Tertiary Study Overseas

Why study overseas?

Studying overseas provides Australian students with an opportunity to:

- Experience other education systems, cultures and languages
- Broaden your understanding of the global community
- Develop international personal and professional networks
- Add international skills to your resume
- Learn about yourself as you face new challenges and become more independent.

What options are available?

There are two broad options available:

- Study overseas as part of your studies at an Australian university
- Apply to an overseas university to complete your studies overseas.

Australian university options

This option is where you gain entry to a program at an Australian university and have an overseas experience as part of your studies. The following overseas programs may be available at your Australian university:

- Semester/year exchange programs
- Short courses during the summer or winter holidays
- Study tours
- Work placements or other practical training
- Language courses
- Business or leadership programs
- Internships or volunteering experiences
- Research trips.

The Commonwealth Government has a Study Overseas Web Portal at http://www.studyoverseas.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx for Australian university and VET students. It provides useful information for Australian students wishing to study overseas, including information on Australian Government scholarships (e.g. New Colombo Plan).

Information about overseas study options offered by specific universities is available on their websites, for example:

- Australian Catholic University https://students.acu.edu.au/student_life/study_abroad_and_exchange
- Griffith University https://www.griffith.edu.au/international/global-mobility/outbound
- James Cook University https://www.jcu.edu.au/jcu-global_mobility
- Queensland University of Technology https://www.qut.edu.au/study/overseas-study-and-exchange
- University of Queensland https://www.uq.edu.au/ugabroad/
- University of Southern Queensland https://www.usq.edu.au/current-students/life/study-abroad
- University of the Sunshine Coast https://www.usc.edu.au/learn/the-usc-experience/study-overseas

The information to gather includes:

- Programs available
- Countries you could go to
- Eligibility and requirements
- Cost – accommodation and board, travel, pocket money
- Passports and visas
- Travel and health insurance
- Financial assistance available, including scholarships.

Completing studies overseas

This option is where you apply directly to an overseas university or college to gain entry and to complete a specific qualification. Unless you are a citizen or permanent resident of the country, you will be considered an international student and entry requirements and cost will be different from domestic students in that country.
It is important to research this option thoroughly. The information to gather includes:

- Which country and institution
- Undergraduate or postgraduate study
- Whether the qualification you gain is recognised in Australia (e.g. if you study Law in the UK, can you practise Law in Australia?)
- Application processes (most are online)
- Admission requirements, including any additional tests (e.g. SAT is required for many universities in the USA)
- Available accommodation
- Cost - tuition fees, accommodation and board, travel, pocket money
- Passports and visas
- Travel and Health insurance
- Financial assistance, including scholarships
- Challenges of living abroad.

Useful websites for overseas study

**General**

- Study Overseas Web Portal  
- OS-HELP  
- Study Link  
- Smartraveller  
- Study Overseas  
- Study Portals  
  [http://www.studyporltals.com/students/](http://www.studyporltals.com/students/)
- Top Universities  

**Canada**

- Study in Canada  
- The High Commission of Canada in Australia  
- Universitystudy.ca  
  [http://www.universitystudy.ca/](http://www.universitystudy.ca/)
- Education in Canada  
  [http://www.educationauincanada.ca/educationauincanada/](http://www.educationauincanada.ca/educationauincanada/)

**Europe**

- Portal on Learning Opportunities throughout the European Space  

**New Zealand**

- Note: Australian students pay the same fees as New Zealand students.
- Education in New Zealand  
- Study in New Zealand  

**Singapore**

- Ministry of Education, Singapore  

**United Kingdom**

- British Council Australia – Study in the UK  
- Education UK  
  [http://www.educationuk.org/global](http://www.educationuk.org/global)

**United States of America**

- College Board (search for an institution and register for SAT on this website - you can sit for SAT in Brisbane)  
- College Board international  
  [http://international.collegeboard.org/](http://international.collegeboard.org/)
- Study in the USA  
- Australian/American Fulbright Commission  
- The Common Application  
  [https://www.commonapp.org/](https://www.commonapp.org/)
- Peterson’s  
- Business Schools Directory  
- Education USA  
  [http://www.educationusa.info/](http://www.educationusa.info/)
- Education USA Brisbane Email  
  [brisbane@educationusa.info](mailto:brisbane@educationusa.info)