

A Guide to Study in Australia for Indian Students



Are you an Indian student planning to **study in Australia**? Australia attracts many Indian students after the US and the UK. The country offers opportunities across various streams to students looking to study in Australia after class 12. Australian institutes offer quality education that prepares students for successful careers. Foreign education lets Indian students fast-track their global careers with internationally recognised qualifications. As per official stats, approximately 52.05 thousand Indian students were enrolled in the Australian higher education sector as of June 2021. This blog is a guide to study in Australia for Indian students.

Why Study in Australia?

Australia ranks as the third most popular study-abroad destination for Indian students. Most of the top universities in Australia witnessed a surge in international students from India in 2022. All this is because of the country's world-class education, post-study work opportunities and multicultural environment. The universities in Sydney and Melbourne have the highest number of Indian students, followed by other popular cities like Perth, Adelaide, Canberra, Brisbane and others. Below are some reasons Australia is an ideal place to pursue higher studies.

- The **best Australian universities** provide a range of courses and career-focused programmes. Its prestigious Group of Eight (Go8) universities are highly sought after. Among them are the Australian National University, the University of Adelaide, the

University of Melbourne, Monash University, UNSW Sydney, the University of Queensland, the University of Sydney, and the University of Western Australia.

- Research and training methods used by Australian institutions are renowned for their academic brilliance.
- Students can work while in school, combining their education with practical work experience.
- Indian students studying in Australia are also exposed to international students from different nations, making it a truly global experience.
- The nation also provides scholarships, which can drastically lower the cost of tuition. These grants enable students to pursue top-quality education at a very affordable cost.
- The country offers diverse study options for international students, with more than 1,200 universities and 22,000 courses.

Cost of Living in Australia

The Australian government estimates the general **cost of living in Australia** to be \$21,041 annually. An international student invests between \$20,000 and \$27,000 annually (given your living arrangements and personal choices).

Keep in mind the following typical expenditures while planning your budget:

Cost of Living in Australia	
Living Expenses	Budget
Boarding schools	\$11,000 - \$22,000 a year
Rental	\$165 - \$440 per week
Hostels and Guesthouses	\$90 - \$150 per week
Shared Rental	\$85 - \$215 per week

Homestay	\$235 - \$325 per week
On campus	\$165 - \$440 per week
Eating out	\$100 - \$120 per week
Groceries	\$140 - \$200 per week
Entertainment	\$80 - \$50 per week
Public transport	\$30 - \$60 per week
Gas and Electricity	\$10 - \$20 per week
Internet and phone	\$15 - \$30 per week

Top Universities in Australia

When it comes to top universities abroad, Australia stands proud with its many institutions ranked in the list of top universities in the world. No matter the area of study, Australian universities have them all. Various courses are available, from finance courses to engineering, design, and journalism. Applying to universities that fit your financial status well is always better to reduce the chances of education debt.

Here are some of the **top universities in Australia** for international students.

- Victoria University
- The University of Queensland
- Macquarie University
- Curtin University
- University of New England
- IPAG Business School
- Flinders University

- University of Wollongong
- The Griffith University
- The University of Western Australia
- Federation University
- CQ University
- La Trobe University
- Charles Darwin University
- Macquarie University
- Monash University

Some of the **cheapest universities in Australia** are:

- Charles Sturt University
- Victoria University
- University of Queensland
- Federation University Australia,
- Flinders University

Admission Requirements in Australia for International Students

- Statement of Purpose
- Resume
- Letter of Recommendation
- GMAT/IELTS/TOEFL scorecards
- Portfolio (if required)
- Certificates of academic or extracurricular activities
- Proof of Funds
- Marksheets of 10th, 12th and bachelor's (if applicable)

Cost of Studying in Australia

Australia is a melting pot of diverse cultures with around **200 languages** spoken and more than half of the population being a first or second-generation migrant. Australian universities can be expensive when it comes to tuition fees for international students. After thoroughly checking their annual tuition fees, it is best to apply to universities. Below is a list of Australian university fees for international students to provide a basic idea of the country's average tuition fee.

Australian Universities Fees	
University Name	Average Fees

University of Sydney	AUD 45,000 - AUD 90,000
Australian National University	AUD 45,000 - AUD 50,000
University of Melbourne	AUD 45,000 - AUD 90,000
University of Queensland	AUD 40,000 - AUD 80,000
University of New South Wales	AUD 34,000 - AUD 67,000

Australia Student Visa

Outside of Australia, you must apply for a visa at least 6 weeks before the commencement of your course. The Australia student visa allows you to stay in the country for 5 years for full-time study purposes at an educational institute. The eligibility criteria for the student visa are that the applicant must be 6 years or older, show evidence of **English language skills**, meet health and character requirements, and be financially stable. The applicant must also provide a Confirmation of Enrolment in a full-time course. The visa allows you to work 20 hours per week. Once your course starts, you will be allowed to start working part-time. While holding the visa, you can travel outside the country and return as many times as you wish with a valid visa. Australian student visa fees cost up to AUD 650.

Timeline for Applying to Australian Universities

Most universities in Australia accept online applications. You will have to visit each college's website to apply.

In most cases, you will have to make an account on the college website to provide your basic information, submit the scanned version of your documents, and pay application fees. This account will inform you about the application process and its stages. Please refer to the colleges of your choice website to know the application process.

Students who wish to learn more about how to **study in Australia** may contact our expert counsellors at any **Meridean Overseas Education Consultants (MOEC)** branch. Our expert education counsellors will provide the best support and guidance for Australian universities' admission. For more information or queries, please mail us at application02@meridean.org or [1800-1230-0001](tel:1800-1230-0001).