



Study Abroad and Exchange 2026

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CQUGlobal Study Abroad and Exchange programs allow you to join CQUniversity for a short period while earning credits towards your home degree and experience life and study away from home.

Discover what Australia has to offer and immerse yourself in Australian culture and lifestyle.

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

What it is Study a term or an academic year at our Rockhampton, Brisbane or Mackay campuses, whilst gaining study credits that you can transfer back to your home institution.

If you are currently not studying in your home country, you can still join the program to gain an incredible insight into the real Australia and choose to use the credit at a later date.

Eligibility Anyone 18 years or over.

Fees A\$10 700¹ Students from our partner institutions will automatically qualify for a scholarship to the value of A\$1000 from CQUniversity.

EXCHANGE PROGRAM

What it is Similar to our Study Abroad program but this program is exclusive to students studying at our global network of partner institutions and the International Student Exchange Programs (ISEP) network.

Eligibility Must be nominated by one of our exchange partner universities or ISEP. To see the full list of our partner institutions, visit cqu.edu.au/cquglobal-inbound.

Fees No tuition fee from CQUniversity; however, you may still need to pay tuition fees to your home institution.

¹ Based on a full-time study load of four units per term. Fees are subject to change.



Why study with us

CQUniversity is one of the largest and fastest-growing universities, renowned for its global focus and commitment to social responsibility, inclusion and community. With a strong international standing, CQU fosters a vibrant environment where growing minds thrive and make an impact worldwide.



TOP 125 WORLDWIDE

A young university delivering mature impact.

Times Higher Education
World University Rankings 2024.



CHOOSE FROM TWO TERMS

Study when it suits you with flexible start options in March or July.



5-STAR EXPERIENCE

Outstanding ratings in employability, global engagement, social impact, teaching, diversity, equity & inclusion, facilities, research and overall.

QS Stars Rating System 2024.



STUDENT SUPPORT AND SATISFACTION

Above sector satisfaction in learning, support, living, career goal preparation and overall happiness.

International Student Barometer (ISB) 2023.

1st

**Social Enterprise University,
and Changemaker campus in Australia**

A commitment to making a difference and transforming the world through social innovation.

Social Traders / Accredited by Ashoka U.

33 000+

students at CQUniversity

5200+

**international students
from 50+ countries**

140 000+

CQUniversity alumni

300+

**partner networks
in 50+ countries**

Explore our campuses

Brisbane

 10-22°C  21-29°C

As Queensland's capital city, Brisbane boasts world class galleries, lively music venues and a thriving café and restaurant culture, with stunning natural surroundings only an hour away from the iconic Gold Coast. Brisbane is a student-friendly city that offers a perfect balance of urban energy and relaxed, coastal vibes.

Located in the heart of Brisbane's vibrant city centre, CQU Brisbane offers modern, state-of-the-art facilities across nine floors. With dedicated spaces for relaxation, socialising and study, the campus creates a supportive learning environment. Conveniently situated just a short walk from Central train station and King George Square bus station, students enjoy easy access to public transport and the bustling city life.



WATCH HERE

See our
Brisbane campus
come to life.

For more information on our locations,
visit cqu.edu.au/locations.

MACKAY

ROCKHAMPTON

BRISBANE

BEST STUDENT CITY

Brisbane #25
QS Best Student Cities 2025.

Rockhampton

☀️ 10-25°C 🌞 22-32°C



See our
Rockhampton
campus come
to life.

Rockhampton is perfectly positioned between the beach and the bush on the east coast of Queensland, and is situated on the Tropic of Capricorn, experiencing an average of over 300 days of sunshine per year.

The free Rockhampton Botanical Gardens and Zoo is home to native Australian koalas, kangaroos, emus, dingos and crocodiles, as well as chimpanzees, meerkats, otters and many more animals.

Our Rockhampton campus is a tranquil and picturesque oasis, boasting lush greenery and 30+ academic buildings. It features fully-equipped learning facilities from engineering and allied health precincts, to medical and paramedic science laboratories, a digital media studio, a three-level library, cafés, lounges, and a major Community Sports Centre.

Mackay

☀️ 13-23°C 🌞 22-30°C

A resort-style campus with a student residence and internationally-regarded Central Queensland Conservatorium of Music. The perfect gateway to the Whitsunday Islands and the Great Barrier Reef.

Note: Available for music and theatre students only.



See our
Mackay campus
come to life.



Experience Australia

Australia is home to many natural wonders of the world including the Great Barrier Reef, iconic landmarks and native animals, including the cuddly koala and resilient kangaroo.

No matter what time of year, you'll get to experience all that Australia has to offer. Here's a glimpse of what you can explore while you're here.

**North Stradbroke
Island, Brisbane.**

The Great Ocean Road is the world's largest War Memorial.



 **AUTUMN | March to May**

Enjoy a getaway around the Great Ocean Road, stop in local seaside towns and visit the 12 Apostles, three hours away from Melbourne.

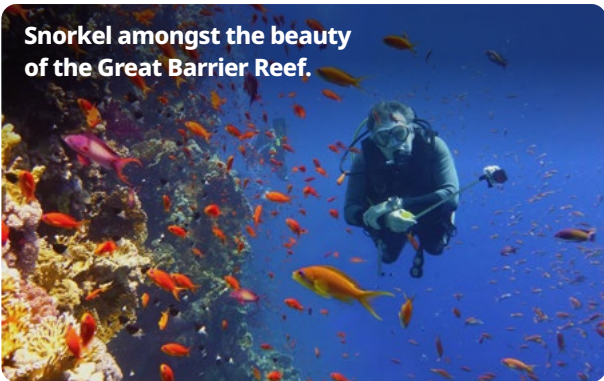
The culture of Aboriginal Australian people is one of the oldest in the world, dating back more than 50 000 years.



 **SPRING | September to November**

Trek through lush canopies and discover plants and animals found nowhere else on the planet in the World Heritage listed Daintree Rainforest in Cairns.

Snorkel amongst the beauty of the Great Barrier Reef.



 **FUN FACT**

Queensland's K'gari is the largest sand island in the world.

80% of Australian natives are unique to Australia.



 **WINTER | June to August**

Hit the slopes and sip on hot chocolate in one of Victoria's great alpine resorts.

Australia has more than 10 000 beaches stretching over 50 000 kilometres of coastline.



 **SUMMER | December to February**

Be spoiled for choice with hidden gems around Australia's vast coastline.

See world-famous landmarks along Sydney's Harbour.



 **DID YOU KNOW?**

There are three time zones in Australia.

Study options

SUBJECT AREAS

You can choose various units and combine them to design a personalised program that meets your academic and personal goals. Alternatively, you can utilise elective units in your home program to study an area outside of your major that interests you.

For both Study Abroad and Exchange, you can choose from a large number of units from undergraduate to postgraduate research.

Course availability varies according to campus.

STUDY

Exchange and Study Abroad students can choose courses from any subject area:

- › Allied Health
- › Business and Accounting
- › Creative and Performing Arts
- › Digital Media, Communications and Arts
- › Education and Teaching
- › Engineering and Built Environment
- › Information Systems and Technology
- › Nursing and Health
- › Psychology and Social Work
- › Science, Environment and Agriculture.

For our Syllabus and available courses/units in various terms and campuses refer to our handbook at handbook.cqu.edu.au.

A full study workload is four courses (also known as units) worth 24 credit points.

WHAT IS REQUIRED?

- › Evidence of English Language Proficiency.
Find out more about English requirements cqu.edu.au/englishreq.
- › Academic Transcript.
Find out more about Academic requirements cqu.edu.au/academicreq.
- › Passport
- › Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC).
(See page 13 for details.)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE OPTIONS

In order to enter academic units Study Abroad and Exchange, students must meet the English language requirements.

If you don't meet these requirements you are able to study English for Academic Purposes (EAP) courses offered by our CQUniversity English Language Centres in Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney.

Offered at three levels according to your needs, EAP courses develop reading, writing, listening and speaking skills required for university study, including critical thinking and academic study skills.

For more information visit cqu.edu.au/cquenglish.



‘Studying in Australia has been a wonderful experience. Not only for the beautiful sunsets and the warm environment, but above all for its multicultural environment. Studying at CQU has given me the opportunity to meet many people from all over the world, enriching my international study experience where I’ve discovered a new way of looking at education and human relationships.’

Ivana Dogo Koudou | France

Facilities + social spaces

Our campuses feature modern, state-of-the-art teaching and learning facilities, complete with well-equipped study areas and recreational spaces to socialise.



Sports centre, outdoor courts and gyms.



Clinical learning experiences.



Engineering precinct and allied health clinics.



Social spaces, lounges and cafés.



Native surrounds.



Fully equipped libraries and study hubs.

Student experiences

SOCIAL LIFE

CQUniversity offers a vibrant and active campus life for students right across our entire campus network. Campus activities include pop-up bars, live music, networking events, free exercise classes, free coffee days, outdoor movies and more.

Many of our locations also offer a range of student recreation facilities such as gyms and sports areas, food outlets, cafés, bars, games areas, lounge and entertainment zones.

STUDENT SUPPORT

University life can be an exciting yet challenging experience. At CQUniversity we offer a variety of support services including Academic Learning Centres, counselling and welfare to assist our students to develop the personal resilience and skills needed to achieve both their academic and personal goals.

We are proud to be one of Australia's most accessible universities with student mentors who are on-hand to help new students feel quickly at home.

CLUBS, GROUPS AND SOCIETIES

Studying overseas will be one of the most exciting times of your life. Clubs, groups and societies all play an important part of university life and are a fantastic way to meet new people.

From yoga and dance to basketball and board games, there is something for everyone. Get involved and explore life beyond the classroom by joining an existing club or creating your own.



Check out our various clubs.

LEARN MORE

ORIENTATION AND ARRIVALS

Orientation is a great way to meet your lecturers, university support services and classmates with fun activities, entertainment, important information and a campus tour.

A compulsory Orientation week takes place the week before the start of each term.

We recommend students arrive at least the weekend prior to Orientation (one week before term starts).

'I enjoyed seeing Australia and meeting new people while gaining credits for my program at home. There's lots of nice places on Rockhampton campus to study, hang out, exercise and relax. Apply! You lose nothing and only gain new experiences, friends and memories.'

Emily Lowry | Canada



Accommodation

Welcome to
CAPRICORNIA COLLEGE

Australia is a safe and modern country, with cities regularly ranked among the best in the world to live and study in. Be part of the college community with support learning, join in our cultural excursions and social events — and experience for yourself why life is better on campus.

ON-CAMPUS RESIDENCE

Mackay	Self-catered	A\$240 – A\$265 per week
Rockhampton	Fully-catered Includes meals, private room and shared or private bathroom and kitchenette.	A\$350 – A\$440 per week
	Self-catered	A\$260 per week

Prices are indicative and subject to change.

Our Student Residences are safe, convenient and affordable with friendly staff, allowing you to be part of the college community.

- › Free WiFi and internet facilities
- › Free laundry facilities
- › 24 hours on-site assistance and security
- › Close to classes on campus – no car or public transport required
- › Free and easy access to gym, sporting facilities, gaming, lounge and recreation rooms
- › Included meals and air conditioning (for selected room types)
- › Organised cultural and social activities, e.g. hiking and island trips
- › Annual events including Colour Run and Awards Night
- › Pastoral care
- › Study centres

For more information, visit cqu.edu.au/college.

OFF-CAMPUS RESIDENCE

We work with Australian Homestay Network (AHN) to provide homestay accommodation for students where you live with a family in their home. AHN will facilitate the arrangement and ensure you have a welcoming, safe and enjoyable experience.

For those looking for off-campus student accommodation in Brisbane there are a number of options available, visit cqu.edu.au/off-campus-accommodation.

Rental properties such as flats, houses and shared accommodation are also available. We recommend visiting realestate.com.au and domain.com.au.



Hopkins Standard Room, Rockhampton.

Living in Australia

VISA INFORMATION

If you intend to study in Australia, you will require a valid visa. The Department of Home Affairs is responsible for providing advice and issuing visas on entry to Australia.

For more information regarding visa application requirements and procedures, visit:

- › Department of Home Affairs – homeaffairs.gov.au
- › Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) (Embassy, Consulate, Consulate-General, High Commission) – dfat.gov.au/missions
- › Study in Australia – studyaustralia.gov.au

LIVING COSTS

The cost of living varies depending on the location, accommodation type and lifestyle you choose.

The table below reflects basic living costs and does not include tuition fees, air tickets, student visa application fees, medical examinations for student visa application, OSHC and study related costs, such as textbooks.

When you first arrive, you will need to consider establishment costs such as bond payment, advance rent, furniture and other household items. If you have a car, you will need to consider vehicle registration and maintenance costs.

Living expenses for a single student	Average per week (A\$)
Accommodation	195 – 440
Groceries and eating out	140 – 280
Utilities	15 – 30
Public transport	30 – 60
Phone and Internet	15 – 30
Entertainment	80 – 150

There are financial requirements you must meet in order to receive a student visa for Australia.

The 12-month indicative living cost is \$A29 710.

To estimate your living costs Study Australia provides a helpful online calculator visit studyaustralia.gov.au/english/live/living-costs.

AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY

The Australian currency is the Australian Dollar (AUD). Visit xe.com/currencyconverter to check your currency conversion.

OVERSEAS STUDENT HEALTH COVER (OSHC)

It is a condition of your student visa that you, and any dependent family members, maintain OSHC for the duration of your studies. CQU's preferred OSHC provider is Bupa.

For the University to arrange your OSHC policy with Bupa, you will need to pay the amount listed on your Offer of Admission. Details can be found on your Confirmation of Enrolment, which you will use when applying for your student visa. Your Policy details will be received via email.

Notes: Belgian, Norwegian and Swedish students are not required to purchase OSHC, and are covered for treatment that is medically necessary under their country's Reciprocal Health Care Agreement (RHCA) with Australia.

Study Abroad students with an eligible Working Holiday visa do not require OSHC; however, will be required to obtain sufficient travel insurance for the duration of their stay in Australia.

For more information, visit cqu.edu.au/oshc.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Public transport is available at all our campus locations and may include a bus, train, tram or ferry depending on where you live. Most Australian states utilise smartcards to provide a convenient way of travelling on the public transport network.

For more information on living in Australia, visit cqu.edu.au/studying-in-australia.

'One of the great things about living on campus was the chance to make friends in the dorms, where we had common rooms for playing pool, table tennis, or watching movies together.

Putting myself in a new environment was a huge learning experience. It's not always easy, but I encourage you to take that step and be brave.'

Kunihiro Shimoyashki | Japan



How to apply



1 Choose your location

Choose between our main Rockhampton campus or our Brisbane city campus. Music or theatre students will study in Mackay.
cqu.edu.au/locations

2 Choose your units

Check our handbook for course availability and download unit profiles. handbook.cqu.edu.au/he/units/index and my-courses.cqu.edu.au/pub/profiles/search

Checklist:

- Check your eligibility against the prerequisites
- Select 6–8 units to study and request home institution approval

3 Register and apply

Complete an online application.
cqu.edu.au/international-apply

4 Accept your offer

Process any payments and accept your offer via our online portal.

5 Next steps

Once you receive your Confirmation of Enrolment (COE), apply for your visa.

homeaffairs.gov.au

Once visa is granted, start preparing your travel to Australia and plan your adventure.

KEY DATES

Take note of our term dates when planning your program at CQUniversity. We advise that you apply well in advance of the term in which you wish to study as visa processing times may vary.

2026	Term 1	Term 2
Orientation week	3–7 March	7–11 July
First day of classes	10 March	14 July
Last day of classes	6 June	10 October
Final exam period	12–20 June	16–24 October

Term dates are subject to change.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Each term runs for approximately 12 weeks with university breaks. For specific dates view our Academic Calendar.

cqu.edu.au/academic-calendars

APPLY NOW

Exchange students from partner universities:
CE91 International Student Exchange Program

Study Abroad students:
CO57 Study Abroad (CQUGlobal Inbound Program)

English Language:
CI24 English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

cqu.edu.au/international-apply



‘The range of courses is very broad. I found the support very personal and always felt welcome to ask questions. CQU is a very cosmopolitan University with a progressing teaching concept and I can warmly recommend it to everyone!’

Maximilian Müller | Germany



‘I chose CQU because any type of profession that exists, CQU has the course. Brisbane is a very warm, huge, hilly and culturally vibrant city.

I did travel a lot – every state in Australia has such a different landscape and different sense of culture. Take that step, or maybe even leap, and just do it! You’ll feel like you will always have a second home to come back to.’

Martijn de Groot | Netherlands



‘I would recommend that everyone participate in an exchange program. The quality and effort put into the units by everyone at CQU is outstanding. It might initially seem intimidating but it will become one of the greatest experiences.’

Alea Laetita Wolf | Germany



‘I always had a fascination with Australia and was excited to come and visit. I thought that an opportunity to live in a different country for a few months would be a perfect opportunity to discover Australia’s culture and beauty. The class sizes were small, allowing me to have good connections with my peers and to feel confident asking questions to my professors.’

Chloe Shepherd | Canada



Education services for overseas students

CQUniversity and the Australia Government want international students in Australia to have a safe, enjoyable and rewarding place to study. Australia’s laws promote quality education and consumer protection for international students. These laws are known as the ESOS framework. For further information please visit cqu.edu.au/esos.

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