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**DEAKIN INTERNATIONAL
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Discover the world and progress towards your Deakin degree at the same time with an Education Abroad program.



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WHY STUDY OVERSEAS?

The reasons you should go are as far-reaching as the advantages you will gain. Education Abroad programs give you the chance to travel while you study and add a unique experience to your social, personal and career development.

By choosing from Student Exchange, Study Abroad, International Short-term Study Programs, In-country Language Programs or an Internship, you will:

- » **Get the Competitive Edge:** kickstart your CV with an international experience
- » **Develop personally:** make the world your classroom and change your life forever
- » **Gain academically:** enhance your degree with a diverse set of subject choices
- » **Experience another culture:** go from Burwood to Bremen, Geelong to Ghana, Warrnambool to Wisconsin...
- » **Travel and have fun:** see the world and make an international network of friends that will last a lifetime.

WHERE CAN I GO?

Get a globe and spin it...Deakin's Education Abroad program can take you all over the world. The program continues to grow with partner universities in over 20 countries such as Africa, Mexico, USA, Chile, Sweden, Italy, Japan, Syria, UK, China, Canada, Costa Rica, Malta and Norway.

WHO CAN GO?

You can! Education Abroad programs are open to all Deakin University students. There will be different eligibility requirements depending on your area of study and the program you choose.

WILL MY DEGREE TAKE LONGER?

No. Going on an Education Abroad program should not add any time to your degree as you bring back credits for units studied overseas.

COSTS

The costs of studying overseas vary greatly depending on your lifestyle and where you go. For all programs except Study Abroad you continue to pay your HECS at Deakin but you are exempt from paying tuition fees to the university overseas. Major costs are your return airfare, accommodation and living expenses, which vary from country to country.

Remember that you would need to meet many of the costs associated with overseas studies when studying in Australia too. Often the Exchange semester will not cost that much more than a semester in Australia and it will give you an experience of a lifetime. Study Abroad students may spend more as they often have to pay tuition fees to their host university.

HOW CAN I COVER COSTS?

Covering your costs is easier than you think, and there is plenty of financial assistance available for suitable applicants, including:

- » Deakin University Travel Grants
- » UMAP subsidies
- » OS-Help loans
- » Youth Allowance/Austudy

See the **Education Abroad website** www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/student-exchange/exchange/ for the latest information.

“Studying overseas forced me to step outside my comfort zone. It helped me to grow as a person, and gain in confidence. Throughout my stay in Ecuador I made friendships that will last a lifetime. Wanting to speak to my host family about my day was the best motivation for learning Spanish. I travelled to the Amazon Rainforest and the Galapagos Islands, and worked in a nature park as part of an internship program. I think everyone should take a semester abroad - I will never forget the great times I had whilst on exchange.”

JASMINE BUTLER | DEAKIN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE STUDENT | UNIVERSIDAD ESPIRITU SANTO, ECUADOR





I'M INTERESTED... NOW WHAT DO I DO?

1. Attending an application workshop is your first step to study overseas. Our Education Abroad team will be there to answer all your questions.

- » Check the Education Abroad website www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/student-exchange/exchange/ for details of the next application workshop.

2. Start your application early. Exchange programs can take some time to organise so make sure you check the application deadlines and eligibility requirements before you start your application.

Deadlines listed below may change slightly - applicants are advised to check the website.

» *Semester or year-long Exchange or Study Abroad program*

To go on Exchange or Study Abroad in Semester 1:

- » First round applications: 30 June
- » Second round applications: 15 August

To go on Exchange or Study Abroad in Semester 2:

- » First round applications: 14 November
- » Second round applications: 16 March

» *Summer and Winter programs*

To go on the Winter Exchange program in January–February:

- » Submit your application by 1 September

To go on the Summer Exchange program in May–August:

- » Submit your application by 2 March

3. Research your host university to make sure it has the academic and social culture you are looking for.

- » Begin your research at the prospective host university's website.
- » If you don't have a particular destination in mind, check the Recommended Destinations Guide on the Education Abroad website for some ideas as to what universities have programs in your area of study.
- » You need to know what kind of units you have to take to fulfil your course requirements. Please refer to the Deakin University Handbook for course structures.

» Match the units you are taking overseas with units you would have taken at Deakin in the particular semester(s) you are overseas. Check the prospective host university's website for unit descriptions.

» The Education Abroad office has handbooks for some host universities as well as returned students reports, which are also a good place to find out what subjects Deakin students studied at your proposed host university in past years.

» If you are unable to find the information you require, the Education Abroad office can assist you by liaising directly with the host university. Do not contact your host university directly. Always let the Education Abroad office make all contact on your behalf until you have been officially accepted by your host university.

4. Get your overseas study plan approved by your faculty

- » Once you have the information you require, make an appointment with your Faculty Enrolment Officer to have your chosen subjects approved. Bring along as much information as you can about your proposed subjects (including unit descriptions from the prospective host university's website) as this is the basis for your Faculty Enrolment Officer's decision on your proposed subjects. Getting your study plan approved may take several visits to your Faculty Enrolment Officer. The more prepared you are, the quicker it will be.

5. Prepare your application, using the application checklist.

- » Once you have completed your research, you can work on your application. Go to www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/student-exchange/exchange/ for the information you need to supply with your application.

Once you have submitted your application to the Education Abroad Office, we work on your behalf liaising with your faculty and your host university. Please be patient throughout this process as it can take some time to confirm your place with your chosen host university. You will hear from the Education Abroad office on the status of your application within three months of applying.





FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have questions or need assistance, drop in or contact the Education Abroad office.

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“My time overseas was an absolutely unbelievable experience that I will never forget. The people I met were probably the best part. I would highly recommend an Education Abroad program to anyone who wants to travel or do something different with their university experience.”

SHANE AULSEBROOK | **DEAKIN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY STUDENT** | UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA, CANADA

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