

Australia: Attracting International Students for Studies

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Abstract— Australia is a dynamic, vibrant country with energetic, friendly people. Multicultural Australia is English-speaking and a safe and friendly society in which students can learn and travel freely. Australia also offers excellent value for money and a standard of living that is among the highest in the world. Living expenses and tuition costs in Australia are considerably less expensive than the UK and USA. The other advantages for this country in the Asia Pacific Rim include paid internships while studying.

I. INTRODUCTION

Australia now has around 38,4000 international students from over 140 countries in disciplines at every level of education, including short-term English language courses, Bachelor and Masters Degrees right through to Doctoral Degrees.

Australia has the third highest number of international students in the world behind only the United Kingdom and the United States despite having a population of only 23 million? This isn't surprising when you consider Australia has seven of the top 100 universities in the world! In fact, with over 22,000 courses across 1,100 institutions, Australia sits above the likes of Germany, the Netherlands and Japan, ranking eighth in the Universitas 2012 U21 Ranking of National Higher Education Systems.

These are strong academic credentials, but our institutions are just as highly rated as the cities that house them around the country. Australia has five of the 30 best cities in the world for students based on student mix, affordability, quality of life, and employer activity

all important elements for students when choosing the best study destination. And with more than A\$200 million provided by the Australian Government each year in international scholarships, we're making it easier for you to come and experience the difference an Australian education can make to your future career opportunities.

There is every chance Australia has you covered, with at least one Australian university in the top 50 worldwide across the study areas of Natural Sciences & Mathematics, Life &

Agricultural Sciences, Clinical Medicine & Pharmacy, and Physics.

Given this impressive education pedigree, it's not surprising there are now more than 2.5 million former international students who have gone on to make a difference after studying in Australia. Some of these students are among the world's finest minds. In fact, Australia has produced 15 Nobel prize laureates and every day over 1 billion people around the world rely on Australian discoveries and innovations – including penicillin, IVF, ultrasound, Wi-Fi, the Bionic Ear, cervical cancer vaccine and Black Box Flight Recorders – to make their lives, and the lives of others, better.

Australia promotes innovation, creativity and independent thinking throughout its universities. International students who study and live in Australia. As an international student in Australia, you can expect to live, grow and learn in a young, friendly country full of opportunities. For those international students who successfully complete their degree, they will soon find that they are competitive in today's international job market. Learn more here.

II. VISA RED-TAPISM

Most of us are familiar with the high-handedness of the American and the British visa officials. On any given day, a genuine visa application may get turned down for reasons best known to them. This is gradually going in favor of new academic destinations.

Students are more or less frustrated about the lengthy and costly visa application procedure for the US and UK. The guardian has recently published a report saying UK visas should address the problems encountered by one-third of students in obtaining visas -- 18 per cent found it a lengthy and difficult process even though their first application was eventually successful, 8 per cent were initially refused but received a visa on a second application and 5 per cent received one after appealing their initial refusal.

III. JOB OPPORTUNITIES

While the UK closes doors for doctors and the US focuses more on it professionals, international students have started to hit upon Australia which offers more job facilities in multiple

disciplines. Be it in agriculture or aeronautics, accounts or actuaries, Australia offer work permits to international students like none other.

IV. MORE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Australia offers research opportunities to eligible professionals willing to enhance their career. The biggest advantage is Australia offers country-based research that is spread all over the continent. Selection for these highly regarded research opportunities are based on merit and is highly competitive, and a proven track record of academic excellence is a pre-requisite.

Despite a decrease in the number and proportion of student traffic, the British and the American officials seem reluctant to take a note of it although university officials project the dip in revenue. Slowly the wheel is turning full circle. Many a change will define the future of academic destinations for international students -- the pattern right now strongly directs towards the continent of Australia.

V. STUDENTS WITH FAMILIES

If you have family members that will accompany you to Australia there are immigration requirements that must be met. For children between the ages of 5 and 18, you are required to make adequate schooling arrangements for them while they are in Australia. Students must note that Australian government and private schools charge fees. Further information about enrolling your child at a school can be obtained

VI. MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Australia is a safe, multicultural, friendly and harmonious society. Australians value the wealth of cultural diversity and social sophistication that international students bring to the campuses and communities.

Great care is taken in looking after international students and helping them to adjust to the Australian way of life. Australia has a low crime rate and strict gun control laws providing a safe environment.

One's study plans are also not likely to be upset by political turmoil. People from about 200 countries have migrated to Australia, making Australia one of the most culturally diverse countries in the world. The multicultural nature of Australian society means international students are readily accepted by other students, and teachers are experienced in teaching classes to students from many countries.

VII. SOME AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES

A. New South Wales

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- Macquarie University, Sydney
- Southern Cross University, Coffs Harbour, Lismore, Tweed Heads
- University of New England (Australia), Armidale
- University of New South Wales, Sydney, Canberra (in conjunction with ADFA)

B. Queensland

- Flag of Queensland.svg
- Bond University, Gold Coast
- Central Queensland University ("CQUniversity"), Bundaberg, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton, Sydney and Brisbane.
- Griffith University, Brisbane, Logan, Gold Coast and South Bank (Queensland Conservatorium, Queensland College of Art and the Graduate Centre)
- James Cook University, Townsville, Brisbane, Singapore and Cairns
- Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane
- University of Queensland, St Lucia, Ipswich and Gatton

C. Victoria

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- Deakin University, Geelong (Warrnambool, Waterfront), Melbourne (Burwood), Warrnambool
- La Trobe University, Melbourne (Bundoora), Albury-Wodonga, Bendigo, Beechworth, Shepparton, Mildura, Mount Buller (former campus)
- MCD University of Divinity, Kew
- Monash University, Melbourne (Clayton, Caulfield, Berwick, Parkville), Peninsula, Churchill (Gippsland), Malaysia, South Africa
- RMIT University, Melbourne (CBD, Brunswick, Bundoora), Vietnam (Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City)
- Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne (Hawthorn, Prahran, Wantirna, Croydon), Malaysia (Sarawak)
- Federation University (renamed from University of Ballarat in September 2013), Ballarat (CBD and Mount Helen), Ararat, Horsham, Stawell, Gippsland.
- University of Melbourne, Parkville, Southbank, Burnley, Werribee, Creswick, Dookie
- Victoria University, Melbourne CBD (Flinders Street, Flinders Lane, Queen Street), Footscray Park, St Albans, Werribee, Melton, Sunshine

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