



THE UNIVERSITY OF
SYDNEY

Applications open for Semester 2 2025 program



Hi Exchange Partners,

We are thrilled to have welcomed nearly 1,400 Study Abroad and Exchange students to Sydney for Semester 1 2025. As we support these students setting into their studies with us, we are also looking ahead to our programs in the second half of 2025.

I am reaching out today to share several key updates about our upcoming programs, including deadlines and processes for nominating students:

- **Short Term 2025 program info coming soon**
- **Staff changes** – welcoming Priya Sivaraj as Head of Study Abroad
- **Domestic students** – includes citizen of Australia, citizen of New Zealand, or permanent resident of Australia
- **Program details and how to nominate: Semester 2 2025**

SHORT TERM PROGRAM

We are putting the final touches on key details for our upcoming Short Term 2025 (19 June to 26 July) program. As such, we are not yet ready to receive nominations or process applications for this particular program.

We anticipate being able to reach out in early February with more information regarding the Short Term 2025 program, including how to nominate your students when we open nominations and applications for Short Term.

STAFF CHANGES

We have recently farewelled our long-time Head of Study Abroad, Luika Bankson, onto new opportunities outside of the University of Sydney. We thank her greatly for 9 and a half wonderful years leading the team through periods of growth and unique challenges.



Please join us in welcoming Priya Sivaraj to the role as Head of Study Abroad. Many of you will know Priya well already as she is a valued member of our team who has spent many years in a range of different roles in the wider team.

We are excited to have Priya leading our team into 2025 and beyond!

DOMESTIC STUDENTS

In the past few semesters we have seen an increase in 'domestic' students who are keen to join our programs for incoming students to the University of Sydney. Students whose circumstances are part of the 'domestic' category include:

- Citizen of Australia – regardless of any other citizenship the student might hold
- Citizen of New Zealand – regardless of any other citizenship the student might hold
- Permanent Resident of Australia

Domestic students must legally be processed as domestic Exchange students in the University of Sydney student system and are not eligible to apply for a student visa or arrange an Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) policy. Domestic students who are citizens of Australia or New Zealand must travel to Australia on a valid Australian or New Zealand passport.

As such, we ask that any students who are known by your office to be part of one of the above-listed categories are flagged as such when they are nominated. This can be done by noting their primary citizenship as Australia or New Zealand in the relevant spot in the form.

SEMESTER 2 2025 PROGRAM DETAILS

Students applying for our program should be prepared to submit a complete application by the relevant application deadline listed below and to accept an Unconditional Offer as soon as possible after it has been issued. Unconditional Offers are issued on a rolling basis provided all admission requirements are met.

Students offered a place in our program will need to complete all steps to accept their offer before we can issue an electronic confirmation of enrolment (eCoE) which they submit to the Department of Home Affairs as part of their visa application.

All nominated students must provide evidence of meeting the [University's English language requirements for Study Abroad and Exchange students](#) if their first language is not English.

Key dates

Published nomination deadline: 15 April 2025

Published application deadline: 30 April 2025

Intro to Sydney Week: 21 to 25 July 2025 (we recommend students aim to arrive during this week)

Welcome (Orientation) Week: 28 July to 1 August 2025

Classes begin: 4 August 2025

Mid-semester break: 29 September to 3 October 2025

Study vacation: 10 to 14 November 2025

Final exam period: 17 to 29 November 2025

Earliest date to depart Sydney: Sunday 30 November 2025

Units of study

We have nearly 2,500 units of study available to incoming students, across our 9 Faculties and Schools. Students can search our unit of study tools (<https://sydney.edu.au/sydney-abroad-units>) to identify units of study of interest to them.

Study load and tuition fees

The standard full time study load for 1 semester of study at the University of Sydney is 24 USYD credit points. Students must enrol in a minimum of 18 USYD credit points per semester to comply with student visa conditions.

Student visa application fee

As you may have seen in the news, on 1 July 2024 the Australian Government increased the application fee for a Subclass 500 student visa to AUD\$1,600. Visa costs may change at the discretion of the Department of Home Affairs and without prior notice to the University. Students should refer to the [Department of Home Affairs website](#) for the most up-to-date visa application fees.

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

Students undertaking a program whilst holding a student visa are required by the Department of Home Affairs to have OSHC that covers the entire visa grant period, regardless of any other insurance they may already have. The University's preferred OSHC provider is Bupa. Where the University of Sydney arranges OSHC with Bupa on behalf of a student, the current OSHC fees are as follows:

- AUD\$362 – students commencing a 1 semester duration Study Abroad or Exchange program in Semester 2 2025
- AUD\$724 – students commencing a 2 semester duration Study Abroad or Exchange program in Semester 2 2025

How to submit nominate your students for our Semester 2 2025 program

Complete our new nomination form to nominate your Exchange students for programs commencing in Semester 2 2025: <https://forms.office.com/r/yLMVCHV2P7>

We will contact nominated students on a rolling basis to introduce ourselves and to share the application instructions.

QUESTIONS?

Feel free to reach out to me any time when you or your prospective students have questions about our upcoming programs. We look forward to welcoming your students to study with the University of Sydney!

Cheers,

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