

AUSTRALIA

Host Universities:

Brisbane, Queensland

- **University of Queensland**
The oldest university in Queensland (founded in 1910), the University of Queensland is one of the leading universities in Australia. The city of Brisbane is a cosmopolitan city with a population of over 1.2 million. Brisbane has considerable natural beauty including a broad, winding river and almost 200 parks and reserves within the city limits. Brisbane is only a short drive from beaches, mountains and national parks.
- **Queensland University of Technology (QUT)**
One of Australia's largest universities, with over 40,000 students, QUT has three campuses in Brisbane. The central city campus is bordered by Parliament House, The Brisbane River and the City Botanic Gardens. The Kelvin Grove Campus, QUT's "hilltop" campus, overlooks the city from two kilometers away. The Carseldine campus is located on the northern outskirts of the city. The campus is characterized by ultra-modern architecture set amid landscaped tracts of typical Australian native bushland style gardens.
- **Griffith University**
A fairly new university (established in 1971) with five campuses in the Brisbane-Gold Coast corridor. Griffith University has a total of some 32,000 students.

Sydney, New South Wales

- **University of Western Sydney (UWS)**
Located in Greater Western Sydney, one of the world's largest urban areas, the six campuses of UWS are easily accessible by train from the city center. Founded in 1989, it now enrolls approximately 30,000 students.
- **Macquarie University, Sydney**
In its short history of approximately three decades, Macquarie University now enrolls over 27,000 students. Located in Sydney's northern suburbs, adjacent to Australia's largest technology region, Macquarie is known for being innovative and international. The University is set on beautiful parklands that also serve as a large sculpture park.

Melbourne, Victoria

- **Victoria University of Technology (also known as Victoria University)**
Recognized, as one of Australia's most innovative universities, Victoria University, also known as "Victoria University of Technology," has become one of Australia's largest universities, with more than 50,000 students. In addition, it has the greatest international mix at any Australian university. Victoria University consists of eleven campuses in Melbourne's central business district and throughout Melbourne's western region. Melbourne, the capital city of Victoria and home to 3.2 million people, is known for its diversity, vitality, and sophistication, making it one of the world's most livable cities.

World Wide Web:

University of Queensland	http://www.uq.edu.au
Queensland University of Technology	http://www.qut.edu.au
Griffith University	http://www.gu.edu.au
University of Western Sydney	http://www.uws.edu.au
Macquarie University	http://www.mq.edu.au
Victoria University	http://www.vu.edu.au

Subjects Available:

- Agriculture and Horticulture (UWS)

- Australian and Indigenous Studies (Griffith, Macquarie)
- Engineering (Griffith, QUT, VU)
- Environmental Studies (Griffith, Macquarie)
- Food and Nutrition (UWS)
- Hospitality and Tourism (Griffith, VU, UWS)
- Information Technology (Griffith, Macquarie, QUT)
- Kinesiology and Exercise Science (VU, UWS)
- Marine Biology (Macquarie, UQ)
- Occupational Therapy (UWS)
- Performing Arts (QUT)
- Psychology (Macquarie)
- Studio Art (Griffith)

Academic Information:

In Australia students concentrate their studies in one field. IP students will be assigned to a specific department at their host university and are expected to take courses in that subject area only.

The program in Australia requires substantial preparation in the academic major and good writing skills regardless of the program. Students must complete all required coursework and should try to take some of the recommended coursework before departure.

Students must be aware that OIP makes university campus assignments based on academic and administrative considerations. Students may state a preference of assignment (in the Statement of Purpose), but must be willing to accept the assignments made by OIP.

Course descriptions can be found on the host universities' web sites.

Undergraduate students are required to carry a minimum academic courseload of 15 units per term and a total of 30 semester/45 quarter units for the academic year. This is a minimum of four classes each semester.

Graduate level coursework is not available in Australia.

Host University Acceptance:

Students initially accepted by OIP must subsequently also be accepted by the host institution in Australia. The acceptance letter that students receive from OIP in mid-August states this. Students will normally be informed by November of their admission into the host university. Only then is their IP acceptance complete.

Orientation:

After students have been admitted, they will receive an admissions packet from their Australian host institutions. This will contain information about the international student orientation. All IP students are required to attend the orientation program provided by their host institution.

Cultural Adjustment:

Don't make the mistake of thinking that just because the language is the same that the culture is the same. It's not.

Australians are very relaxed and casual, similar to Californians.

Students should read up on current events. Australians are aware of current news (especially about the US) and students may feel embarrassed if they can't participate in conversations about the US intelligently.

Practical Information:

There is no CSU Resident Director in Australia. Instead, IP students work directly with the exchange program office at their host university. Students will receive a welcome packet from their host university announcing the orientation program and giving them instructions about housing, registration, arrival, and other such matters.

Many of the universities in Australia have outstanding websites that include useful information for visiting international students (i.e. international student handbooks, housing information, etc.).

All applicants should apply for a passport at the same time they apply to the IP Program.

Housing:

At most host institutions, IP students have several different housing options including residence halls, home stays, and shared apartments. Of course, options will vary depending on which university you attend. We encourage you to browse the host university web pages to find more detailed information about the accommodations available to visiting international students.

Calendar (*Approximate Dates*):

Application Deadline	May 1
Notification of Acceptance	Mid-August
Program Start	Mid-February
Program End	Mid-December

