



## Exchange Program Guide

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## **Sydney Global Mobility**

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# Introduction to the University

## Prestige & academic rigour

Every year hundreds of students from around the world are welcomed to the University of Sydney through our Sydney Global Mobility program. Some come for our academic reputation and our wide range of courses, while others wish to experience our vibrant student life bolstered by our Mates program and internship opportunities. Whatever the reason, we invite your students to join us and find out why we're Australia's favourite option.

We sit in the top 0.3 percent of universities worldwide, ensuring that Australian innovation and research is recognised on the international stage. Ranked 45th in the world in the 2015/16 QS World University Rankings and consistently within the top three in Australia, the University of Sydney is one of the country's leading research-intensive universities and oldest member of the prestigious Group of Eight.

We're ranked the 'Best Student Experience in Australia' by National Union of Students, boasting more than 200 student clubs and societies, 43 sports clubs, 12 cafes and 8 bars on campus, 4 live performance spaces and 2 fitness centres

### **Fast facts: 2016**

- Enrolled students in 2015; 52,000+
- Alumni worldwide: 270,000
- Countries represented by our student body: 134
- Items in the University's Library: more than 5.2 million
- Student exchange agreements: 250 (in more than 40 countries)
- Academic staff: 3400+

### **Faculties and schools**

- Agriculture and Environment
- Architecture, Design and Planning
- Arts and Social Sciences
- Dentistry
- Education and Social Work
- Health Sciences Veterinary Science
- Pharmacy
- Engineering and Information Technologies
- The University of Sydney Law School
- The University of Sydney Medical School
- Sydney Nursing School
- Science
- Sydney Conservatorium of Music
- Sydney College of the Arts

## Sydney Global Mobility team



### **Ms Leonie Patrick**

Director, Sydney Global Mobility

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Leonie has worked and studied abroad, and is passionate about student mobility. Her expertise in international student marketing & recruitment, partnership development, internationalisation strategy development and student mobility are borne from over 20 years experience across international education in several Australian Universities. She enjoys cultivating partnerships and new initiatives that support the University's internationalisation agenda to substantially grow outbound student mobility opportunities.

### **Ms Cara Bonnington**

Manager, Global Mobility

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Originally from the US, Cara recently moved to Australia to join the University of Sydney as Mobility Manager. She is having a wonderful time learning about Australian flora and fauna, especially the flying foxes! In her role, Cara manages the student exchange team and Australian government mobility grants.

### **Ms Fiona White**

Exchange Coordinator

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Originally from the U.K, Fiona has worked in Southeast Asia and has lived in Australia for 7 years. Fiona is responsible for exchange partnerships in the Americas, Belgium, France, Spain, Switzerland, Italy, Portugal and Israel and looks after outbound students to French speaking countries. Fiona is also developing our short term overseas opportunities for University of Sydney students.

### **Mr Kenny Lowe**

Exchange Coordinator

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Kenny has worked in Mongolia as an Australian youth ambassador. Kenny is responsible for exchange partnerships in the United Kingdom, Scandinavia, Germany, Austria and Asia and looks after inbound and outbound semester students in Asia. Kenny also manages outbound short term exchanges.

**Mr Thommy Gatling**, International Agreements Coordinator

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Thommy has a background in law and has spent a number of years coaching a University of Sydney women's football team. Thommy manages the University of Sydney's portfolio of international agreements including our study abroad and exchange agreements.

**Ms Dimity Hyde**, Exchange Adviser

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Dimity attended the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid as an exchange student in 2009, and continued living and working in Madrid until 2014. Dimity is responsible for inbound exchange students from the Americas, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Spain, Portugal and Israel, as well as outbound students to Latin America, Spain, Portugal and Italy.

**Ms Georgia Downey**, Exchange Adviser

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Georgia is a University of Sydney graduate and she completed an exchange year at the University of Copenhagen. Georgia is responsible for inbound and outbound students from Scandinavia and inbound students to the United Kingdom. She also organises the Mates Abroad Mentoring Program and manages our social media platforms.

**Ms Kristy Scott**, Exchange Adviser

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Kristy is responsible for University of Sydney students going to the United States and Canada. Kristy has been lucky enough to visit many of our partners' campuses across North America and looks forward to inspiring University of Sydney students to explore this region of the world. Kristy is also responsible for the Global Citizenship Award, which has been piloted in 2016 and will be officially launched in 2017.

**Ms Priya Sivaraj**, Exchange Officer

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Priya joined the Sydney Abroad team this year having worked as a Peer Adviser in our Student Centre. Priya speaks 4 languages and completed two semesters of exchange in Shanghai and Geneva, while studying at the University of Sydney. Priya is responsible for University of Sydney students going to the United Kingdom, Ireland, Germany and Austria.



## **Location and campuses**

The central Camperdown/Darlington campus of the University of Sydney is located approximately 3 kilometres southwest of the heart of the City of Sydney.

Faculties located here include Agriculture and Environment; Architecture, Design & Planning; Arts & Social Sciences; Business School; Education & Social Work; Engineering & Information Technologies; Law; Medicine; Pharmacy; Science and Veterinary Science.

Dentistry; Health Sciences; Nursing & Midwifery; Sydney College of the Arts (SCA) and Sydney Conservatorium of Music; plus some facilities for Agriculture and Environment and Veterinary Science are located on other campuses.

[sydney.edu.au/about-us/campuses](https://sydney.edu.au/about-us/campuses)

## Semester dates

### 2017 Semester 1 (March semester)

Meet and Greet Sessions:	Monday 20 – Friday 24 February
Orientation & Enrolment:	Monday 27 February
University Union O'Week:	Wednesday 22 – Friday 24 February
Classes Begin:	Monday 6 March
Mid-semester Break:	Friday 14 – Friday 22 April
Classes End:	Friday 9 June
Study Vacation Period:	Monday 12 – Friday 16 June
Examinations and Semester End:	Monday 19 June – Saturday 1 July

### 2017 Semester 2 (July semester)

Meet and Greet Sessions:	Monday 17 – Friday 21 July
Orientation & Enrolment:	Monday 24 July
Classes Begin:	Monday 31 July
Mid-semester Break:	Monday 25 – Friday 29 September
Classes End:	Friday 3 November
Study Vacation Period:	Monday 6 – Friday 10 November
Examinations and Semester End:	Monday 13 – Saturday 25 November

### 2018 Semester 1 (March semester)

Meet and Greet Sessions:	Monday 19 – Friday 23 February
Orientation & Enrolment:	Monday 26 February
University Union O'Week:	Wednesday 28 Feb – Friday 2 March
Classes Begin:	Monday 5 March
Mid-semester Break:	Friday 30 Mar – Friday 6 April
Classes End:	Friday 8 June
Study Vacation Period:	Monday 11 – Friday 15 June
Examinations and Semester End:	Monday 18 – Saturday 30 June

### 2018 Semester 2 (July semester)

Meet and Greet Sessions:	Monday 16 – Friday 20 July
Orientation & Enrolment:	Monday 23 July
Classes Begin:	Monday 30 July
Mid-semester Break:	Monday 24 – Friday 28 September
Classes End:	Friday 2 November
Study Vacation Period:	Monday 5 – Friday 9 November
Examinations and Semester End:	Monday 12 – Saturday 24 November

## Study options

We have several thousand units of study across 16 Faculties. Units of study at 1000-level through 4000-level are considered Undergraduate and units of study at 5000-level and above are considered Postgraduate. Students can search for units of study by visiting our Sydney Courses unit of study page:

1. Go to <http://sydney.edu.au/courses/>
2. Choose 'Units of Study' from the drop-down list
3. Enter your search term/keyword and click 'Search'
4. Click 'Yes' for 'Available to Study Abroad/Exchange' when the search results appear.

## Study load

Single unit of study: 6 credits

Normal study load per semester : 24 credits (typically 4 units of study)

Minimum study load per semester: 18 credits (typically 3 units of study)

Where possible all students will be pre-enrolled prior to their arrival

## Popular units of study

Class schedules are normally available the week prior to the semester commencing. We have therefore produced lists of popular units of study to assist you in advising your students who wish to study with us. This service requires you to log in using the following details:

Username:

Password:

[sydney.edu.au/future-students/sydney-abroad/units-of-study](http://sydney.edu.au/future-students/sydney-abroad/units-of-study)

## Restricted departments

- Undergraduate students are not permitted to enrol in postgraduate units of study (coded numerically 5000 and higher)
- Law, Medicine and Psychology are only available at the undergraduate level (coded numerically between 1000-3000)
- Only students studying a Law degree will be permitted to enrol in Law units of study
- Students admitted to the University of Sydney under a discipline-specific agreement (eg: Science) are restricted to units of study within this discipline. However, 6 credits (one unit of study) out of a full-time load of 24 credits, may be taken outside of this discipline per semester
- Graduate Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Physiotherapy and Veterinary Science are closed to exchange students



## Accommodation and living expenses



### Guaranteed accommodation

We provide peace of mind in finding a place to live by offering our students guaranteed accommodation at Urbanest, a student accommodation complex within a 5 minute walk to campus and located on the doorstep of downtown Sydney. We have negotiated a special contract rate and length for Exchange students. Contracts start the week before Orientation Week and finish the week after the final exam period, meaning students don't pay for several additional weeks they wouldn't use. All students who live at Urbanest benefit from the following facilities and services:

- Central location
- Fully furnished apartments
- Rent inclusive of all utilities and 15GB of internet/month included
- Social and Study spaces
- 24/7 Security System and dedicated on-site team
- Gym & Yoga room
- Indoor cinema and Game room

### Alternative off-campus accommodation

Exchange students are welcome to source their own accommodation off campus, which may suit the more independent, or mature aged, student. Please refer them to the University of Sydney accommodation website for information on the surrounding suburbs, house hunting tips, short-term housing and homestay options.

[sydney.edu.au/campus-life/accommodation](https://sydney.edu.au/campus-life/accommodation)

### Cost of living

As a guide, a single student living away from home will spend anywhere between \$1,500 and \$2,200 every month on accommodation, food, utilities and entertainment. This does not include visa, OSHC or travel costs.

[sydney.edu.au/study/finances-fees-costs/living-costs](https://sydney.edu.au/study/finances-fees-costs/living-costs)

## Mates Abroad Program and social events

Each semester, hundreds of Study Abroad and Exchange students are paired with enthusiastic Australian student mentors through the Mates Abroad Mentoring program. The mentors help our international students ease into Sydney life, foster an international culture amongst their peers, and share exciting adventures in Australia together. Our international and local students are paired based on study disciplines, country experiences and interests.

All mentors are required to officially apply to be a mentor, participate in a pre-semester mentor training workshop as well as provide feedback to Sydney Global Mobility to assure all mates are well cared for. Our Mates Abroad Mentors play an integral role in the life of our inbound students as they experience studying abroad at The University of Sydney and learning what it truly means to be Australian.

[facebook.com/groups/matesabroad](https://facebook.com/groups/matesabroad)

Popular social events include:



### **Breakfast with the Koalas**

This unique and exciting opportunity gives our students to opportunity to enjoy a private behind-the-scenes tour of Sydney's WILDLIFE zoo without all the tourist crowds! After the tour, students are treated to a Aussie BBQ breakfast under the canopy of Eucalyptus gum trees and our favourite native Koala friends.



### **Sydney Harbour Evening Boat Cruise**

A cruise on the Sydney harbour is a 'must' for any visitor. Students have the chance to meet other international students while sailing on one of the world's 'most beautiful harbours' and enjoying a beautiful evening sunset with dinner and drinks.



### **Learn to Surf Camp**

Get a taste of the Australian surf culture!

Study Abroad and Exchange students can sign up to surf camp that takes them just a few hours south of Sydney. The crystal clear waters of Sydney's south is the perfect setting to get our students out in the waves, all the while making new friends that will last a lifetime!



### **Hunter Valley Weekend Away**

Relaxation and adventure!

After getting up close with Australian native reptiles, koalas and kangaroos in Sydney, students travel north to the Hunter Valley wine region the learn the finer points of wine tasting for an alternate start to semester. Following this they head to Port Stephens for a dolphin watching cruise and sandboarding.



### **Aussie BBQ and Football experience**

Australians enjoy many different sports and 'Aussie Rules' is one that is uniquely Australian! There is no better way to get an insight into Australian culture and meet some of the locals by getting amongst the crowds, supporting a local team and enjoying it all with a great Aussie BBQ.



### **Farewell event**

A semester at the University of Sydney would not be complete without a farewell event. Hosted by our Mates Abroad Mentors in our historic Great Hall, this is a social event for students to celebrate the completion of their studies, the experience they've had and the new friendships they have made along the way.



## Promote your University at the University of Sydney

We are proud to be able to provide our students with the opportunity to spend a semester or year on exchange through our international partnerships. While your students are studying with us we would like to invite them to engage with University of Sydney students to promote your institution as an ideal destination for exchange. They can do this by:

- participating in campus events hosted Sydney Global Mobility
- joining our Exchange Advisers in their regular information sessions for students

We will provide your students with further information when they arrive however it would be great if you are able to assist in preparing them before they commence their exchange with us.

Key annual promotional events at the University of Sydney:

**Partner Day** - March

**Exchange Fair** - 4 April 2017

If a representative of your institution is planning a visit to Australia and would like to visit us on campus please let us know, we'd be delighted to organise a visit catered to your requirements.

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