is available. Send us a message at www.studyoptions.com/contact

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courses are open to applicants with a first degree in any academic discipline. They are predominantly taught, though some offer options to undertake research modules.

Masters courses vary in length. In New Zealand, they are usually 12-18 months (coursework) or two years long (coursework and research). In Australia, masters courses can be one, one and a half, or two years long. The duration of a course depends on its subject, but also in some cases on the applicant's background.

The starting 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 background and achievement standards requirements vary considerably between courses and universities. Please contact Study Options for more details or to discuss your case. [S](#)

How can I find out what courses are available to me?

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

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

"We will send you a list of courses available in your chosen subject. This will include links to content and structure, as well as 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, please call us, email us, or set up a online meeting to discuss."

1: A student and supervisor in the lab at Monash University
2: Makerspace at Curtin University 3: Environmental science students conducting fieldwork 4: A robotics lab

Student stories

Postgraduate students on taught masters in Australia report back to us on how they are finding life Down Under

Azmat Aizimaiti

Azmat is studying the Master of Biotechnology at the University of Western Australia, Perth

“What is the biggest change from the UK? The weather! It is so good here. No more gloom, hardly any rain... If sunlight is the first thing you see it brings you positive energy for the day. I'm really loving being in Perth.

“I lived in Bristol before here; I did my first degree at the University of Bristol. Compared to that city Perth seems huge [Bristol has a population of 500,000; Perth is around 2 million]. Public transport is good during the day, but at night it's not great. I've been fortunate enough to make friends who have drivers licenses so have been able to explore a bit. The views here are amazing, all the beaches and the mountains. It's very beautiful.

“Why did I want to do my postgrad in Australia? Partly it was due to money. Australia seemed to have more opportunities to get scholarships, and I was able to get a scholarship from UWA, whereas

back in Bristol and in the UK more generally that felt challenging. But also the academic atmosphere here is really good. I joined a lab recently, a genetic engineering lab, and I find academics here to be more friendly and open to different cultures when it comes to training.

“Perth is known for its laid-back culture and people here really value their free time. The work-life balance I think is better. That was a consideration for me.

“The teaching at UWA is high quality and the support is good – tutors are quick to get back to you if you have a question. For my degree there are a lot of good labs and professors, and they are open to accepting new students. I had to join a lab for my dissertation.

“The lab have been helping me a lot and their training is really good. I had to work to get this opportunity though, and it is important to know

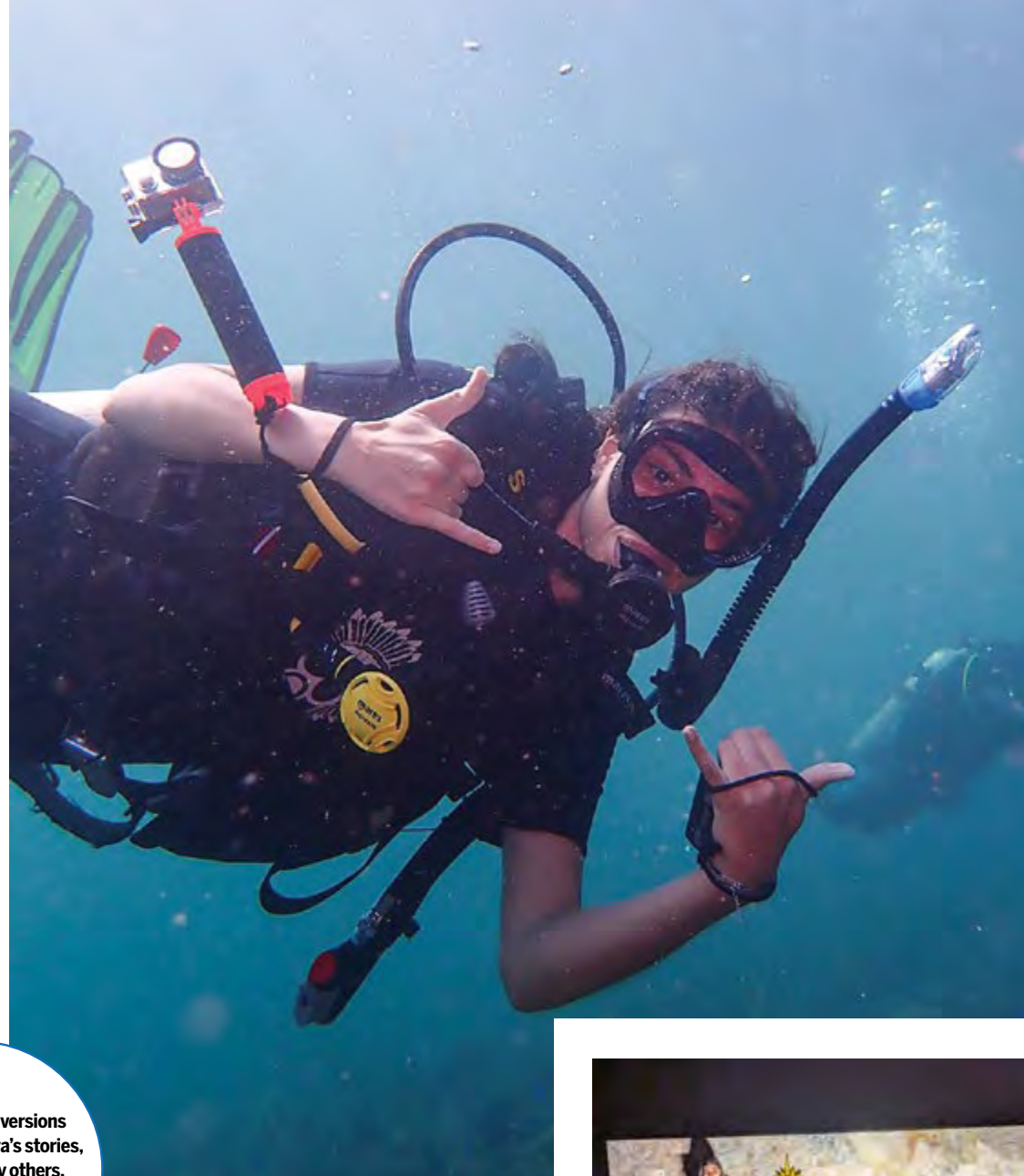
that that's what is needed here. Networking is important, you need to get in touch with people – do not be scared! – instead of waiting. This applies to every degree. If you want to take up opportunities – internships, jobs, placements etc – contact people, don't wait for them to come to you. Be proactive; put yourself forward for things.

“That's a real difference from being in the UK. There I found people always worry about being too pushy or offending someone, but in Australia things are more direct. People are fine with you approaching them and being direct in your communication – if they want to take you on they say yes, if they don't they'll just say no. Don't wait to be asked to do things – in Australia you can go out and make things happen for yourself.

“There are lots of things to do here but I focus mainly on football. I play twice a week, I also picked up working as a referee twice a week. That's pretty much how I spend my weekdays – lab, uni, football, work as a ref – then suddenly it's the weekend. At the weekend I volunteer as a coach with an Under 5s football team, and just go out and explore. I go to the beach.

“When I first got here it was hard – I didn't know anyone in Australia. So I took on things to keep myself busy and it's turned out really well – intellectually stimulating, physically stimulating. I'm having a really good time here now. 📍

To read the full versions of Azmat and Aliya's stories, and many many others, please go to [studyoptions.com/student-stories/](https://www.studyoptions.com/student-stories/)



Aliya's advice

“Be organised! Be sure to do everything early, because you don't know how long things will take. For example, my student visa application took ages, because the Australian authorities had lots of questions around the time I'd spent in Costa Rica. So decide if you are going to accept your uni offer asap. Once you have done that, then you can apply for your visa, and once that's in place you can book your flights and arrange your

accommodation. It all flows from the acceptance, so don't delay that decision! “Prepare for the weather. It is not always sunny here – Northern Queensland is the tropics – and when it rains, it really rains. Bring a good raincoat, because they are expensive here, and they sell out very quickly whenever the weather hits. And ALWAYS always wear sunscreen. The sun here is fierce – I have seen some terrible sunburn!”

Aliya Ballerin

Aliya started a Master of Marine Biology at JCU in Northern Queensland in January 2025

“I did my bachelors in the UK and I feel the teachers here are more relaxed and encourage interaction. It really feels like they want you to do well; the feedback they give is very constructive.

“I get emails from JCU all the time about networking groups, study support, events – all kinds of things. Just as in the UK there is a strong focus on looking after your mental health. There are lots of student societies – marine, diving, yoga, zoology. Lots of things at JCU are marine-related!

“JCU has a fantastic reputation internationally for marine science and as a university it does feel very marine-focused, which I love. I'm surrounded by like-minded people, but also by people I might be working with in the future. The university regularly puts on events, guest lectures and so forth, they provide lots of opportunities to network. It's a great environment to be in as a masters student.

“Whatever you're interested in within marine, whether it's octopi, sea turtles, jellyfish, there's always someone at JCU who is into it. One friend here is really interested in jellyfish and squids. She told the department she wanted to focus on that for her thesis, and they recommended academics for her to connect with. They are good at making connections between students and supervisors. Guest lecturers pretty much always give out their emails at events too, so it feels as though there are lots of opportunities to put yourself into helpful circles. Which in marine science often seems to be the way to climb the professional ladder.

“In my course you're supposed to take a certain number of classes for your chosen stream, a number as free choice, a specialised subject in something like GIS – so a data analysis or computer skill – plus a core module. Last term I took a class in managing marine megafauna, which I really liked. It was all about legislation and how to create a marine protected area (MPA), for example, working with local government and so forth. How do you apply all these things we learn about in class to the real world, basically, how do you make sure this kind of work counts. It was really interesting.

“My last class I absolutely loved, it was a coral class. So inspirational

– I switched to the coral stream because of that class! Next up I have a core module, then evolution and ecology of reef fishes. Both include field trips – most of my classes have labs and field trips.

“I'm trying to get on the dive registry at the moment. You need to be a dive master with 60-plus logged hours to dive here. Australia is very strict on health and safety! That's something I wish I'd known before I arrived, because I would have used the time before I started to get my dive master. You don't need to dive for a field trip, you can usually snorkel if you'd prefer, but for the next field trip – to Thailand – I want to be able to dive.

“I wasn't daunted by moving here. I grew up in France so had already moved abroad to study – I did my first degree in the UK, and that included an exchange in Costa Rica. So I already had experience of moving to study, having to settle, find new friends, all of it!

“Australia is far from everywhere in the world, and Townsville is far

“The university provides lots of opportunities to network. It feels like a great environment to be in as a masters student

from most places in Australia! I do get homesick sometimes, but the people here are so friendly. I genuinely would be happy sitting next to anyone in a lecture; they'll always be nice and up for a chat. I wouldn't have said that about my UK university! My cohort is very friendly and willing to help each other which makes for a really nice environment to be in.

“I rented a flat when I got here. I felt I'd done halls and I didn't want to live with undergrads; I wanted somewhere that felt more like a home. But I have friends for whom this is their first time away from home, and they are happier in uni accommodation. So it all depends on the individual. You can also go into uni housing for the first term, until you work out what's what, and then move out if you prefer.

“I am so glad I applied through Study Options. I sent them so many questions and they were always so helpful! JCU referred me to them (they are a free service). 📍

Postgraduate programmes by research

Research programme options in Australia and New Zealand include MPhil, MRes and PhD. All Australian and New Zealand universities welcome research applications from qualified international candidates

How to apply for a research course

Applying for 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 and apply to join as a PhD student, or
- Apply independently, with a research proposal you have developed. To do this you will first need to get in touch with a potential supervisor and get provisional approval for your intended research project.

Where to start

At almost all Australian and New Zealand universities you will need to check what research projects and groups are already running; to initiate and develop a conversation with a potential supervisor or research project leader and get their provisional approval for your research application – all before you can start work on a formal application for admission.

As a start point, this means identifying the universities and academics working in the area you want to work in. You should then get in touch to introduce yourself

and your research ideas. You are looking for the right fit at this point – is the supervisor, or project, or university, the best place for you and your research?

When you approach academics it is important to communicate your research ideas in a concise, well-thought-through manner. Academics receive a large number of contact requests from aspiring research students and tend only to respond positively to those that demonstrate both ability and commitment.

Your research proposal does not need to be perfect, or even very detailed, when you first speak to an academic, but it does need to provide enough information for them to decide whether your ideas are something their university is able – or wants – to supervise.

Study Options can provide support with contacting academic staff but you will always, inevitably, know far more about your intended field of research than we do. It's therefore very important that you do your own homework on which universities might be the best fit for you and your project. Try asking current tutors or other academic contacts for their thoughts on potential destinations for your research, for example, and check to see which Australia or New Zealand-based academics are researching in your field, and which universities they are based at.

1: The Central Library at the University of Otago, New Zealand 2: A biomedical Superlab at Edith Cowan University, Perth



Finding a supervisor

Establishing a conversation with a potential supervisor or research project leader can be a time-consuming and sometimes frustrating process, but it is extremely important and well worth investing time and effort in. Research applications are often assessed by a committee of academics – your supervisor is the person who can champion your application through this and other

internal processes. They are also often good sources of information regarding scholarships and may be able to tell you about less well-known options for funding.

Search for a supervisor online

Many Australian and New Zealand universities provide an online tool that allows students to search for suitable supervisors among their research-active staff. These search functions are all linked from our website, at 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 academic supervisor and have secured provisional support for your application either from them directly or from their university department, please contact the team at Study Options so that we can assist with the formal admissions process.

Study Options can help with university application forms or

portals, document certification and visa applications. Please contact us for free assistance when you are ready to proceed at mail@studyoptions.com. Research applications submitted via Study Options are fast tracked through university assessment procedures and are (in most cases) exempt from university application fees.

Please see the research information page on our website for more detailed 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, at studyoptions.com/research-degrees-mphil-mres-phd/

Application deadlines

In both Australia and New Zealand research students are not tied to the university academic calendar in the same way that a coursework student would be. Instead, you can start your PhD or Masters by Research at any date agreed to be mutually suitable for you and your academic supervisor, or by the head of the research group you'll be joining. There is therefore not one deadline for the application process to work to, but several, and we often see research students commencing their programmes in almost all 12 months of any given year. ☺

Scholarships for research students

Most 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 research application that they want to be considered for a scholarship are assessed at the same time as their research application is being assessed, and do not have to

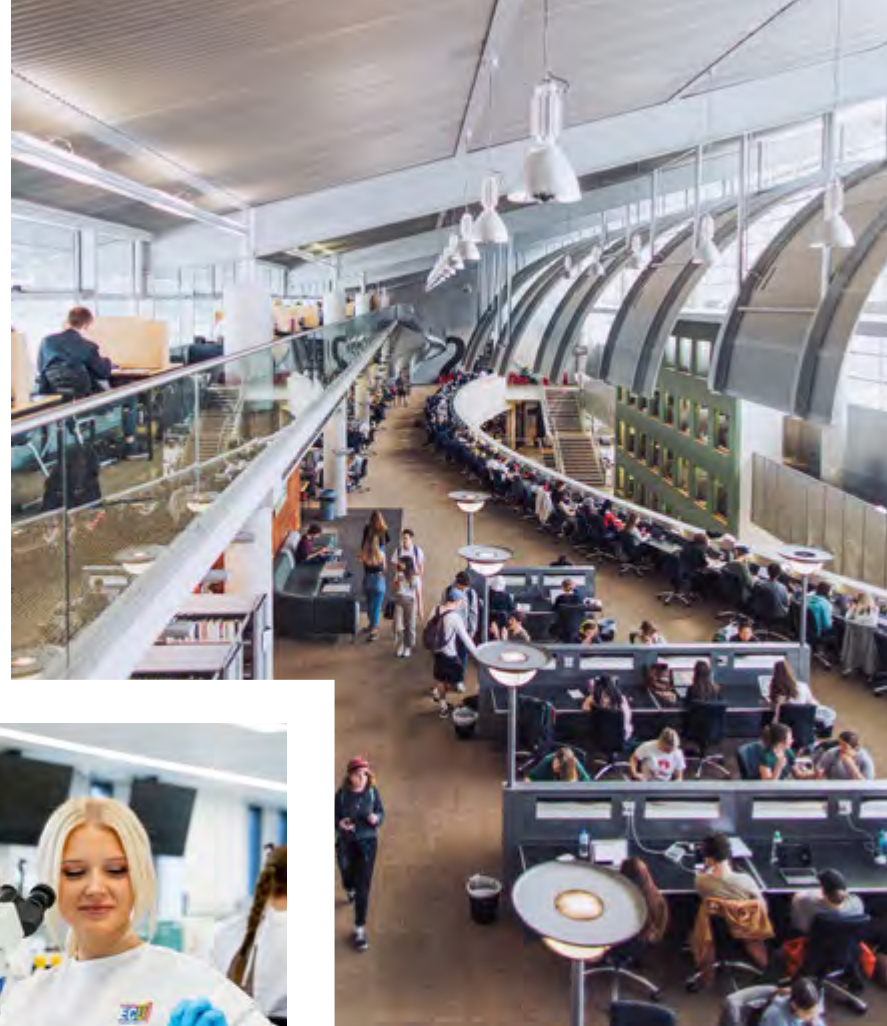
provide further documentation for the scholarship. At others, a separate application is required AFTER an offer of place has been issued. Make sure you check the requirements of each scholarship scheme in plenty of time.

Most scholarships have fixed (strict) deadlines, so make sure you know what these are, and are working backward from them, before you start the research application process.

There are a limited number of

external scholarships available to research students in both Australia and New Zealand. You can get details from the Costs And Practicalities section of www.studyoptions.com.

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



Student stories

Current research students tell us how they are finding their study experience

Ellie Farenden

Ellie moved to Brisbane in 2021 to study a masters by research at the University of Queensland (UQ)

“I did my undergraduate degree in global health and social medicine at King's College London. As part of that, I studied abroad in Baltimore in the US and had an amazing time, which was part of the reason I started looking at doing a masters degree abroad.

“After finishing my bachelors, 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 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 UQ. The 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 management, and digital health, during my undergraduate degree and my time working in NHS project management, so I got in touch with the team at UQ to find out more. I sent in a CV, a writing sample, and had an interview over Zoom, and was offered a place and the scholarship which covered my tuition fees and provided a living stipend. I arrived in Brisbane in September 2021.

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“It took a little while to get up to speed with the project, and the first few months consisted of a lot of reading. I also took the opportunity to do some online courses to prepare for my research. I completed my confirmation milestone by completing a literature review and research proposal, along with a panel-assessed presentation, then got started with my data collection.

“My research evaluates 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 though I am in touch with my supervisors regularly

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

“At one stage 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 to meet a great team of researchers who I likely would not have met otherwise. It was also a good way to supplement my income from my scholarship living stipend, while also boosting my academic experience for my CV.

“I really enjoy Brisbane, it feels like a big city without being too busy, and there are so many amazing places around Queensland that are great for a weekend trip. I’m keen to do more travelling!

“The team at Study Options were so helpful throughout my application and were always available to answer my many questions! I would recommend anyone interested in studying in Australia or New Zealand gets in touch with them for information and support. 📞

Jack Webster

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

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

“I contacted five or six academics at different universities, outlining my background, my experience, research interests and why I had chosen to contact them specifically. After a few emails back and forth, I landed on the University of Auckland and arranged an online 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 did not feel sure I would enjoy working with them. So, I was relieved to find that, after an hour’s call with the academic at Auckland, I’d found the right person to support and guide me. This person was to become my primary supervisor in a team of three – each with a role to support aspects of my work.

“Choosing the right supervisor is critical to a positive 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 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 practical 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 plans but the offer gave me a huge sense of gratification that I had made a great choice.

“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 to them over Zoom; make sure you are satisfied that you and they are a good fit.

“Especially at first, PhD life is strange. There’s no way of describing what day-to-day life looks like, let alone a week or a semester of PhD studies. This was challenging at first as I had no idea whether I was wasting my time doing something that wouldn’t benefit my study in the long run.

“My advice here is to speak to others in your school or students who have also started at the same time as you and get a sense of



To read the full versions of Ellie, Jack and Mathilde’s student stories, and many many others, please go to studyoptions.com/student-stories/



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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 that you and your supervisor have set, there’s no set way of going about a PhD study. Trust the process.

“Last, it has to be said Study Options were fantastic throughout my application process. I didn’t plan on moving to Auckland until after Christmas but, in October, a scholarship opportunity was

offered on the condition that I was in Auckland before December. This was great, except I hadn’t started my visa and didn’t have any of my documents ready. Luckily, Sarah at Study Options was able to offer advice to help me navigate my change of plans. I landed in Auckland with nine days to spare!

“Overall, I am delighted with my decision to move to Auckland. The laid-back lifestyle, the welcoming locals and the world famous scenery all make this a fantastic place to live and study. 📍

Mathilde Merridale Punter

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



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

“I am a vet by training. I had a very firm idea of the topic I wanted to research, and of several possibilities within that, but I didn’t have an exact project or an exact research question in mind when I first approached them, so we built the project together. That was daunting; the concept of applying with an independent proposal rather than joining an existing group was alien. But it is possible to apply with a skeleton proposal, and then dedicate the first few months of your PhD to putting some flesh on the bones.

“What I wanted to research was the

area I had been working in for my NGO, and the academics at Melbourne also had on-the-ground experience with this sort of work. We put together a case for why it was worth researching and I used that to apply for the PhD.

“I think it is probably easier to apply for an existing, pre-packaged PhD position than to apply with an independent proposal as I did – like applying for a job rather than creating one! It was a lot of work. But I don’t regret it, because the big advantage of doing it this way is that I get to do exactly what I want. I designed my project, from a blank canvas, which is a privilege. Since being at Melbourne I’ve spoken to PhDs who say they wouldn’t necessarily have chosen their exact area of research, but it was what was available at the time.

“Applying for a PhD was relatively straightforward. But that got me an offer with full international tuition fees. It just wasn’t an option to pay annual fees of A\$40,000-plus, so I was dependant on a scholarship.

“So the next stage was applying for funding. My research is on working equids in low income countries, cart donkeys and cart horses in developing countries, which are a huge part of the economies there. It has social significance, some development work. People were interested and so I was awarded a fee exemption for my PhD. That made it into a possibility, it felt like a real step forward. And then I was awarded a full scholarship by the University, which meant I got a living stipend as well. I consider myself very 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. Potential supervisors are contacted all the time, they get constant approaches. So you have to stand out, make sure you bring detail, don’t just contact people by chance. Busy academics are only human, they’ll respond to what captures their attention and offers something of value. I think it was my connection to industry which gave me that. There are not many people researching my area, but I worked for an NGO that had a lot of people on the ground and access to lots of useful information and data, and that was my USP. You must be able to pitch your case on why your PhD will bring value to the University.

“The first stage of the PhD was fun, but still daunting. I knew nothing of research and how this would work. I didn’t know whether people would tell me what to do, what to expect at all! In a PhD, you teach yourself to be a researcher and the supervisors are there to make sure you don’t stray too far from the path. So you must look for things yourself, learn for yourself, and they guide you. You come up with ideas, then discuss your findings with your supervisors. A PhD is a journey of you becoming a researcher, of learning those skills. They direct you to resources; they help you build to the questions you should be asking, but you still have to ask and answer those questions yourself. So the first part of my PhD was trying to get to grips with all of that, essentially.

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

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 (usually spacious) grounds, while others are made up of several sites spread throughout their home city. Campuses usually feature a mixture 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 period and contemporary buildings, while another group, 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 libraries, labs, learning spaces, cafés, bookshops, bars, and student clubs and societies catering for a wealth of different tastes and interests.

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

Many students in the UK study

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

If you want to live in a traditional residential hall culture, please let Study Options know so that we can help you identify which universities offer this as an option, 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! 📞



1: Jacaranda trees in bloom on the University of Queensland St Lucia campus
2: Murdoch University students on the beach in Perth
3: Students at University of Waikato
4: On campus at Charles Darwin University
5: Murdoch University's campus in Perth
6: Students watch a live performance on campus at Monash University, Melbourne

Accommodation

Identifying the right student accommodation is key in setting you up for a good experience at uni and it takes a little extra planning when applying from overseas. Accommodation applications are different to the UK and some universities in Australia and New Zealand don't have the same range of student housing as would often be found here. It's therefore important to start looking into the options as early as possible.

What are my options?

The different types of housing available are similar to the UK. These include halls of residence, university-run or affiliated residences, or renting a room in a flat or a house. Some universities, including the University of Otago, University of Sydney, University of Melbourne and University of Queensland, for example, also offer 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 (though most are now secular). They are often fairly small in terms of the number of students they house (anywhere between 80 – 600 students) and pride themselves on fostering a strong sense of community by

offering a busy calendar of sport, musical and other recreational activities. Many also provide academic support. The majority are fully-catered. Some students love the closeness and the level of support they offer; others find they 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 select university accommodation, in one form or another. Living in halls, a residential college or in university flats is a great way of meeting new friends when you first arrive 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 can be a key step in managing the transition from being a school student to full-on independent adult living!

I'll be a postgraduate student – what sort of housing should I go 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 arriving a few weeks before the term starts and living in temporary accommodation while looking for a suitable place to rent.

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

To get idea of what rental prices are like in a particular city, have a look at www.gumtree.com.au, which carries free local classified advertising and is a site many young Australians use when 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. For New Zealand, try 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 before you get there, 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 can be difficult to get out of if the house or the room isn't what you'd expected. So, do the groundwork before you go, but don't commit!

When do I need to do all 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 relatively early, and places are relatively limited. The best sources of information are the university accommodation service webpages, which often have online application forms as well as useful advice and contacts. If you'd like to discuss the options or want some help with applying for accommodation, please contact Study Options on 0117 911 5610 or mail@studyoptions.com.

For information on accommodation costs, see pages 32 (Australia) and 60 (New Zealand) and check out studyoptions.com/student-stories/ for first-hand accounts of campus life

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

Worried that a landlord is 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 who can. Remember: Help is always there, so make sure you ask for it! If you don't tell anyone when something is wrong, they won't be able to help you.

Sport at uni

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

As a student in Australia or New Zealand you can take part in sport at your chosen level – from elite leagues to social competition – and get a top-quality university education at the same time.

Here we look at a few of the main uni sports in Australia and New Zealand: Rugby, cricket, swimming and netball. Don't worry if your sport isn't featured here – just get in touch with Study Options to ask for whatever you need. Universities offer up to as many as 45 different sports clubs and, while there isn't space to cover them all here, we are always happy to provide any further information you'd like.

As well as extra curricular sport, Australia and New Zealand are both home to universities considered some of the best in the world to study sport-related courses. A third of the universities ranked in the world's top 15 for sport-related subjects are in Australia and New Zealand, according to the 2025 QS Subject Rankings. The University of Queensland is world number 2, the University of Sydney 3, the University of Melbourne ranks at 6, the University of Otago at 11 and Deakin University at number 14. 📍

Rugby

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

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

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

Rugby at the University of Otago

The Otago University Rugby Football Club (OURFC) has a rich history dating back to its founding in 1884. Uniquely, the club boasts the highest number of All Blacks alumni among any rugby club in the country, underscoring its commitment to excellence both on and off the field. The club focus is personal growth and development, encouraging members to become better versions of themselves through the sport.

OURFC offers a diverse range of opportunities with its six teams:

Three Men's Colts teams (for players under 21), the Premier A team, the Development team, and the Premier Women's team.

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

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

While the club is open to players of all skill levels, it maintains a competitive environment, with two of the Colts teams catering to more social grades. This inclusive approach ensures that all members can find a place within the club, regardless of their rugby experience. OURFC is deeply integrated into the student culture at the University of Otago, fostering a strong sense of community and belonging among its members.

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

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

For more, visit www.ourfc.co.nz



Rugby at the University of Auckland

The Rugby Club (AURFC) is one of the biggest clubs at the University of Auckland, offering options for students who want to play social or competitive rugby while studying.

Established in 1888, AURFC has long been the home of student rugby in Auckland. It offers a diverse range of teams to cater to players of all aspirations and skill levels, ensuring everyone can experience playing rugby – a sport so popular in New Zealand. They focus on each player's development both on and off the field.

Premier Team

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

Premier Development Team

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

Under 21s Team

The Under-21s Team is designed for young players transitioning from school rugby through to the senior team ranks. This team emphasizes skill development, physical fitness, and great social connection. With a focus on creating a seamless progression to higher levels of competition, the Under-21s Team provides a great platform for young talent to flourish. It's an exciting and dynamic environment where players can develop their abilities and gain valuable experience.

U85kg Team

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

Women's Team

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

Uni sport in Australia and New Zealand

- Did you know there are more Olympic size swimming pools just in Melbourne than there are in the whole of the UK? Australia is home to ten times as many Olympic-size pools as there are currently available in the UK.
- Sydney University's rugby club (confusingly called Sydney University Football Club) is the oldest club in Australia and one of the oldest rugby clubs in the world – it was founded in 1863.
- The University of Queensland's rugby club, also known as the Red Heavies, has been home to 66 players for the Wallabies, Australia's national mens rugby team.
- Netball is New Zealand's most popular female sport with over 150,000 registered players and matches that are regularly broadcast on prime time TV.
- The first ever cricket test match was played at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) in 1877 between Australia and England. Australia won by 45 runs.
- Australia is the most successful country for netball (as ranked by international achievements), having won the Netball World Cup 12 times. It is currently number 1 in the World Netball Rankings, with New Zealand at number 2.
- Rugby is New Zealand's national sport and national obsession. Every small town has a rugby club; every school has a set of rugby posts and Kiwis grow up playing rugby in the same way children in the UK grow up playing football.





Cricket

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

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

In addition to international competitions there is the Sheffield Shield, Australia's premier cricket competition between state teams,

and the Big Bash League (BBL), one of the world's biggest Twenty20 leagues with eight city based franchises from Adelaide, Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne and Sydney.

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

Founded in 1864, the University of Sydney Cricket Club (USCC) is one of the oldest in Australia. The club plays in the Sydney Grade Cricket competition, the premier club competition in New South Wales. They also compete in various intervarsity competitions. It is a club with 160 years of history, boasting 26 players with international experience including current club member and Australian international Phoebe

Litchfield, the former Australian captain who is currently the head coach of the women's team.

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

The Club expects the same level of dedication and passion from our players in their study/work life. With the strength of the University of Sydney (ranked among the top 20 universities in the world), club members have the opportunity to create a successful life outside of cricket. Its corporate network is full of players and alumni who are successful in a variety of industries. www.sydneyniversitycricket.com.au

Swimming

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

Swimming at the University of Queensland

The UQ Sport Aquatic Centre in St Lucia offers three heated swimming pools: A 50m Olympic-sized pool, a 25m pool and a shallow pool.

Whether you've never swum before or you're an elite athlete, UQ has swimming lessons, a class or a squad that's right for you. The centre provides lessons, group fitness Swimfit, and training facilities for many UQ Sport Clubs.

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

UQ Varsity Squad

The UQ Varsity Squad is targeted at university-aged athletes. The coaching team aims to create a fun and social environment, while also challenging the team to reach their full athletic potential. Many squad members compete for UQ at national events, Uni Nationals, club meets or inter-varsity

competitions, but swimmers can also actively participate in this programme without the expectation to compete or attend a set number of sessions a week.

State Squad

This programme provides a key pathway for committed competitive swimmers wishing to become high level swimmers. These swimmers are actively pursuing swimming as a major sporting interest and are competing at state level or the equivalent, with a goal to work towards a national level. Members should be attending at least seven sessions per week.

National Squad

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

UQ Sport SwimFit

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



Netball

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

Netball at the University of Melbourne

The University provides three levels of netball competitions: High performance, competitive and social.

Melbourne University Lightning is the University's high-performance programme which offers athletes the chance to compete in the Victorian Netball League, Victoria's premier state level competition. The club has teams participating in two



divisions, Championship, and 23&U divisions. The competition runs from March to August, with weekly training that includes strength and conditioning. Trials are held in late August and preseason starts in November. This programme also has two development teams which play in the Tuesday Open Age Premier competition in Division 1 and 2, where training also include strength and conditioning.

Melbourne University Netball Club provides students with the opportunity to compete at both a competitive and social level.

The club has teams entered in the Parkville Netball open age premier competition held at the State Netball Hockey Centre. There are two seasons within the year and competitive teams play in the Tuesday Open Age Premier competition and Monday A Grade, with weekly training sessions available.

At a social level, the club also has teams in the Thursday B Grade competition also held at the State Netball Hockey Centre and in the University's Tin Alley competition. sport.unimelb.edu.au/clubs/netball

Short term options: Tester Semester

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

Exchange

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

There are advantages to participating in an exchange programme. The first is financial – you will continue to pay your usual tuition fees to your UK university for the overseas study, so there are no additional tuition fees to consider. Second, an established cross-crediting arrangement will be in place already, so transferring academic credit back to your UK degree should be straightforward.

You may, however, be limited in your choice of destinations as you can only apply to universities that your UK university has formal exchange agreements in place with. Places can also be limited, and therefore competitive. As a general rule, universities are only able to send as many students out on exchange as they receive in return. This can mean that even if a university has lots of agreements set up, there might only be a few places available on each. Check this carefully! If you want to apply for an exchange you would do so through your UK university. Most students go on exchange during their second year of undergraduate study.

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

On Tester Semester you can take three or four courses per semester. If you want to get involved in lots of extracurricular activities during your time at university – sport, travelling, student clubs and societies and so forth – you might opt for three courses, to ensure you have a manageable workload and therefore plenty of time to do everything else. If you are using it as a trial run for university, or you need to obtain academic credits for a degree in the UK or elsewhere, you might be better to take four.

Why take a Tester Semester?

Tester Semester enables 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; develop your initiative and self-confidence; to give your CV a valuable point of difference – without you having to commit to doing an entire qualification overseas.

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

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

Who can take a Tester Semester?

1. Gap year students

Tester Semester can form part of a gap year after leaving school. The flexibility of Tester Semester, which allows you to take a wide variety of courses from different areas of the university, means that it is a great way to try out different academic

subjects, but it is also an opportunity to see how you get on with university more generally.

If, during your Tester Semester, you find that you love studying overseas and want to stay to complete a full qualification, it's straightforward to convert to a degree (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 overseas university semester that should serve you well going forward, in other university applications, job applications and life in general!

2. Current university students looking for an alternative to Exchange

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



Tester Semester: The practicalities

How much does it cost?

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

When would I go?

The academic year in the southern hemisphere runs from February to November. Tester Semester is available to take in semester 1 (February through to June), or in semester 2 (July – November) though not all courses may be available in S2. 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 some time after finishing to stay and travel if you want to.

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

Where can I do Tester Semester during a gap year?

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



University of Sydney

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

Tuition fees: Approximately A\$12,600 per semester (term)
Available start dates: February or August

sydney-au.sa.terradotta.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgramAngular&id=10393



The University of Western Australia

Take the opportunity to study at UWA's beautiful campus, next to the Swan River in Perth. You can choose to complete three or four units of study during your semester at UWA, and will have the opportunity to select those units of study from a huge range of different academic subjects, many of which involve field trips and travel to really help you make the most of exploring Western Australia.

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

www.uwa.edu.au/study/courses-and-careers/study-abroad-and-student-exchange/uwa-inbound



Adelaide University

Known for its affordable cost of living, Adelaide offers a busy and vibrant lifestyle with open-air theatre, comedy and festivals in summer, art exhibitions and light displays in winter and sports events and film festivals all year round. Gap year students can select either three or four units per semester from a range of study areas including creative industries, science environment and sustainability and tourism, sport and events among many others.

Tuition fees: A\$6,200 – A\$9,100 for 3 units; A\$8,200 – A\$12,200 for four units
Available start dates: February or July

adelaideuni.edu.au/study/global-learning/study-abroad-and-exchange/



Deakin University

Deakin's campuses are spread across Victoria, offering a mix of bustling city life, stunning coastal views and a friendly, diverse student community. You can complete your semester in Melbourne, Geelong or Warrnambool, build lifelong friendships and experience a student lifestyle that balances study with adventure. You'll experience a high standard of education and great campus lifestyle, gaining valuable international perspectives and experiences.

Tuition fees: Approximately A\$8,700 for 3 units; A\$11,600 for 4 units
Available start dates: February or July

www.deakin.edu.au/international-students/study-abroad-and-exchange

Study costs

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

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

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

It's important to do your research into costs carefully and to factor budgets into your planning as early as possible. If you are working to a specific budget, costs could be a key factor when deciding which universities to apply to.

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

Yes. Provided you are studying a course that is at least one year long, you can work on a student

visa in both countries. You will be limited to 25 hours per week during term in New Zealand, while Australia allows students to work up to 48 hours per fortnight (you can work full time if you like during the holidays in both countries). Working part time can be a big help with living costs, but it is rarely enough to contribute to international tuition fees. Please see pages 32 and 60 for more information about working while on a student visa, including how much you might expect to earn.

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

No. It is not currently possible to use UK student finance to pay for any university course outside the UK (unless the overseas study is an integral part of a UK degree).

Unless you are a citizen of Australia or New Zealand you will not be eligible to get a student loan in Australia or New Zealand. The UK government does not currently offer scholarships or student loans

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

To get a guide on what to expect from the current cost of living in Australia please see page 32. For New Zealand, go to page 60

Inside the Leigh Marine Science Laboratory at the University of Auckland

Zealand universities are also often awarded based 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 please check their websites to see what is available via www.studyoptions.com/scholarships-and-funding. You can also use the Education New Zealand search tool, at www.studyinnewzealand.govt.nz/how-to-apply/scholarships

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

When should I investigate scholarship options?

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

Study costs: The key points

- Research tuition fees and living costs and use the results to help your thinking about where to apply
- Remember tuition fees are different for each degree, as well as at each university, so expect to see differences in tuition costs
- Living costs are also different in different places – make sure you factor this in
- 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 questions about costs, contact Study Options on 0117 911 5610 or mail@studyoptions.com

What about New Zealand?

International scholarships at New

Life after university: What comes next?

How will having a degree from an Australian or a 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 all now seek and employ graduates from universities all over the world. When a survey for The New York Times asked senior executives from leading companies in ten countries to name the top universities from which their organisations recruited, the list that resulted included universities from more than 20 different countries around the world.

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 make your CV stand out.

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

independent, self-reliant, resilient and flexible than most.

To maximise this point of difference, try and get involved in as many different activities as possible while you are studying abroad. This will make for excellent conversation in job applications and interviews when you return home – it gives opportunities few others will have had.

Studying overseas in itself also shows that someone is able to adjust to and work with other cultures, is outgoing and confident with a sense of adventure, has a global outlook and has made a conscious decision to embrace change – all traits 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 include opportunities for students to network and to undertake internships, industry projects and placements – in short, to put academic learning into practice in the real world and ensure they graduate ready to hit the ground running in their career.



The graduate: Kit Chamier

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

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

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

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

coaching with children, and now that I work with lots of junior athletes it has been so good to have that knowledge of how to work with them. The skill sets I picked up have been invaluable.

“The atmosphere in New Zealand – the way they approach lots of things in life, not just academic learning – is motivating. They are practical, pragmatic, no nonsense; they don't just push paper around – they get things done. That's a good way to be!

“After UC I went to Oxford Brookes to do a Masters in Sport and Exercise Science and Nutrition. That allowed me to register, and therefore to practice, in the UK. I didn't 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 came home to Jersey and a high end gym hired me as an 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 networked and I've been on that roll ever since.

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

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

How to apply

Follow this step-by-step guide for a stress-free application experience and 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 in the last year of school.

You can make your applications as soon as you have details of your predicted grades. We recommend you apply by the end of April of year 13.

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

Once you have got conditional offers in place, you don't need to do anything further until you receive final results. You can hold your Australian and New Zealand university offers alongside any offers you receive from universities in the UK, or elsewhere, and make the decision of which to accept after you get your final results.

I'm a university student. Can I apply now and get a conditional offer for a postgraduate course?

Yes. You can apply in your final year of university study and be assessed for an offer that will be conditional on you achieving specified results in your finals. We recommend you apply by late April of final year.

Alternatively, you can wait until you finish your degree and apply with your final results for an unconditional offer of place. Here, we advise you apply immediately after graduating in the UK.

Your decision on which of these routes to take could depend on when your chosen course starts in Australia or New Zealand. The majority of courses start in semester 1 (February). If applying for this intake, you can select either of the application options above. Some courses, however, can also be started in semester 2 (July). If you want to start in S2 and go into postgrad straight from undergrad, please apply for a conditional offer of place, as outlined above.

Will I have to sit a test to apply?

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


BTEC, International Baccalaureate 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 aptitude test results. Some postgraduate applications will require a detailed CV, others may ask for academic references. Creative courses at any level, 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.

My applications are ready to go. Where should I send them?

Please submit all applications to mail@studyoptions.com. We check to make sure everything is correct and complete – and that your applications are as strong as possible – before uploading them to Admissions for assessment. 

How Study Options can help

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

- Provide comprehensive support 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
- Waive application fees for the majority of applicants. These fees 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 get uni accommodation, book flights, get the right medical insurance, apply for a visa and lots more! www.studyoptions.com/costs-practicalities
- Provide a full student visa application checking and support service. www.studyoptions.com/visas

Contact Study Options
☎ 0117 911 5610
✉ mail@studyoptions.com
🌐 www.studyoptions.com/contact

The Study Options team are available Monday – Friday to chat and answer questions about any aspect of studying in Australia or New Zealand. Look forward to hearing from you!

1 THINK CAREFULLY

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

2 RESEARCH YOUR OPTIONS

We will send you a list of courses available in your subject. This will include details of course content, structure, tuition fees, entry requirements, deadlines and any other key information. Go through it carefully. We offer free, expert, friendly advice, so call, email, book an online meeting or come and see us to talk through your options. The goal at this point is to create a shortlist of universities to apply to.

5 THE DECISION

If you have been offered a place, we will send over 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 finding and applying for uni accommodation, booking travel, applying for a student visa and anything else you need to arrange. If you need help with anything, at any point, just ask!

3 GET YOUR APPLICATION FORMS

When you've decided where to apply, get the application forms from www.studyoptions.com/how-apply or request copies via email (mail@studyoptions.com) or phone (0117 911 5610). Each application form provides clear instructions on how to complete it and a checklist of supporting documents required.

7 FINAL PREPARATIONS

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

4 SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATIONS

Send your completed applications to Study Options (mail@studyoptions.com). We will check to make sure everything is correct and complete, and complete any document checks the university requires. Then we will upload the applications for assessment.

8 YOU'VE MADE IT!

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

Australia

Australia is the world's sixth largest country but has a population of just 27 million. Known for the diversity of its landscapes and famous wildlife, there's a lot to explore and an incredible amount of space to do it in

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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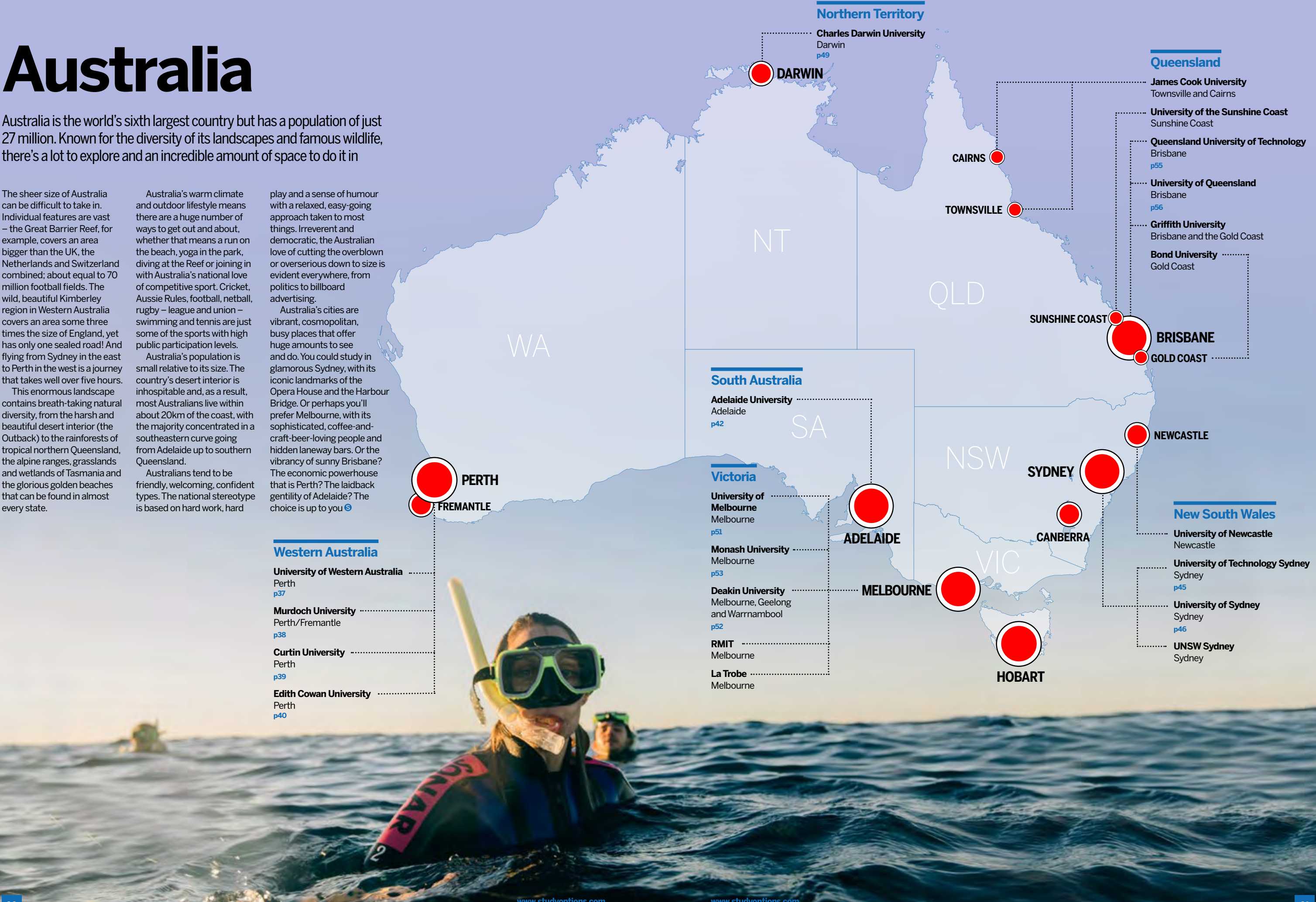
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Dollars and sense: Australia

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?

Australian universities recommend international students budget from A\$30,000 per year for living costs. This is a general figure. Some places are more expensive to live in than others, so check the information on each university's website, or speak to Study Options, to get more specific guidelines. Bear in mind that figures quoted are approximate, and the cost of living will vary according to lifestyle. All costs here are given in Australian dollars. In September 2025 £1 was worth just over A\$2 (www.xe.com).

Loaf of bread: From \$3.50
Milk (2 litres): From \$3.50
Takeaway pizza: Starts around \$15
Takeaway coffee: From \$5
Pint of beer in a pub: From \$10
Bowl of noodles at a restaurant: From \$15
Cinema ticket (student concession): From \$12
Backpacker accommodation: From \$30 – \$40 per night for a bed in a shared dorm
Flight from Sydney to Melbourne: From \$150

How much money do you need to live as a student in Australia? There's no simple answer to this question, as it depends on where you are and what you are studying as well as on your individual needs and habits. But, that said, here's a rough idea of what to expect.

When thinking about budgets remember to factor in how long you intend to be in Australia each year. The Australian academic year is typically 40 weeks long, and lots of the online 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. The single biggest living expense for every student is housing. Each university offers different options for accommodation and it's a good idea to look into them, and factor their likely costs into your budget, as early as you can.

Fully-catered halls of residence or residential colleges are good for having lots of things included, so you don't need to worry about them in your weekly costs. Fees

are generally payable at the start of the semester, often as a lump sum. Halls and residential colleges vary in terms of what's included in the price, but you can usually count on several meals a day and all utilities covered (plus internet and laundry). Check websites carefully to see what is (and is not) included in the price.

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

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

Self-catered university flats or halls of residence offer the security of fully catered halls (not having to worry about utilities, only having to pay per term, being on or close to campus so lower travel costs etc) but give you the added flexibility of

being able to control food bills.

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

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

Accommodation and every day costs

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



Adelaide University
Adelaide, South Australia

Rent (fully catered residential college): From \$500 per week
Rent (private accommodation): \$300 – \$600 per week
Power/utilities: \$35 – \$50 per week
Food: From \$100 per week
Local travel: From \$10 – \$20 per week
international.adelaide.edu.au/life-in-adelaide/cost-of-living



James Cook University
Townsville, Queensland

Rent (on campus accommodation): From \$220 – \$535 per week
Rent (private accommodation): From \$180 – \$500 per week
Power/utilities: From \$30 per week
Food: From \$120 per week
Local travel: \$10 – \$20 per week
www.jcu.edu.au/international-students/coming-to-australia



The University of Queensland
Brisbane, Queensland

Rent (on campus accommodation): From \$340 (self-catered) – \$750 (fully catered) residential college per week
Rent (shared off-campus accommodation): From \$220 per week
Power/utilities: From \$40 per week
Food: From \$120 per week
Local travel: \$30 per week
future-students.uq.edu.au/university-life/living-in-brisbane/cost-living



UWA
Perth, Western Australia

Rent (catered on campus accommodation): From \$465 per week
Rent (private accommodation): From \$250 per week
Power/utilities: \$25 per week
Food: From \$150 per week
Local travel: From \$5 per week
www.uwa.edu.au/study/Student-life/cost-of-living



Griffith University
Gold Coast, Queensland

Rent (catered on campus accommodation): Up to \$400 per week
Rent (private off-campus accommodation): From \$200 per week
Power/utilities: 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



UNSW Sydney
Sydney, New South Wales

Rent (catered on campus housing): From \$400 – \$600 per week
Rent (private off-campus accommodation): From \$300 per week
Power/utilities: From \$40 per week
Food: From \$150 per week
Local travel: Around \$55 per week
www.unsw.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/fees



The University of Melbourne
Melbourne, Victoria

Rent (on campus housing): From \$420 (self-catered) to \$750 (fully catered) residential college per week
Rent (private off campus accommodation): From \$450 per week
Power/utilities: From \$35 per week
Food: From \$150 per week
Local travel: \$40 per week
study.unimelb.edu.au/student-life/cost-of-living



ANU
Canberra, ACT

Rent (on campus accommodation): From \$350 (self-catered) to \$580 per week (catered)
Rent (private off campus accommodation): From \$320 per week
Power/utilities: \$70 per week
Food: From \$150 per week
Local travel: From \$35 per week
www.anu.edu.au/students/program-administration/fees-payments/estimated-cost-of-living-in-canberra

Working while you study

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

All Australian universities have a Student Job Search service, to help their students find part-time work during term time and in the summer holidays. If you want to find part-time work, make sure you join or access this service as soon as you can and

check the job boards regularly, as new offers come in on a rolling basis.

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

The minimum wage in Australia, as of July 2025, is A\$24.95 an hour pre-tax.

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

The majority of the students who apply to study in Australia through Study Options choose to work while they study. 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 a job 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 longer in Australia will need a student visa. Study Options provides full support through this process – here are a few things to know before you start



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 uni 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 2025) but is subject to change. Please check the Australian Department of Home Affairs (Immigration and Citizenship) website at immi.homeaffairs.gov.au for the most up-to-date information.

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 via the online system <https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login>

When should I apply?

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

Is there an age limit?

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

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

Yes, your working holiday visa status has no impact on a student visa application, assuming you didn't break any immigration rules during your working holiday visa (such as overstaying, or working when your visa didn't allow you to). If you had any such issues during

or after your WHV contact Study Options to discuss your case.

How much does it cost?

The student visa application fee is currently A\$2,000, which must be paid when you submit your online application. If you have dependents joining you on your visa, for example your partner, there will be additional fees to pay. If you are already in Australia on a different visa when you apply there may 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 programme (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 but please

don't book any travel (unless the details can be easily amended) until you have been granted a visa.

What will I need to apply?

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

Do I need to provide any health documents or checks?

Citizens of some countries (including the UK) are not required to have a health assessment except in certain circumstances,

Temporary graduate visas

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

The first thing to stress is that if you want to keep living in Australia after completing your university studies it is your responsibility to ensure that you can move on to an appropriate visa that allows you to do this. Remember that immigration rules change regularly, and visas that are available at the start of your course may not be available by the time you graduate. Always make sure you check immi.homeaffairs.gov.au for the latest information. That said, according to current policy, if you are a graduate of an Australian university course that meets eligibility requirements you may be eligible to

apply for a temporary graduate visa.

Temporary Graduate Visa (subclass 485)

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

1. Post-Vocational Education Work Stream

This allows full work rights for you (and your partner, if applicable) for 18 months (Hong Kong and British National Overseas passport holders may stay for five years) from the date of issue. You will only be able to apply for this visa if you satisfy certain criteria, the main one being that the qualification you hold relates to an occupation on Australia's Skilled Occupation List. This stream is designed for graduates meeting the Australian study requirement with an associate degree, diploma or a trade qualification.

2. Post-Higher Education Work Stream

This visa allows full work rights for you (and your partner) for up to three years (Hong Kong and British National Overseas passport holders may stay for five years). This stream is for applicants meeting the Australian study requirements with a degree level qualification or higher.

Second Post-Higher Education Work Stream

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

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

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

Could I stay permanently once my course has finished?

It may be possible to apply for other temporary or permanent visas at the end of your course. See the Australian Department of Home Affairs (Immigration and

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

Yes. You will need to show evidence you have enrolled them into an Australian school when applying for your student visa. Please be

You can only apply for a student visa once you have accepted an offer and received a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) from your chosen university in Australia

Study and stay?

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

“The first thing I always say to anyone wanting to do this is remember: Nothing can be 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 several factors including your age, qualifications, skills assessment and proficiency in English. You may also get extra points for studying in certain areas

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

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

Stefan
Stefan, Study Options

If your questions or personal circumstances aren't covered here please call Stefan on 0117 911 5610, email mail@studyoptions.com, or go online at www.studyoptions.com/contact to arrange a meeting

aware you will also need to pay fees for them to attend state (or private) schools. Australian state school fees vary hugely. Some levels of study mean dependent children do not have to pay school fees. Western Australia is the only state to give school fee exemptions for children of masters students.

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

On an Australian student visa, your partner and any dependent children will be included in your student visa application as your dependants, they do 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. ☺



Western Australia

Western Australia is Australia's largest state, covering a third of the continent – an area 10 times bigger than the UK. Its population, however, is relatively small. WA is home to around 3 million people, the majority of whom live in and around the thriving city of Perth, the nearby port of Fremantle and along the southwestern coast.

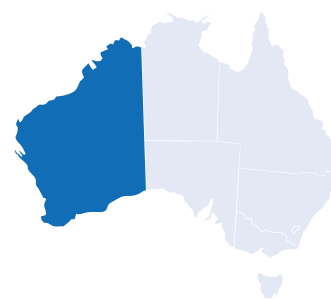
Western Australia's size and isolation from the east coast gives it a character all its own, which has traditionally proven popular

with British and Irish migrants – there are 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.

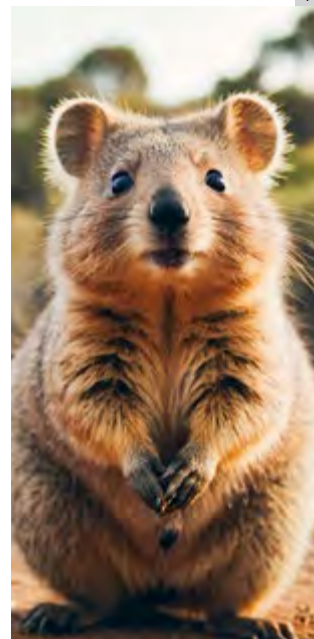
There is plenty to see and do, with the southwest region of the state in particular prized as one of the world's biodiversity hotspots. Up to 80% of fish, invertebrates and other organisms here are not to be found anywhere else in the world, making Western Australia the perfect living laboratory for study and research.

Population: Around 3 million
Size: 2,529,875sq km
State capital: Perth
Universities: University of Western Australia (UWA), Murdoch University, Curtin University, Edith Cowan University (ECU)

www.westernaustralia.com



1: Kalbarri National Park 2: Elizabeth Quay and the Perth central business district at sunset 3: Rottnest Island, a protected nature reserve (and car-free zone) off the coast of Perth 4: A quokka, native to Western Australia 5: Kings Park in Perth



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The University of Western Australia

The University of Western Australia (UWA) is in Perth. One of the most affordable capital cities in Australia, Perth has wages 8.9% above the national average (Australian Bureau of Statistics 2024).

Perth enjoys a Mediterranean climate with hot, dry summers and mild, wet winters. It is the sunniest capital city in Australia, with clear blue skies for 70% of the year! The warm weather and clean air allow Perthians to enjoy an outdoor lifestyle all year-round.

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

The top-ranked university in the state, UWA is recognised as a world top 100 university, ranked 77 in the QS World University Rankings 2026. It is a proud member of the

Group of Eight, a coalition of Australia's leading research-intensive universities, similar to the UK Russell Group.

Campus and student life

UWA's campus is one of the most picturesque in Australia with iconic sandstone buildings in heritage listed gardens with abundant wildlife. It is just 10 minutes from the centre of Perth and close to many of the city's stunning beaches.

On campus are a range of amenities, including libraries, a supermarket, cafés, a medical centre, bookshops, a vibrant cultural precinct and tonnes of student clubs and societies. UWA has a strong focus on sport and students can play competitive and social sports and enjoy our fully equipped gym and fitness classes, as well as our brand new reformer pilates studio. We also have a long history of supporting athletes competing at the highest level. The

1: UWA's main campus in Perth, a city consistently voted among the most liveable cities in the world and well connected to the UK, with daily direct flights to London. 2: Reflection Pond on campus 3: UWA Business Trading Room



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Australia
The University of Western Australia (UWA)



UWA Student Athlete Development Programme is home to some of Australia's Olympians and World Champions. UWA Sport is proud to have the highest number of student-athletes in the state, with the programme helping athletes, coaches and officials to achieve success in all their aspirations.

Courses

UWA offers undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, as well as higher degrees by research, in different study areas including:

- Architecture and design
- Business and commerce
- Data and computer science
- Education
- Engineering
- Health and biomedical sciences
- Humanities and social sciences
- Law
- Medicine and dentistry

- Music and fine arts
- Natural and physical sciences

Employability

A degree is an investment in your future. UWA graduates consistently exceed the national average starting salaries and state graduate employment rates. We celebrate strong industry partnerships, offering our students practical, real-world experiences and professional networking opportunities. Such initiatives include work integrated learning and placements, as well as UWA Career Mentor Link, a programme that matches industry professionals with UWA students. Students can seek advice and information about their direction and goals, while mentors share their industry skills and insights and take an active interest in the career development of the student. This hands-on learning approach is highly valued by employers and ensures our students graduate career-ready.

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

Scholarships

UWA Global Excellence Scholarships continue in 2026, offering talented undergraduate and postgraduate students a reduction of up to A\$12,000 a year on tuition fees (some course exclusions apply).

UWA subject rankings

UWA has 13 subjects ranked in the world's top 50 by QS and GRAS.

QS World University Rankings By Subject 2025:

- Agriculture and forestry
- Anatomy and physiology
- Engineering – mineral and mining
- Geology
- Sports-related Subjects

ShanghaiRanking Global Ranking of Academic Subjects (GRAS) 2024:

- Agricultural sciences
- Biological sciences
- Clinical medicine
- Environmental science and engineering
- Marine and ocean engineering
- Mining and mineral engineering
- Oceanography
- Water resources (engineering)



THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Established: 1911

Location: Perth

Student population: Around 28,000

Go to: uwa.edu.au/study

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

Murdoch University

Murdoch University embraces what's brighter in everyone, then helps to spread that brightness so that our community can flourish.

Since its foundation in 1974, Murdoch has been a university of difference associated with environment and conservation, social justice and inclusion.

Ranked first in WA for social equity and student to teacher ratio by the Good Universities Guide, Murdoch is a place you can be yourself and be appreciated for who you are.

In a world that craves connection more than ever before, we need a place and people that are making it brighter. And that place is here.

Perth campus

Our main campus, 20 minutes from Perth and the historic port of Fremantle, offers all our courses and a unique student experience. One of the largest campuses in Australia, it sits on 227 hectares of beautiful native bush. Choose to live on-campus at Murdoch Village and you can walk to and from class, enjoying the sights and sounds of local wildlife throughout the year.

Bush Court is at the heart of the campus. Relax between classes, enjoy pop up live music events, or visit the stalls at Guild Market Day.

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

1: Bush Court is at the heart of campus – grab a deckchair or a beanbag and relax! 2: Students visit student club stalls at Guild Market Day



Murdoch's drive to be a world leader in sustainability practices is seen in Boola Katijin's construction, which emphasises locally sourced timber, solar panel technology and rainwater recycling.

What can you study at Murdoch?

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

A supportive environment

Murdoch offers an extensive range of support for students including a full orientation, student advisors, and academic coaching. Visit our wellbeing hub, The Den, and the International Cafe which offers craftersnacks, games, and health and wellbeing events. You can also join social, cultural or sport based student clubs through the Student Guild – or start your own!

Research at Murdoch

We are a research-led university that focuses on multidisciplinary translational research with real-life impact. We engage with global challenges and 'wicked' problems. Our world has complex problems with interconnected causes: Climate change, land degradation, population growth and ageing, food and water security, minority group disadvantage, emerging infectious disease.

Degrees in focus

Bachelor of Science/ Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

Western Australia's only veterinary science degree equips students with expertise, skills and practical experience required to tackle the evolving challenges faced by companion animals, livestock, and wildlife. We integrate teaching and practical experience through our on-campus working large animal farm and our Animal Hospital.

Bachelor of Nursing

Our nursing degree offers training in fully-equipped wards, treatment areas and simulation rooms using hi-tech audiovisual equipment, wireless technology and computer labs. There are also extensive clinical placement opportunities across a variety of healthcare settings, giving you hands-on experience in hospitals, aged care, and community health in metropolitan, rural and remote settings throughout the course.

Master of Counselling

Counsellors help people through difficult times in their lives. You will develop skills in assessment, individual and group treatment through supervised placements, working with child and adult clients. You can also reinforce academic learning with practical experience at the University Counselling Service.



MURDOCH UNIVERSITY

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



Curtin University

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

Global recognition

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

Curtin Business School is recognised as an elite global school with accreditations from EQUIS, AACB International and EFMD.

The Faculty of Science and Engineering has the best ranking in earth sciences in Australia and a top-five world ranking in mineral and mining engineering. The faculty also has top-50 rankings in geology, geophysics, and earth and marine sciences² and top-75 rankings for civil engineering and chemical engineering.³

In the Faculty of Humanities, Curtin is highly regarded for its Sustainable Futures and Planet Positive initiatives, which contribute to its strong ranking in architecture and the built environment.

In the Faculty of Health Sciences, Curtin holds top-100 rankings for sports-related subjects

and nursing³. Curtin's Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) is the only direct-entry undergraduate medicine degree in Western Australia.

A broad range of study choices

Curtin offers undergraduate and postgraduate degrees across ten study areas:

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

Most degrees offer a range of majors, and students also have the flexibility to tailor their degree with specialisations, to either broaden their skill sets and career options or to deepen their expertise in a preferred area. Across all study areas, Curtin enriches its learning programmes with technology-rich learning environments that simulate real-world industry settings. Examples include:



- Curtin Engineering Pavilion and Green Electric Energy Park for engineering students
- Computing superlab and a cybersecurity lab for IT students
- Moot Court, where Curtin Law students practise legal and debating skills
- Allied health clinics, a simulated hospital ward and a pharmacy for health science courses
- Media production and photography studios for creative industries and arts courses.

Sought-after graduates

The University's strong industry partnerships are commonly cited by international students as a key reason they chose to study at Curtin. These partnerships offer the benefits of work-integrated learning and internships, but also ensure that Curtin is abreast of industry requirements and trends.

As testament to the success of Curtin's collaborative approach to teaching and learning, in the Australian Government's most recent employer survey, Curtin graduates were rated the best in Australia for employer satisfaction⁴ and in the 2025 Good Universities Guide Curtin

1: A student relaxes on campus at Curtin Perth campus 2: Makerspace at the School of Design and Built Environment

was again named as Western Australia's top public university for undergraduate employment outcomes and staff qualifications.

A history of innovation

Curtin's emphasis on innovation originates with its foundation as the Western Australian Institute of Technology, which became Curtin University almost 40 years ago.

Curtin has dedicated workshops for students and staff to develop their entrepreneurial ideas, and, in 2024, launched the Bachelor of Innovation for students who aspire to develop novel businesses and products or services.

A vibrant campus life

Curtin's main campus, Curtin Perth, is attractive and vibrant, close to the shopping and cuisine precinct of Victoria Park and the scenic Canning River Regional Park. Market days, live music, multicultural celebrations and the Guild Ball are some examples of popular on-campus events.

Support services for students

Curtin prioritises student wellbeing and provides on-campus health services, including medical services and a Student Wellbeing Advisory team. Curtin also helps students move to university study with mentoring, peer-to-peer tutoring and free study support.

On-campus accommodation

Curtin Perth has six on-campus accommodation options provided by St Catherine's and UniLodge. All are in walking distance of the centre of campus, the Curtin stadium recreation centre, public transport, various food outlets and a local shopping precinct.

1 Academic Ranking of World Universities 2024
2 QS World University Rankings By Subject 2025
3 Shanghai Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2024
4 QILT Employer Satisfaction Survey



CURTIN UNIVERSITY

Established: 1966 (as the Western Australian Institute of Technology)
Location: Perth (also campuses in Malaysia, Singapore, Dubai, Mauritius, and Colombo)
Student population: 65,000
Go to: curtin.edu.au/international
CRICOS: 00301J; **TEQSA:** PRV12158

Edith Cowan University (ECU)

We are named for an Australian icon

Edith Cowan OBE was the first woman to get into an Australian parliament – that was in the 1920's!

She was a trailblazer who fought tirelessly to improve conditions for women, children, families, the poor, the uneducated and elderly. And she influenced the course of education in Australia, paving the way for many people to access education. So when we opened our doors as a university in 1991, we didn't just acquire Edith's name; we embraced her values and vision.

For example, we champion inclusion and equity – everyone is welcome here.

If you become an ECU student, we'll support you through all kinds of dedicated systems and friendly staff, especially if you experience personal or academic challenges. We even have a Wellness Centre for students.

Our staff will actively engage with you, always prioritising your learning experience.

No wonder we're consistently ranked one of the best in Australia for things like student support and overall student experience (Good Universities Guide 2024).

Explore ECU courses for in-demand professions in the UK:

Teacher training: www.ecu.edu.au/degrees/study-areas/teacher-education

Paramedicine: www.ecu.edu.au/degrees/study-areas/medical-and-health-sciences/paramedicine

Nursing: www.ecu.edu.au/degrees/courses/bachelor-of-science-nursing

Business analytics: www.ecu.edu.au/degrees/courses/bachelor-of-business-analytics

Eligibility for ECU academic scholarships is automatically assessed at the time of application. These potentially award a 20% reduction on annual tuition fees to help you to gain a world-class education. There are also scholarships that can assist with living costs. For details of terms and conditions please see www.ecu.edu.au/scholarships/offers

We make creative thinkers here too

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

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

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

Speaking of teaching, we're also an established Australian leader in the quality of our teaching. It's a big part of our values. And it's why our graduates have given us the top 5 stars rating for 17 years in a row in the Good Universities Guide.

Diverse students, diverse staff and diverse courses

As a student, you'll be spoilt for choice at ECU. There's so much variety across our eight study areas – Arts and Humanities; Business and Law; Engineering; Medical and Health Sciences; Nursing; Science; Teacher Education and the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts.

Our courses are internationally recognised, with many professionally accredited by national and international organisations.

Here, you can expect learning to go beyond the classroom, with practicum placements in real businesses and organisations, opportunities for paid internships, university exchange programmes and international study tours.

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

We're young and we're curious

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

Being young means we're constantly curious. That curiosity has led us to not only being creative thinkers, but also to undertaking world-class research, the kind that makes a strong social, economic, environmental and cultural impact.

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

We're building the university of the future

Our three campuses – in the city of Joondalup, in Mount Lawley on the fringe of Perth city and in the beautiful South West of our state – are now joined by our new City campus, right in the middle of our capital city, Perth.

And not just any campus, but 11 integrated storeys of high-tech wizardry, both inside and outside the building, full of students of the creative industries, performing arts, business and much more.

The doors open for Semester 1 in February 2026. Join us! 📧



ECU

Established: 1991

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

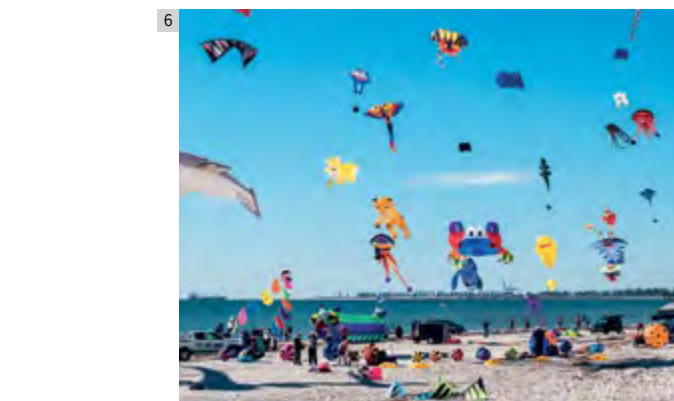
Student population: Over 30,000

Go to: ecu.edu.au/international

CRICOS: 00279B **TEQSA:** PRV12160

www.studyoptions.com

1: The Spheres in Rundle Mall, Adelaide, are known as the Malls Balls by locals 2: Adelaide University 3: Glenelg Beach 4: The Wisteria Arbour at Adelaide Botanic Garden 5: Sunrise at a vineyard in the Barossa Valley 6: Adelaide International Kite Festival

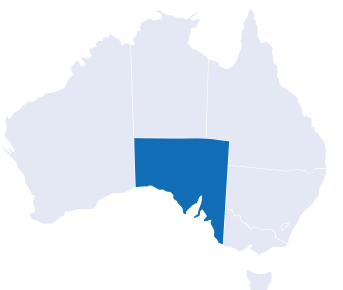


South Australia

South Australia, in the southern central area of the country, is large in size but relatively low in population, with just 1.9 million people. Most South Australians (almost 80%) live in and around the quietly genteel state capital city, Adelaide. Voted one of the top ten cities in the world in which to live in 2025 by the Economist Intelligence Unit, Adelaide has built up a great array of sporting and arts events that it plays host to each year, including the Adelaide Festival, WOMAdelaide and the Adelaide Fringe Festival. As well as attracting sports fans and culture lovers, the city is also the gateway to some of Australia's best wine-growing regions and has long been a favourite destination for foodies from all over the world.

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

www.southaustralia.com



1: The University's new City Campus in the heart of Perth 2: Joondalup Campus 3: Students enjoying an open-air movie night



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Adelaide University

We are Australia's new university for the future, ranked in the global top 100 and focused on making a transformative impact in our world – and yours.

With more than 180 years of collective experience and achievement, Adelaide University is built on the legacies of the University of South Australia and the University of Adelaide. We will leverage the resources of our foundation institutions to launch bright futures for contemporary learners and global citizens.

Through partnerships that foster educational and research excellence, Adelaide University will make a measurable impact by addressing intergenerational disadvantage; creative and cultural industries; health and wellbeing; sustainable futures and future workforce.

Our ambition is to be world leading and world referenced through the success and impact of our students, staff, researchers, partners and alumni community. We believe in the power of education and research to create vibrant communities and to address the multigenerational challenges before us.

Adelaide University will drive a transformative agenda as a global powerhouse for the delivery of excellence and equity.

Reimagining the teaching and learning experience

We are transforming how students will study with the Adelaide Attainment model, which supports flexibility and engagement.

Common Core courses

You will be able to select Common Core courses from areas most valued by employers, including:

- **Artificial intelligence:** Introduces the fundamental principles, techniques, and real-world applications of AI.
- **Data knowledge:** Explores data types, sources and structures, best practices for collecting, managing and analysing data and strategies for evaluating and communicating information effectively.
- **Entrepreneurship and design thinking:** Develops the tools and the mindset to identify opportunities, develop sustainable solutions, and drive positive change.
- **Ethical knowledges:** Examines the fundamental principles of moral reasoning and its application to the real world.
- **Intercultural understanding:** Fosters cross-cultural communication and competency and a deeper understanding of how cultural background shapes life experiences.
- **First Nations knowledges:** Learning and centring Aboriginal voices and ways of knowing, being and becoming.

Graduate qualities

Our curriculum design means that you will graduate as a:

- **Lifelong learner:** Have an enduring passion for personal and professional development.

- **Ethical leader:** Do what is right over what is easy.
- **Strategic problem solver:** Approach challenges with analytical rigour and creative insight.
- **Global citizen:** Respect your role in the world and your ability to enact positive change.
- **Resilient thinker:** Succeed by harnessing critical, creative and adaptable thinking.
- **Trusted communicator:** Articulate ideas effectively and inspire change.

First Nations knowledges

First Nations Knowledges are embedded into all curriculum through collaboration with Aboriginal scholars, academics, Elders, and Communities and Knowledge Holders. Cultural safety, strengths-based approaches and centering Aboriginal voices and ways of knowing, being and becoming are integrated across all our study areas.

The Adelaide Academy

The Academy provides a range of intercurricular, co-curricular and extracurricular activities across areas including personal discovery, equity and social change, innovation, leadership for the future, and widening perspectives as well as additional mentoring and work integrated learning.

World-class facilities

Our purpose-built facilities are modern and equipped with industry standard tools and technologies, helping you prepare

for career success. You will have access to some of the best learning areas, including simulated spaces that replicate financial trading rooms, operating theatres, dental clinics, microbreweries, and immersive 3D environments.

Adelaide University: Research Future-making research

You will benefit from a curriculum that is informed and influenced by our research strengths and institutes, allowing you to study the most current practices and global trends. Adelaide University's partnerships and collaborations drive transformational initiatives and foster research excellence. We aim to become Australia's most industry engaged university and to use our resources to discover solutions for global challenges so we can help build a better world.

Discover our research degrees

An Adelaide University research degree will deepen your knowledge in a specialised area and make a unique contribution to the world around you. You could generate new insights or spark innovation, or even transform your findings into a breakthrough discovery.

Our five research themes are focused on impact and founded on excellence: Creative and Cultural; Personal and Societal; Health Defence and National Security; Sustainable Green Transition; Food, Agriculture and Wine.

Exceptional student experiences

Here you will be part of a rich and engaging university community

with opportunities to develop your employability, so you can help shape the future and thrive in a rapidly changing world. Adelaide University will be home to a diverse, global student community offering a vibrant and inclusive student experience.

You will be empowered with the skills to transform yourself, your community and the world. Your student experience will include:

- Industry connection for a relevant, real-world education to help you succeed in the workplace.
- Individual flexibility for your unique needs, personal goals and learning preferences.
- Intuitive and engaging digital experiences.
- A focus on place, culture and community, developing a global outlook while being enriched with Aboriginal Knowledges and perspectives.
- Supporting and empowering you to succeed on your own terms.

Student support

You will benefit from a range of support services and an active campus community designed to help you succeed personally and academically. There are countless

opportunities available, whether you are interested in joining clubs, participating in events or accessing wellbeing resources.

Your future career

At Adelaide University, employability is a key part of the student experience. Our goal is to be the best university in Australia for graduate employment outcomes.

Employability is embedded into the curriculum and we will provide career support and rewarding opportunities to help you connect with industry and communities. At Adelaide University you can explore your passions and identity, unlock your potential and discover your purpose. We are aiming for all students of all levels and fields to engage with industry through placements, internships, and entrepreneurial experiences. We are working with more than 200 industry members and employers on programme design to create a highly informed curriculum.

Discover Adelaide

One of the world's most liveable cities, Adelaide is affordable and accessible. The city balances the best of urban living with beautiful natural landscapes. Enjoy great beaches such as Glenelg, long

stretches of coastline in every direction, the rolling Adelaide Hills, famous wine regions, and the beauty of Kangaroo Island: there is always something to explore.

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



ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY

Established: 2025
Student population: Approx 70,000
Location: Adelaide and campuses throughout South Australia
Go to: www.adelaideuni.edu.au
CRICOS 04249J; **TEQSA** PRV14404

Our campuses

Adelaide University proudly holds the largest campus footprint in South Australia, with metropolitan and regional campuses. All our campuses provide dynamic learning environments where you will have access to modern, purpose-built facilities, as well as industry-standard tools and technologies, preparing you for your future career. You will also have access to student support and wellbeing services, along with shared spaces open to the public, including galleries, museums, cafés and eateries.

Adelaide City Campus

Where cutting-edge connects with tradition in the heart of the city. Adelaide City Campus is positioned on North Terrace.

Magill Campus

Lush parklands and industry-standard facilities in Adelaide's east make up Magill Campus, tucked in the picturesque eastern suburbs of Adelaide. It is 7km from the city centre, around 22 minutes by bus.

Mawson Lakes Campus

This suburban wetlands campus features technologically advanced facilities, set within the Mawson Lakes residential development. It is 12km from the city centre – a journey of around 17 minutes by express train.

Waite Campus

Waite Campus is home to many of our agricultural, horticultural and viticultural industry partners. It is around 25 minutes from the city centre by bus.

Roseworthy Campus

Focused on agricultural excellence, Roseworthy is home to our animal and veterinary science research. It is 50km from Adelaide, around an hour's journey by car.

Regional campuses

Mount Gambier Campus

Mount Gambier Campus is set in the scenic Limestone Coast region. It is 430km from the city; around five hours away by car.

Whyalla Campus

The largest regional university campus in South Australia, Whyalla is 380km from Adelaide – four hours journey by car.



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1: Adelaide University's Health Precinct in central Adelaide 2: Students cross the Goodman Crescent 3: Barr Smith Reading Room, Adelaide City Campus



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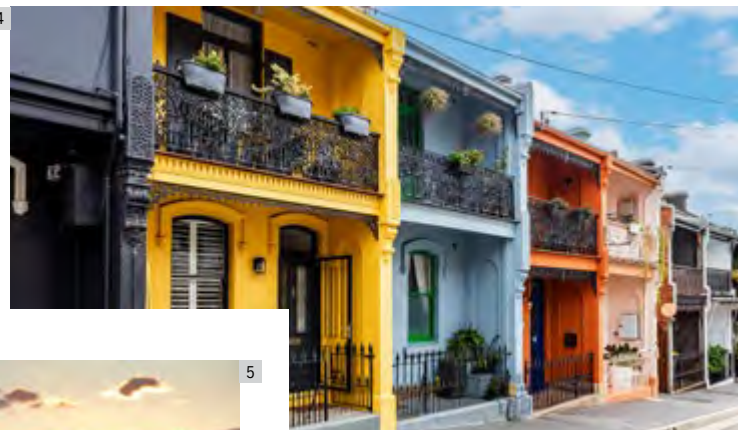


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1: Cape Byron Lighthouse at Byron Bay 2: Bondi Icebergs Swimming Club at Bondi Beach, Sydney 3: Sydney at sunset 4: Colourful houses in Paddington, Sydney 5: A surfer heads to the sea at Byron Bay 6: The Blue Mountains

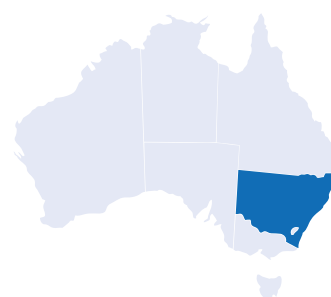
New South Wales



New South Wales is Australia's most populous state – around a third of all Australians live here – and its largest economy. Valued at almost A\$700 billion, 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. New South Wales also has over 1,000 kilometres of coastline, which includes seemingly endless stretches of golden sand as well as hipster beachside towns like Byron Bay.

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

www.visitnsw.com



University of Technology Sydney (UTS)

Join a community shaping the future. UTS is one of the top 100 universities in the world (QS World University Rankings 2026). We're also Australia's leading technology university. We offer undergraduate, postgraduate and research programmes across a range of study areas, including:

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

Connect with industry

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

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

Why study with us?

We're Sydney's city university.

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

We're a leading technology university.

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

We've built a campus of the future.

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

We have connections that count.

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

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

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

Research at UTS

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

Move between study, work and play

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



Australia
 University of Technology
 Sydney (UTS)

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

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

Student support

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

More than just a job

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

Scholarships at UTS

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

UTS UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY

UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY (UTS)

Established: 1870s as a technical institution; university status in 1988

Location: Sydney

Student population: Approx 51,000

Go to: www.uts.edu.au

CRICOS: 00099F; **TEQSA** PRV12060

The University of Sydney

Leadership for good starts here

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

We're ranked in the top 25 universities in the world and are known internationally as leaders in education, research, student experience and graduate outcomes.

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

Follow your interests. All of them...

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

Why choose Sydney?

- Ranked first in Australia by the US News Ranking
- Ranked in the top 25 universities in the world by the QS World University Rankings 2026
- 100+ majors and minors to combine your interests across disciplines
- 260+ clubs and societies to enrich your student life

Areas of study available include:

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

Real-world projects and internships

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

Our campuses and facilities

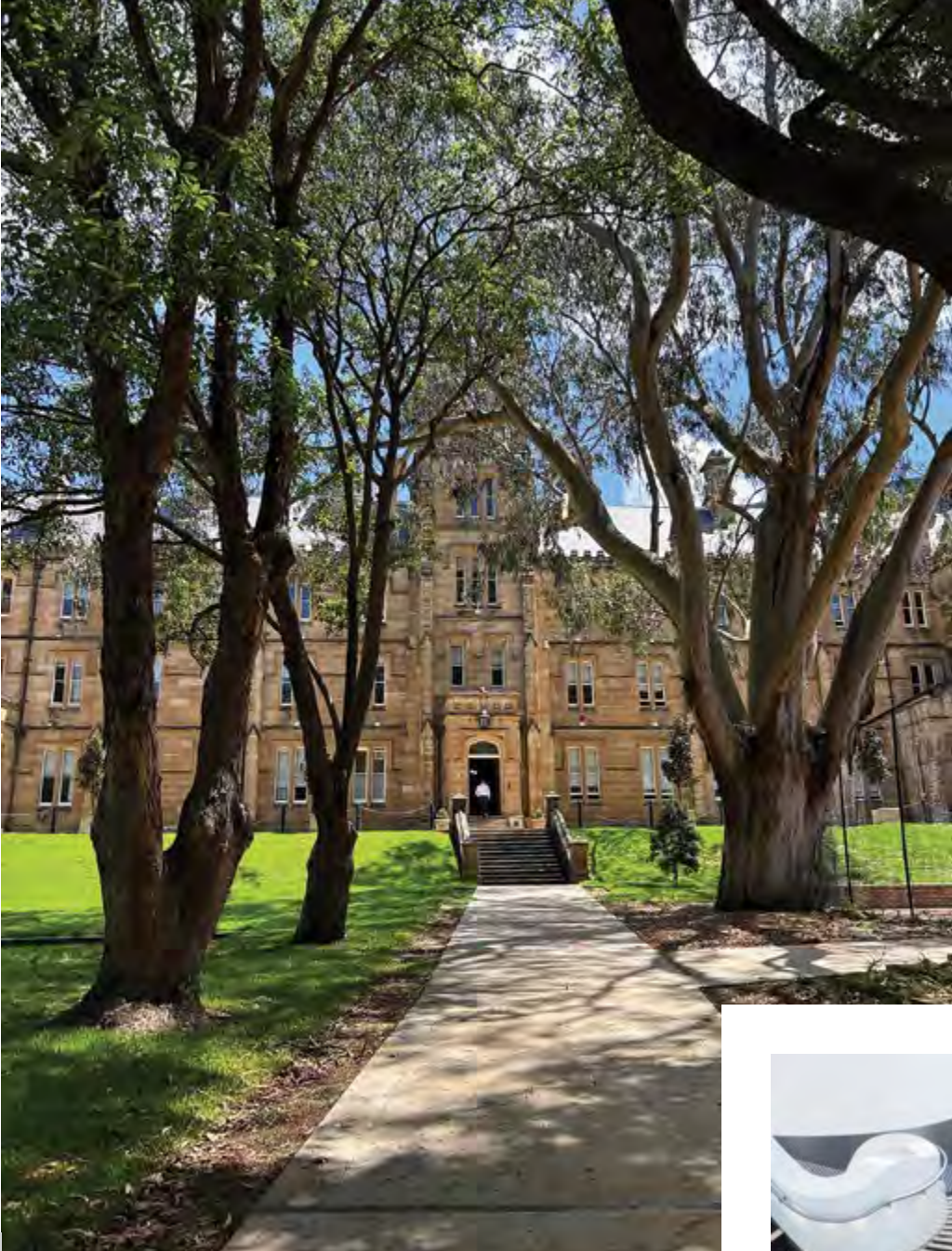
Our iconic Quadrangle might be what springs to mind when you think of the University of Sydney, but we also have working farms, a field station on the Great Barrier Reef and many more. Our teachers, researchers and students are based all over Australia.

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

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

University life

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



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



32 cultural groups and over 130 nationalities – 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.

Our campuses and facilities

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

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

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

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

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



THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

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

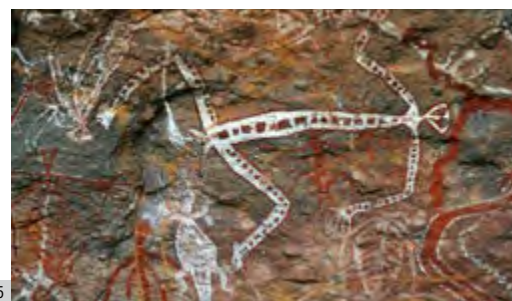
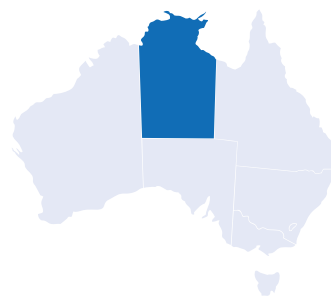


Northern Territory

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

Population: Around 260,000
Size: 1,421,000sq km
State capital: Darwin
University: Charles Darwin University (CDU)

www.northernterritory.com



1: Darwin, the state capital 2: A swim in the sunshine 3: A bird's eye view of Bitter Springs 4: Nitmiluk National Park at sunrise 5: Aboriginal rock art at Kakadu National Park

Charles Darwin University (CDU) is truly 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 vocational education and training (VET) and higher education (HE) 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 a sixth of Australia's landmass but just 1% of the population live here.

We are a deeply connected university, working in partnership and collaboration with First Nations peoples, our communities and 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 Australia's leading universities for graduate outcomes. CDU is ranked in the top eight Australian universities for graduate employment outcomes by the Good Universities Guide 2025.

We are 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 become globally influential by 2030. The Firetail report lists new generation global universities on the rise.

Our work-integrated degrees ensure students graduate job-ready

You'll build lasting relationships



Charles Darwin University

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 nursing and midwifery, engineering, health, and 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 student to staff ratio which enables small class sizes and teacher-student interaction.

Our main campus is in Darwin, 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 CDU each year. There are many opportunities to experience and celebrate local culture.

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

Student life at CDU

Life on campus is vibrant and relaxed with activities to help you to meet and get to know other students. Because our classes are small, it's easy to connect with like-minded people. Take a break from studies and enjoy our campus spaces including libraries, student rooms, art galleries, gardens, the student square, cafés and the international student room. Or take a weekend off to go exploring. Your surroundings include Litchfield National Park, Kakadu, Nitmiluk, Mindil Beach Markets and more.

Take advantage of the range of 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?

At CDU, you can choose what to study from a broad range of vocational education and training (VET), 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



CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY

Established: 2003

Location: Main campuses in Darwin (Casuarina, Danala City Campus and Palmerston), plus further campuses in Alice Springs and Sydney

Student population: Over 21,000

Go to: www.cdu.edu.au/international
CRICOS: 00300K; **RTO Provider No.** 0373; **TEQSA:** PRV12069



1: Students at the Casuarina Campus 2: View from the CDU Palmerston campus, NT



Victoria

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

Most Victorians live in and around the thriving, sophisticated, cosmopolitan city of Melbourne, which lays a strong claim to being Australia's cultural capital and is home to many museums, art galleries and theatres as well as

to fantastic bars, restaurants and shopping. Melbourne is also famous for its love of sport and hosts an array of tournaments, matches and events every year, including the Australian Open tennis, the Australian Grand Prix and the Boxing Day Test cricket match at the MCG stadium.

Population: Around 7 million

Size: 227,416sq km

State capital: Melbourne

Universities: University of Melbourne, Monash University, Deakin University, RMIT, La Trobe University

www.visitvictoria.com



1: Beach huts at Brighton Beach, Melbourne 2: Melbourne at sunset 3: Melbourne is famous for its cafes, restaurants and shopping 4: The MCG, home to the Boxing Day Test 5: Sunrise in the Yarra Valley 6: A beach on the Great Ocean Road

The University of Melbourne

Established in 1853, the University of Melbourne is a public-spirited institution that makes distinctive contributions to society in research, learning and teaching and engagement. The University of Melbourne is the highest ranked Australian institution across three major global rankings – QS 2026 (19), Times Higher Education 2025 (39) and the Academic Ranking of World Universities 2024 (37).

Graduates from the University of Melbourne are nurtured and prepared to become global leaders in their fields, and are recognised as holding a world-class education. The University prioritises deep research collaborations, a globally minded curriculum, and the best possible student experience for our diverse community.

The Parkville campus

The University is in Melbourne; a city ranked as one of the world's most liveable. The University of Melbourne is based in Parkville, where our main campus has been situated for over 165 years. Parkville campus is like a small city – it even has its own postcode! It has seven libraries with 3.6 million books and other items; over 200 student clubs; more than 40 sports clubs and over 25 cafes!

Joining a club on campus is a lot of fun, and the best way to make new friends. With so many clubs to choose from, there's bound to be one for you – whether you're into film-making, animal welfare, sport or politics and debating.

Melbourne is one of the safest cities in the world to live, work and study. The locals are friendly, and the city's multicultural vibe means you'll instantly feel at home.

We have six other campuses providing specialist equipment and resources for those studying

forest ecosystem science, rural health, agriculture, horticulture, and veterinary science. These are in Southbank, Burnley, Creswick, Dookie, Shepparton and Werribee.

Leadership opportunities

Employers love to see leadership experience on your CV – and we love to help you get it! Here at Melbourne you can take part in leadership conferences and peer mentoring programmes; lead a community engagement project or run a student club or society.

Learn from the best

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

You'll be in demand

Melbourne graduates are highly sought after. Many of our students secure their desired position soon after completing their course – or while they are still studying! Employers know our graduates are highly skilled and job-ready.

Expect to connect

We want to know who our students are. So as part of your transition to University, you'll meet one-on-one with a specialist Student Connect adviser to talk about what uni's all about, why you're here, and where you want to go. Together you'll create a plan to ensure you are on track to achieving your goals – and



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What can you study?

We are the leading research university in Australia, with more than 100 research centres and institutes. As a student, you will be taught by experts at the forefront of their fields and learn from the finest minds engaged in breakthrough research.


Aligned with leading universities in Europe, North America and Asia, our curriculum will prepare you for excellence in whatever career you choose. Our undergraduate degrees offer over 100 majors, allowing you to focus on different areas of study:

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

having fun experiencing amazing things along the way! If you need further support, your adviser can mentor you during your time here, or recommend other University services that might benefit you.

Services for international students

As an international student, you can expect specialised support at Melbourne. Melbourne University Overseas Students' Service is the official body for international students. It offers support and runs events throughout the year.

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



UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

Established: 1853

Location: Melbourne

Student population: Over 60,000

Go to: study.unimelb.edu.au/

CRICOS: 00116K; **TEQSA:** PRV12150



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1: The Clocktower Building on the main Parkville campus
2: Students during Orientation

Deakin University

Students choose Deakin for progressive, real-world learning that leads to career success. 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 a step towards your career, you'll thrive at Deakin.

World-class facilities

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

What can you study at Deakin?

- Marine science
- Sport science and sports management
- Psychology
- Law
- Education
- Communication and creative arts
- Nursing and midwifery
- Environmental science
- Business and management

- Engineering
- International studies
- Humanities
- Medicine and public health

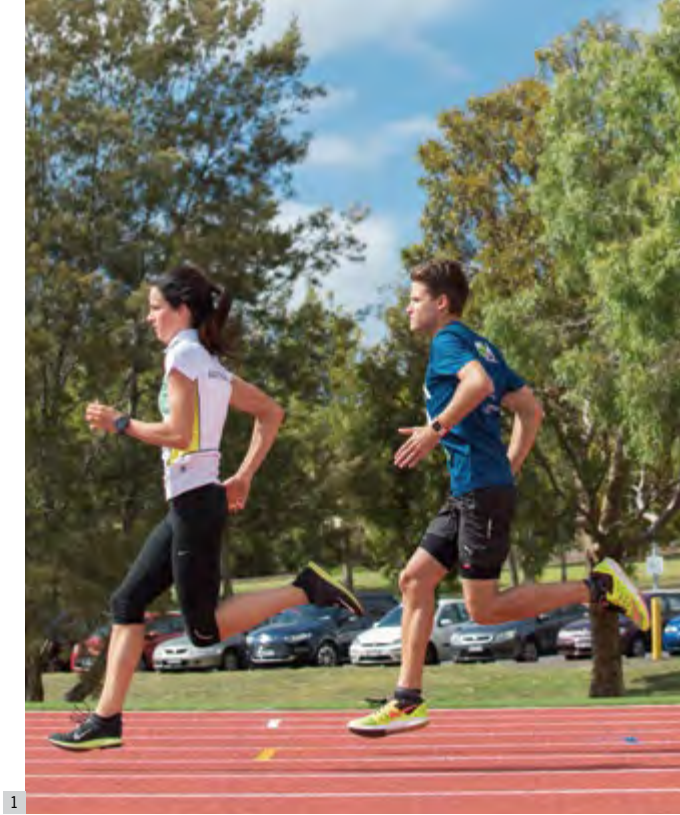
Real world learning

Every Deakin degree 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 when you graduate.

An award-winning careers and employment service

Our unique DeakinTALENT services assist students to enhance their career planning, marketability and employment outcomes.

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



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

Campuses in great city, coastal and regional locations

Our main campus is in Melbourne, a city built for exploring. Coffee shops and galleries, music and amazing food can be found down every laneway and alley. There is always something happening here, from cultural festivals and arts performances to sporting events. The Deakin Melbourne campus is in leafy Burwood, 40 minutes by tram from Melbourne's CBD.

We also have two campuses in Geelong, an hour from Melbourne. Geelong is Victoria's second largest city, with great cafes, nightlife, music and easy access to surf beaches on the Great Ocean

Road. These have great outdoor areas and state of the art facilities.

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

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

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



DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

Established: 1974

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

Student population: 60,000

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

CRICOS: 00113B; TEQSA: PRV12124



Monash University

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

Flagship educational experiences

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

Global Immersion Guarantee

This is a funded, internationally located field-work-centred unit exploring the interlinkage of the environment, technology and society. Learn how local leaders and communities are addressing human impact on the environment.

Monash Innovation Guarantee

The MIG unit enables you to work with industry organisations, innovative start-ups and community enterprises on projects that solve real-life issues facing our partners.

Research, Experimentation and Discovery

This unit enables undergraduate students to collaborate with cutting-edge research projects at Monash. Learn how to translate research into practice in this immersive interdisciplinary unit.

Volunteering in Practice

Volunteer as part of your degree and lean into this opportunity to boost your employability. Gain valuable experience, expand your social and professional networks, gain confidence, and positively impact your community.

Prioritising the student experience

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

Expand your opportunities with a Monash double degree

Monash offers one of Australia's largest selections of double degrees, giving you the flexibility to pursue diverse career paths. Studying two degrees at the same time allows you to keep options open. You'll build a depth of expertise and develop a range of skills in two different or complementary areas. A double degree can save time and money, allowing you to graduate sooner and reduce tuition costs compared to studying two degrees separately. A double degree usually takes two years less to complete. For example, if you study Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) and Bachelor of Commerce, it will take five years, instead of seven, to finish.

Schools and faculties in focus

A world-leading Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Ranked first in Australia and fourth in the world in 2025 for pharmacy and pharmacology by QS, Monash is a world leader in pharmacy education and research. Our

Monash University by numbers

- Consistently ranked in the top 50 universities in the world
- Ranked #36 in the world in the QS World University Rankings 2026
- #35 in the world in the US News and World Report 2024-25
- #58 in the world in The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2025
- Ranked #1 in Australia for pharmacy and pharmacology and #3 in Australia for economics and econometrics (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025)
- Ranked #1 in Australia for business administration; law; education; and finance (2024 ShanghaiRanking Global Rankings of Academic Subjects)

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

courses prepare you for frontline roles in modern patient care and drug discovery and development. You will find our highly employable graduates in hospitals, research centres, communities and drug companies around the world.

Monash Business School

Internationally recognised for excellence in education and research, Monash Business School is ranked first in Australia and 9th in the world by the US News and the World Report's Best Global Universities for Economics and Business 2024.

Graduate teaching qualifications

In the Master of Teaching you will specialise in early childhood, primary or secondary education (or a combination) and undertake professional placements in the classroom during your studies.

Make real change with public policy postgraduate programmes

Led by globally-renowned academics, the Master of Public Policy develops the skills to be at the forefront of challenges relevant to business, professional and public policy communities.



MONASH UNIVERSITY

Established: 1958

Location: Melbourne

Student population: Approx 86,000

Go to: www.monash.edu.au

CRICOS: 00008C; TEQSA: PRV12140



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Deakin highlights

Top 200 universities worldwide

In 2024, Deakin University entered the top 200 in the prestigious QS World University Rankings. Deakin's 2025 rank of 197 is based on five key indicators – Research and Discovery, Employability and Outcomes, Learning Experience, Global Engagement and Sustainability.

Top 200 universities worldwide (#197), 2025 QS World University Rankings

#1 Victorian uni for graduate employment

Be in demand as soon as you graduate, with a degree from the #1 Victorian university for graduate employment.

2023 Graduate Outcomes Survey, Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching

#6 leading research institution in Australia, The Australian's 2025 Research Magazine

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.



Queensland



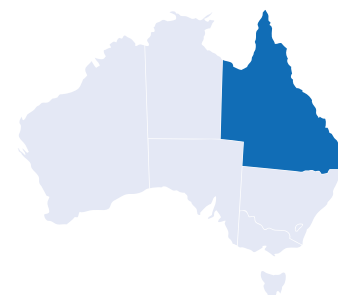
1: The rainforests of Tropical North Queensland 2: Catching an early morning wave at Surfers Paradise 3: Gold Coast 4: Victoria Park/Barrambin, Brisbane 5: A turtle on the Great Barrier Reef



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

Population: Around 5.6 million
Size: 1,730,648sq km
State capital: Brisbane
Universities: University of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology (QUT), James Cook University, Bond University, Griffith University, University of the Sunshine Coast

www.queensland.com



www.studyoptions.com



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 assist students in developing the skills and confidence to become the next generation of change-makers. We help them look beyond the horizon to create innovative and entrepreneurial solutions.

Technology is evident in every aspect of modern living, and 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 have a balanced mix of theory and practical experiences, such as internships.

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

What can you study at QUT?

Choose from undergraduate and postgraduate study options in:

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

Be in demand

A balance of theory and practical experience in our world-class

courses means that you'll hit the ground running in the real world. You'll gain the knowledge, skills and connections to thrive.

We provide many opportunities for students to do course-related work within an organisation. You can apply what you have learned in class to real-world practices and prepare for 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 innovate with us for a more progressive approach to research. We lead world-class, outcomes-focused studies at the intersection of traditional disciplines, positioning us as pioneers in transdisciplinary research. Our work is driven by the technology and innovation needs of society and the economy, addressing complex challenges through expert collaboration across multiple fields.

At QUT, research students are agents of change, transforming ideas into reality with innovative approaches. We offer research at PhD, professional doctorate, higher doctorate and undergraduate level. Our strengths and priorities lie in:

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

- Justice
- Materials science
- Robotics
- Digital media

Study in the heart of the city

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

Kelvin Grove campus, less than three kilometres from the city centre, includes Australia's most 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 a QUT scholar can open up opportunities that can enhance your career prospects. There are lots of schemes available including the International Merit Scholarship, International Talent Scholarship, research scholarships, and more.



QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (QUT)

Established: 1989

Locations: Brisbane (two campuses)

Student population: 55,000

Go to: www.qut.edu.au

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

Australia
 Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

1: Inside the Kelvin Grove campus
 2: Main Drive at the Gardens Point Campus



A global reputation you can count on

Our international reputation ensures your qualifications will be well regarded wherever you choose to pursue your career:

- Top #250 in the world in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2025
- #1 in Australia and #16 in the world for biomedical engineering in the ShanghaiRanking 2024 Global Ranking of Academic Subjects
- #2 in Australia and #33 in the world for communication and media studies in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025
- 90% of QUT graduates are employed after graduating, according to the QUT Graduate Outcomes Survey 2024

Be at the forefront of world class research and innovation, with QUT leading the way in rankings with the Australian Research Magazine 2025 including:

- #1 Robotics researcher in Australia
- #1 Communication research institution in Australia
- #1 Entrepreneurship and innovation research institution in Australia
- #1 Databases and information systems research institution in Australia
- #1 Drama and theatre arts research institution in Australia



Your Future Starts Here.

Thrive at King's

Join a vibrant, world-class residential community at King's College, located along the scenic Brisbane River near The University of Queensland's prestigious St Lucia campus.

Since 1912, King's has empowered over 10,000 Collegians to achieve academic excellence, grow as leaders, and build lifelong connections. King's offers a welcoming home for students from across Australia and around the world, providing a rich, fully supported co-residential experience designed to help you thrive—personally, academically, and professionally.

Academic Excellence from Day One

Starting university in a new country is a bold step—but at King's, you'll never face it alone. Our expert-led Academic Support Program provides one-on-one coaching, subject enrolment advice, exam preparation, and more. A dedicated Learning Centre offers a quiet, supportive space for both independent and group study.

With more than 130 tutorials held each week and over 60 expert tutors, our Tutorial Program ranks among the best in Australia. Our Flourishing at University workshops help you develop essential skills, including time management, research, writing, and public speaking. You'll also receive personalised writing support to help you succeed in university-level assessments.

Wellbeing at the Heart of College Life

At King's, your wellbeing is our priority. We take a holistic approach to mental health and personal growth, guided by positive psychology and the PERMAH model. Trained Residential Leaders and 24/7 senior staff ensure you always have someone to talk to. We foster a safe, inclusive, and respectful community where everyone can thrive.

Career-Ready from the Start

From your very first semester, King's supports your career journey. Our Careers Program offers personalised résumé and interview coaching, a dedicated jobs board, employer connections, and regular industry networking events.

During Careers Weeks, we focus on major sectors such as Arts, Business, Engineering, Finance, Health, Humanities, Information Technology, Law, and Medical Sciences. Thanks to our global Old Collegians' Network, many international students secure competitive internships and graduate roles worldwide.

Elite Sporting Opportunities

King's is the only Australian residential college with its own Rugby, Boat, and Netball Clubs. We offer scholarships and elite pathways for students to compete at national and international levels, including the Henley Royal Regatta, Hong Kong 10s, and Dubai 7s. You'll also enjoy fierce competition through UQ's Inter-College Competition (ICC), which features over 15 sports.

Our strategic partnerships, such as the one with Kedron-Wavell Cougars Netball Club, provide outstanding pathways for student-athletes.

Discover your potential, grow your confidence, and feel truly at home.

King's College is more than just a place to live—it's a launchpad for life.

Apply now and join a legacy of excellence.

kings.uq.edu.au



The University of Queensland

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

Why choose UQ?

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

An enviable student lifestyle

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

Graduate with the competitive edge

UQ's research, teaching and connections prepare students to forge exciting careers. UQ

qualifications are highly regarded by Australian and international employers. The University also provides activities and events catering to the extracurricular interests of its students.

UQ's award-winning Careers and Employability Service supports graduates to get the competitive edge in their career. Students have access to an annual programme of employment workshops and networking events, connecting them to an extensive community of alumni and professional partners. UQ Ventures supports students to grow their entrepreneurial potential by collaborating and connecting students with experts in the startup ecosystem.

Study area highlights

UQ's extensive range of over 300 undergraduate and postgraduate programmes is one of the most comprehensive in Australia. UQ provides students the flexibility to meet their learning goals. Many degrees offer practical experiences such as field trips and industry placements with national and global partners to boost skills and enhance employability.

Be supported to succeed


UQ provides services to support students to thrive from when they

arrive until graduation. Students can access academic support as well as cultural and recreational activities. UQ is also committed to diversity and inclusivity. Ally Network creates a safe, welcoming space for the LGBTIAQ+ community. UQ also offers free support, services and facilities for students with a disability, illness or mental health condition.

Have fun

Make the most of your time at university and forge connections to last a lifetime. Students can join more than 200 clubs and societies to meet like-minded people. There is always something to do and see at UQ. Listen to live music, join a book club, attend a movie night or tour one of the many museums. UQ also hosts festivals throughout the year to celebrate the changing seasons and major cultural events.

UQ's four campuses

St Lucia is UQ's main campus. Close to the centre of the city, it is a vibrant mix of historic sandstone buildings, modern architecture and lush parkland. UQ Gatton is home to agriculture, animals and veterinary science. UQ Herston is a hub for clinical health teaching and research, while UQ Dutton Park is a health and biotechnology research and teaching hub. 



1: The Lawn of the Great Court, St Lucia Campus 2: Forgan Smith Building, St Lucia Campus 3: Time to grab a coffee between classes

UQ's global reputation

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

- CWTS Leiden Ranking 2024 (41)
- US News Best Global Universities Rankings 2025 (43)
- Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities (NTU Ranking) 2024 (40)
- QS World University Rankings 2026 (42)
- Academic Ranking of World Universities 2024 (63)
- Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2025 (77)

In the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025, UQ is rated among the world's top 40 universities in 12 subject areas:

- 2 Sports-related subjects
- 6 mineral and mining engineering
- 12 Petroleum engineering
- 15 Agriculture and forestry
- 15 Environmental sciences
- 26 Hospitality and leisure management
- 28 Pharmacy and pharmacology
- 24 Psychology
- 35 Veterinary sciences
- 36 Dentistry
- 39 Chemical engineering
- 40 Geology



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THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

Established: 1910

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

Student population: Over 55,000

Go to: study.uq.edu.au

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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 them are concentrated in the Auckland region. Auckland is by far New Zealand's biggest city 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 give rise to Auckland's nickname, the City of Sails. It was named one of the world's ten most liveable cities in the Economist Intelligence Unit's 2025 rankings.

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 glorious 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 popular ski fields of Mount Ruapehu.


The North Island comes to a stop with the city of Wellington, perched at the bottom of the south coast. Wellington is the capital of New Zealand and, though much smaller and lacking the commercial clout of Auckland, is home to many of the country's national cultural institutions including the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, the National Opera, the Royal New Zealand Ballet and the country's national museum, Te Papa. It's a sophisticated, laid-back city, famous for its shopping, food and coffee as well as enjoying a deserved reputation as a centre for music, cinema and the arts.

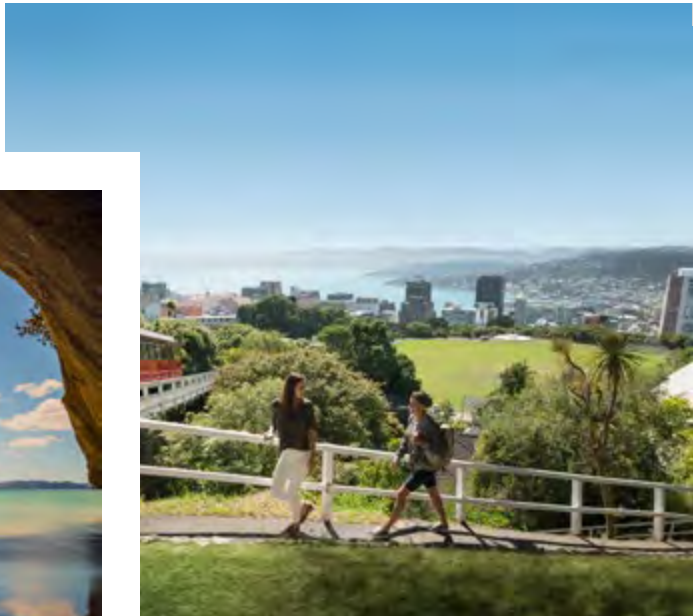
The South Island usually features heavily in social media stories from New Zealand. Which isn't surprising, given that it does feature arguably the country's most spectacular scenery (the snowy peaks of the Southern Alps, the Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers, the mirror-like waters of Fiordland, the turquoise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

But there is a gentler side to the

South Island as well, and it's the combination of spectacular and soothing that gives it its enduring and particular appeal.

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

While a big part of the South Island lifestyle focuses on the great outdoors, there's also a huge emphasis on good entertainment and good food. So whether your idea of a great day is 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 always something here for everyone. 



1: Hiking the Tongariro Alpine Crossing
2: Cathedral Cove, Coromandel Peninsula
3: VUW students walk across campus to the Wellington Cable Car



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Dollars and sense: New Zealand

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

The amount needed for living costs depends on each individual's requirements (and tastes!) People vary hugely in what they consider to be everyday lifestyle essentials, or desirable accommodation. But there are costs that everyone has to work with, and here we'll try to give you an idea of what to expect.

When looking at budgets, please remember to factor in how long you intend to stay in New Zealand each year. The academic year is usually 40 weeks, and lots of the online calculators and example budgets that the universities provide assume you will only be in the country for those 40 weeks. If you want to stay over the summer and work or travel (both of which you're entitled to do on a New Zealand student visa) you'll need to allow extra budget for this.

Accommodation costs

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

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

This is a good option if you don't want to think about buying food or dealing with utility bills when you first get to university. Fully-catered halls can look expensive at first, but bear in mind that hall fees generally include two or three meals a day, as well as all utility bills. Some also include laundry. Each hall can differ, so check carefully to see what is and what

is not included in the price. The full fee usually needs to be paid at the start of each semester, so these costs are also not something you need to manage in a weekly budget. Plus, with so many costs taken care of in one big bill at the start of term, all you're left to worry about are any extra course costs (textbooks, field trips, art materials and so on) and spending money for nights out, trips, and everyday treats like takeaway coffees. Which some 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 you don't like eating at set times, you might be better off looking at self-catered housing.

Self-catered hall costs typically also include utility bills, laundry and so on as above (again check each hall) but you will 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 your ingredients, and start taking leftovers to uni the next day for lunch, this can work out a less expensive option than fully-catered.

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

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

Working while you study

As of November 2025, New Zealand student visas will allow degree students to work up to 25 hours a week during the academic year and full time during holidays.

All New Zealand universities have a Student Job Search service, to help students find part time work during term time and in the holidays. If you need to get 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 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 can hit the ground running when you start looking for work. Take an up-to-date CV with you, and references from previous jobs.

The minimum wage in New Zealand, as of April 2025, is \$23.50 per hour before tax. In order to work in New Zealand you'll need an IRD (tax) number. It's a good idea to apply for an IRD number as soon as you can after arriving in New Zealand – you can get an application form from 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, please remember there is no guarantee of finding work, and definitely no way of knowing how long it might take you to get what you want. It's important to 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 some reserves as a backup plan!



1: Taking a break at Victoria University of Wellington 2: Time for a coffee on campus at the University of Auckland

Cost of living: What's the bottom line?

New Zealand universities recommend students allow between \$20,000 and \$27,000 per year for living expenses, depending on location, though it's important to note that Immigration New Zealand will want you to show that you have access to a minimum of NZ\$20,000 per year to cover your living expenses when you apply for a New Zealand student visa (see page 62-63 for more).

Takeaway pizza (large): From \$20

Milk (2 litres): \$3 – \$4.50

Loaf of bread: From \$3.30

Takeaway coffee, cappuccino or latte: From \$5

Pint of beer: From \$9

Student cinema ticket: From \$15

Backpacker (dorm bunk room):

From \$30 per night but lots of variation depending on location

Flight Wellington to Queenstown: From \$300

Ticket (foot passenger) on the ferry between the North and South Islands: From \$80

Glass of wine: From \$12

All figures are approximate – the cost of living varies according to lifestyle. All costs given in NZ dollars. In September 2025 £1 was worth about NZ\$2.25 (www.xe.com)

Accommodation and other living costs

All New Zealand universities provide great information on what each of the accommodation options on the left will cost, as well as helpful tips on what to expect from living costs including transport, food, and utility bills. Scan the codes or click the links below to find out more from each of them...



University of Auckland
Auckland

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



Victoria University of Wellington
Wellington

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



University of Otago
Dunedin

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



Lincoln University
near Christchurch

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

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



Student visas: New Zealand

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

What visa will I need to study?

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

Is there an age limit?

No, there are no age limits to 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 WHV status has no bearing on your student visa application, provided you didn't break any immigration rules while on your WHV (such as overstaying, or working when the visa didn't allow you to). If you had any such issues during or after your working holiday visa please tell Study Options as soon as possible so we can assess your case.

Can I work on a student visa?

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

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

Applications submitted via the INZ online system currently cost from NZ\$850. Fees are subject to change each year, so please check www.immigration.govt.nz before making your application.

How do I apply?

The best way to apply is to submit a student visa application online, at: <https://online.immigration.govt.nz/> You can, alternatively, complete a hard copy application, (the form is also available from the INZ website) but online applications are preferred and processed more quickly. Immigration New Zealand provide lots of information for applicants, including a checklist of the supporting documents required for first-time student visa

applicants, at www.immigration.govt.nz/visas/fee-paying-student-visa/

Will I have to show any evidence of finances in my application?

Yes, you'll need to prove you have enough money to live on while you study. INZ will want to see evidence you have access to NZ\$20,000 per year as a university student. This can be shown using bank statements, documents showing that you have been awarded a scholarship, and/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 need to be of 'good character'. This generally means you should have no criminal convictions. If you intend to be in New Zealand for more than 24 months you will need to include police clearances

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 NZQF 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 includes 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 both) and Level 10 refers to PhD.

from each country for which you have citizenship when you apply for your visa. You will also need to provide police clearances for each country you have lived in for five years or more since turning 17. See more details at www.immigration.govt.nz/who-provides-police-cert.

It's also strongly recommended you include a statement of purpose with your visa application, explaining why you want to study in New Zealand. This helps INZ determine whether you are a genuine student, which is a key criteria when assessing visa applications. Please contact Study Options for advice on what information to include in your statement of purpose.

Will I need to provide health documents?

To be eligible for a New Zealand visa you must have an 'acceptable standard of health'. In order for INZ to assess this you may be asked to provide a medical and/or an x-ray certificate, though these are not always required for student visa applicants. Check if they will be required for your visa application at www.immigration.govt.nz/xray-or-medical-exam.

1: Students on campus at Lincoln University, South Island 2: Otago University students in Dunedin, South Island

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 just accompany you while you are studying your course. They have the option of applying for a Partner of a Student Work Visa if you (as the student) are:

- Studying for a Level 7 or Level 8 qualification that is on the Green List, or the Qualifications Eligible for a Post Study Work Visa 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?

INZ recommends you allow at least eight weeks (40 working days) for student visa applications submitted online, but it can take up to three months.

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 around 12 months for courses that are longer than a year. For courses that last longer than a year, you will be required to renew your visa through the Immigration New Zealand online system for further years of study. This is a

process that the team at your chosen university's International Office will help you with.

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

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

Can I apply for another New Zealand visa when my course finishes?

Yes, if you meet New Zealand Immigration policy. For details of other visa options, please visit www.immigration.govt.nz.

What are my obligations on a New Zealand student visa?

You must hold comprehensive health insurance for the duration of your stay, as only residents and holders of two year or longer work permits are eligible for publicly funded health and disability services. You also have a legal obligation to be in New Zealand on a valid visa at all times. If you fail to do this you may be declined a permit to remain in or a visa to travel to the country in the future. 💰

What will I need to apply?

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

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



Working in New Zealand after you graduate – Post Study Work Visa (PSWV)

If you complete an acceptable qualification in New Zealand you will be eligible to apply for a Post Study Work Visa. Depending on your NZ qualification, you'll be able to work for almost any employer for up to three years, and do almost any kind of work.

In order to be eligible to apply for a PSWV, you must have completed a qualification at NZQF level 7 or above. All university study, from bachelors upward, meets this criteria.

If your degree was a Level 7 or higher qualification you must have

studied full time for at least 30 weeks in New Zealand in order to be eligible.

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

If you have studied a non-degree level 7 or lower qualification, it must be on the list of qualifications eligible for a PSWV for you to apply. Your study must have been full-time in New Zealand, and for the full time required to gain the qualification. The job you take must be related to your studies. This will be set out in visa conditions.

The length of your PSWV will depend on how long you've studied in New Zealand. If you studied a three year degree, you will be eligible for a three year PSWV. If you have done a one year postgraduate diploma, you'll be eligible for a one year PSWV.

This rule doesn't apply to masters and PhD students, however, who are eligible for a three-year post-study work visa (provided they have studied in New Zealand for at least 30 weeks) irrespective of the length of their New Zealand qualification.



North Island

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

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

Population: Over 4 million

Size: 113,729sq km

Major cities: Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington, Palmerston North

Universities: University of Auckland, Victoria University of Wellington, University of Waikato, Massey University, AUT

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1: Cathedral Cove, Coromandel
2: Auckland, the City of Sails
3: Hot springs near Rotorua
4: Surfers heading out
5: Wellington Harbour 6: A Maori wharenui [meeting house]



The University of Auckland

Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, is Aotearoa New Zealand's largest and leading university¹. We harness the power of partnerships, research, teaching, excellence and equity to positively impact communities. Leading the way in sustainability and innovation, we tackle some of the world's most compelling issues and challenges.

Auckland is a cosmopolitan, vibrant city where you can enjoy urban living and easily access the great outdoors, nature and adventure. In our mild, temperate climate, you can enjoy an afternoon studying at a nearby park or hop on a bus or take a waterfront bike ride to one of our inner-city beaches. You can also enjoy day trips exploring the many forests, islands, waterfalls, and sweeping beaches on Auckland's doorstep.

A great campus location

Based in cosmopolitan Auckland, our main City Campus is just a five-minute walk to the central business district – a vibrant area with plenty of shops, restaurants, cafés and theatres to enjoy.

Auckland is an excitingly

multicultural city where you can immerse yourself in Māori and Pacific culture. Home to over 180 cultures, the city's rich mix is reflected in its spaces, restaurants and the cultural events that are held throughout the year.

Sport and recreation

Sport and recreation play a crucial role in the wellbeing and success of our students and staff. Hiwa, our state-of-the-art Recreation Centre, opened in the heart of the City Campus at the end of 2024. The 21,000 sq metre facility includes an eight-lane swimming pool, a sauna, large cardio and weight zones, two sports halls for multi-sport usage, and a rooftop running track with panoramic views of the city and its harbour.

Our Māori name

The name Waipapa Taumata Rau was gifted to the University by local Māori iwi (tribe) Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, refers to the 'place of many peaks' – places to strive for, to ascend to and succeed. The University of Auckland offers a multicultural learning environment built on a partnership with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei.

Research-led learning

Home to 33% of New Zealand's leading researchers², the University's academics are world-renowned in engagement with business and communities, shaping the future of policy and industry. The academic experience they provide incorporates the latest theoretical principles and practical approaches to teaching and research.

An impressive range of programmes

The University offers a wide range of academic programmes at bachelors, masters and doctoral level spanning diverse disciplines and industries. Study options range from strong traditional disciplines to emerging cross-disciplinary subjects.

Academic and personal support services for students

From academic support, student wellbeing and career support, the University offers a wide range of pastoral care to all our students. The Career Development and Employment Service (CDES) provides free ongoing support, information, and resources to help you prepare for your career or to

consider further study. They also have dedicated support services available to assist you at every stage of your academic journey.

Clubs and society

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

1 QS World University Rankings 2026
2 2024 Stanford Elsevier Top Two Percent of Researchers in the World



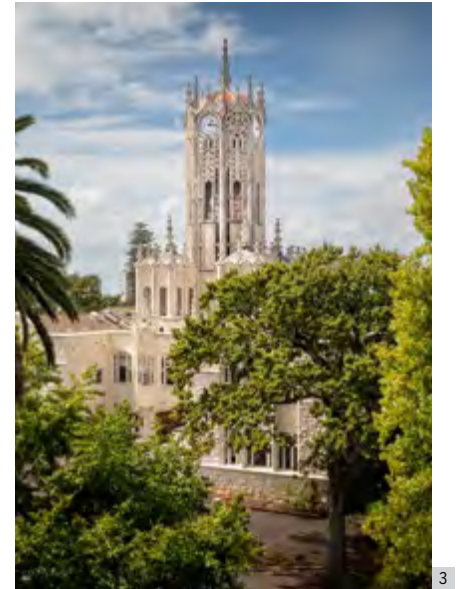
THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND

Established: 1883

Location: Three campuses in central Auckland plus four specialist campuses

Student population: Around 47,000 (of whom 10,000 are international)

Go to: auckland.ac.nz/international



1: Located between two harbours, Auckland is known as 'the city of sails' 2: The City Campus 3: The iconic Clock Tower building 4: Students heading to class 5: A panoramic view of the city 6: Students relaxing on campus

Why study at Auckland?

- Ranked 65 by QS World University Rankings 2026.
- The 2025 Global Liveability Ranking from the Economist Intelligence Unit ranks Auckland among the 10 most liveable cities in the world.
- The QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2026 place the University of Auckland top in New Zealand for graduate employment outcomes.
- Five of the subjects the University teaches have been ranked in the top 50 subjects worldwide, based on academic and employer reputation as well as research³.
- The University of Auckland is New Zealand's largest research organisation with more than 13,000 staff and postgraduate students involved in fundamental and applied research.
- Reflecting the University's commitment to sustainability and making a positive social impact, the University of Auckland ranked in the top 1 per cent in the world for sustainability⁴.

3 QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2025
4 QS Sustainability Rankings 2025



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- UNSW Sydney
- University of Queensland
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- University of Technology Sydney

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Victoria University of Wellington

A global-civic university in the heart of New Zealand's capital
Victoria University of Wellington – Te Herenga Waka offers students a distinctive blend of academic excellence, cultural diversity, and dynamic city life. With a proud academic tradition spanning nearly 130 years, the University is a leading institution in the Asia-Pacific region, renowned for its commitment to research, teaching, and civic engagement.

A capital city advantage
Wellington is not only the political centre of New Zealand – it is also a hub of creativity, innovation, and multiculturalism. Its compact size and walkability make it easy to explore its many cafés, galleries, museums, and natural attractions. As the seat of Government and home to national organisations, Wellington gives students unique access to policymakers, industry leaders, and cultural institutions.

Victoria University of Wellington's campuses are woven into the fabric of the city, offering students a seamless blend of academic life and urban experience. Whether studying law near Parliament, film production in the movie-making hub

of Miramar, or marine science on the coast, the University's location enhances learning through real-world connections and enables students to apply their learning beyond the classroom.

Te Herenga Waka: A university with a Māori identity

Victoria University of Wellington is proud of the name Te Herenga Waka, which reflects its deep connection to indigenous Māori culture and heritage. The name, meaning 'the mooring place of canoes,' symbolises the University as a place where people from many backgrounds come together to learn, grow, and contribute.

Academic excellence and innovation
The University consistently ranks among top institutions globally for its research impact and academic quality. It offers nearly 200 undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programmes across eight faculties: Architecture and Design Innovation; Education; Business and Government; Engineering; Health; Humanities and Social Sciences; Law, and Science.

Our curriculum emphasises critical thinking, creativity, and global citizenship. The University's

research-led teaching ensures our students learn from academics who are leaders in their fields. Areas of research strength include climate change, public policy, AI and Indigenous studies. The University fosters interdisciplinary collaboration and innovation over a range of academic disciplines.

A supportive, inclusive community
International students are warmly welcomed into a diverse, inclusive campus environment. With 3,000 international students from over 100 countries, the University celebrates multiculturalism and encourages cross-cultural exchange. The International Office provides services including orientation programmes, academic assistance and career guidance.

The University is committed to inclusion and equity. One example is its Rainbow group, which supports LGBTQIA+ students and promotes a safe, affirming environment for all.

Accommodation includes halls of residence, homestays and flats, with staff here to help students find housing that suits their needs. The University also offers health and wellbeing services, financial advice, and learning workshops.

Leadership and engagement
Victoria University of Wellington encourages students to be active participants in their education and community. Initiatives such as the Kitea Impact Programme offer the opportunity to develop leadership skills and engage in volunteer work.

With over 140 student clubs and societies, there is something for everyone – from cultural groups to sports teams and academic associations. These organisations provide a sense of belonging and help students build connections.

A city and university that inspire
Wellington's creative energy and natural beauty make it an inspiring place to live and learn. Students can hike through native bush, kayak in the harbour, or attend world-class performances—all within minutes of campus. The city's thriving film, tech, and arts industries offer exciting internship and employment opportunities, particularly for students in creative and digital disciplines.

Your journey starts here
Victoria University of Wellington values academic excellence, personal growth, and global engagement. It is a place where students are challenged to think critically, act ethically, and lead confidently.

With its stunning location, supportive environment, and commitment to innovation, the University offers a transformative, unforgettable study experience. 🌟



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

Established: 1897
Location: Wellington
Student population: Around 22,000
Go to: www.vgw.ac.nz/international



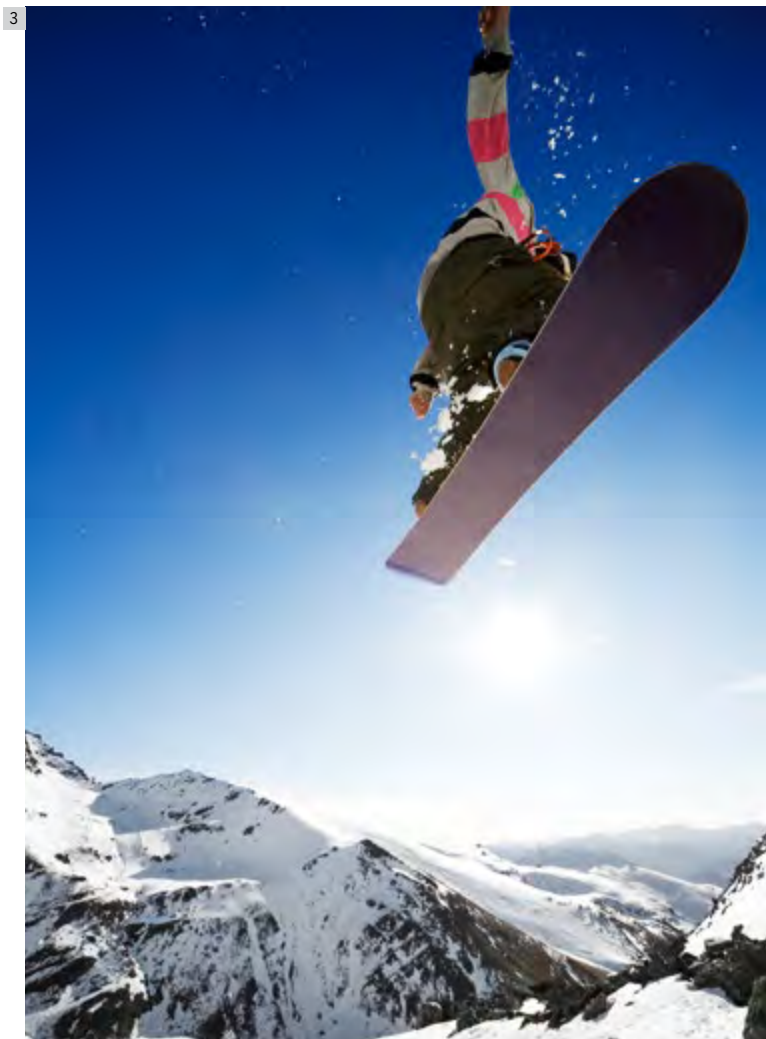
South Island

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

and Christchurch as well as to the famous wine-growing regions of Marlborough and Central Otago.

Population: Around 1.25 million
Size: 151,215sq km
Major cities: Dunedin, Nelson and Christchurch
Universities: University of Otago, University of Canterbury, Lincoln University

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1: This willow at Lake Wanaka is said to be the most photographed tree in the world 2: Lake Pukaki with Mount Cook rising in the background 3: A snowboarder in the Southern Alps 4: Christchurch 5: A backpacker at Abel Tasman National Park 6: A Maori totem at Kaikoura, famous for its abundant marine life including whales, dolphins and albatross



Lincoln University

Lincoln University – Te Whare Wānaka o Aoraki is New Zealand's specialist land-based university, recognised for close connections with industry, a strong research reputation, and a dedicated focus on addressing the world's most pressing challenges around food, climate, and sustainability. Lincoln University provides students with an education that is academically rigorous and highly practical, preparing its graduates to make a difference locally and globally.

Find your potential

Lincoln's Māori name, Te Whare Wānaka o Aoraki, reflects its deep connection to the land and to the values of higher learning. The name honours Aoraki, New Zealand's tallest mountain, symbolising the aspiration to seek knowledge and understanding. For students, it represents a journey of growth, discovery and achievement in an environment that is small enough to provide individual attention but global enough to open doors to international opportunities.

1: Students on the lawn in front of Ivey Hall, the original teaching building of the University
2: Students in the sunshine on campus



At Lincoln, teaching is led by experts engaged in real-world issues, ensuring study remains relevant to future careers. Students are encouraged to explore ideas, to challenge assumptions and develop the skills required to thrive in fast-changing industries.

Success comes with more choices

Lincoln is New Zealand's smallest university, with approximately 5,000 students. This creates a close-knit, friendly community where everyone quickly feels at home. Each year, students from more than 80 countries join the Lincoln whānau [family] and benefit from our unique focus on land, people, and sustainability.

The University offers a range of programmes across agriculture, agribusiness, environmental management, food science, tourism, sport and recreation, landscape architecture, commerce and land-based industries. Specialist degree courses at Lincoln include the Bachelor of Viticulture and Oenology and the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, as well as degrees in environmental policy, conservation and agriculture.

Lincoln's teaching and research excellence are recognised globally and it ranks among the world's best for environmental science, forestry and agriculture (2025 QS World University Rankings by Subject). As a partner in the prestigious Euroleague for Life Sciences (ELLS) Lincoln also provides its students the chance to study with leading European universities, broadening their international experience.

Success comes from opportunities

A distinctive feature of study at Lincoln is an emphasis on practical learning. Programmes are designed with industry input. Many include internships, fieldwork, or applied research projects. Lincoln students graduate with academic knowledge and with the real-world experience that employers value.

Lincoln has close partnerships with businesses, government, and community organisations across New Zealand and internationally. From agricultural research institutes to environmental agencies and tourism operators, these links create opportunities for students to gain insights into their future careers and to build connections.

Sport and student life

Lincoln's vibrant student life is enriched by a strong sporting tradition. The University is home to high-performing rugby teams which have produced a number of international players, and offers opportunities in a wide range of sports including netball, hockey and basketball. Lincoln is closely linked with New Zealand Cricket, which is based on campus, giving unique opportunities for students passionate about the game.

Recreation and wellbeing are

an important part of the Lincoln experience, and all students have access to high-quality sporting facilities, a well-equipped gym, and a supportive campus community.

Study with flexibility

Located just 25 minutes from Christchurch, Lincoln's campus offers the best of both worlds: a safe, welcoming environment with all the benefits of a city nearby. The surrounding Canterbury region provides an inspiring natural setting, with mountains, rivers, and coastlines close at hand, reinforcing the university's strong connection with the land.

Services and support for students

Lincoln takes pride in its inclusive, friendly community. Students receive comprehensive support services from the moment they arrive, including orientation, academic advice, and wellbeing support. The close-knit nature of the campus means help is never far away, and students quickly feel part of a caring community. Small class sizes ensure that students benefit from close interaction with lecturers and a personalised approach to learning.

The International School Leavers Scholarship is available to help new students begin studying at Lincoln.

Join us

Choosing Lincoln means joining a specialist institution dedicated to the future of the land, the people, and the planet. Whatever you study, you will benefit from world-class expertise, a unique, supportive environment and the chance to live in a safe, welcoming country with a strong reputation for innovation and sustainability. You'll leave not just with a qualification but with experiences, connections, and memories to last a lifetime. 📍



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Location: Canterbury – 25 minutes from Christchurch
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1: Students at the NMIT campus
2: Lunch at the Boathouse, Nelson
3: Heading out for a paddleboard at Tahunanui Beach

Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT)

At the heart of the small and vibrant city of Nelson, you will find Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT), a leading tertiary education provider

Established in 1905, NMIT has had a strong history of delivering quality education for well over a century. NMIT is ranked as a Category One provider by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA), the highest ranking possible. This means the institute consistently meets or exceeds national quality standards. At NMIT, students benefit from hands-on learning with strong industry connections, small class sizes, and personalised support from expert tutors.

At NMIT, students who already hold a degree can take the next step in their careers by enrolling in an NMIT master's programme while for those who haven't yet completed an undergraduate

degree, there are a range of undergraduate diplomas and bachelor's degrees to choose from across a wide range of disciplines including adventure tourism, hospitality, viticulture and winemaking, social sciences and business. Whether you're just starting out or looking to develop and advance your qualifications, NMIT has something to offer.

While studying, you can work part-time (25 hours per week) and, after graduation, potentially apply for a New Zealand post-study work visa if you meet eligibility criteria.

NMIT's campus offers inviting spaces for study and relaxation. Enjoy a coffee or lunch at the on-campus café, or find a peaceful spot in the park-like surroundings to study. The Library Learning Centre provides excellent facilities for individual or group learning, making it easy to balance work and downtime throughout your day.

Take the chance to study, work and live in sunny Nelson

Can you imagine your day including a quick hike up a scenic walking trail during your lunch break, then paddleboarding at the beach after dinner? Well, in Nelson, New Zealand's sunniest city, this kind of lifestyle comes as standard.

One of the best things about Nelson is how close everything is. In just 10 to 15 minutes, you can get from your classroom or your workplace to the beach, the mountains, or back home. No long commutes or traffic jams, just more time to enjoy life.

Even on busy days, it's easy to squeeze in an outdoor adventure. At the end of the day, you might head to Tahunanui Beach to swim, paddleboard, or just to relax as the sun sets over Tasman Bay.

On your weekends, you can venture a little bit further (up to two hours drive) to explore some of New Zealand's national parks. The very popular Kaiteriteri Beach and Abel Tasman National Park entices visitors with its clear sheltered coastline, crystal clear turquoise waters, marine reserve and the Abel Tasman coastal walking track – one of New Zealand's Great Walks.

Also nearby you will find the diverse landscape of Kahurangi National Park which offers even more adventure, including another of New Zealand's Great Walks, the Heaphy Track. Then there is Nelson Lakes National Park, which



provides an alpine landscape with mountains and lakeside walks.

You can also make the most of the winter months by visiting the local ski field, Rainbow Ski Field, which is just two hours and 30 minutes' drive from campus.

Nelson isn't just about sunshine and stunning scenery, it's also surprisingly affordable. Compared to major UK cities, living costs are much lower. For example, as of July 2025, renting a modern 3-4 bed house with parking and a garden costs around NZ\$3,200 a month, about £1,400.

Whether you're looking for a wonderful place to study, a welcoming community to live in, or a stunning environment to start your new life, Nelson has it all. With its blend of sunshine, affordability, outdoor adventure, and top-quality education at NMIT, it's no wonder so many people choose to make Nelson their home! 📍



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