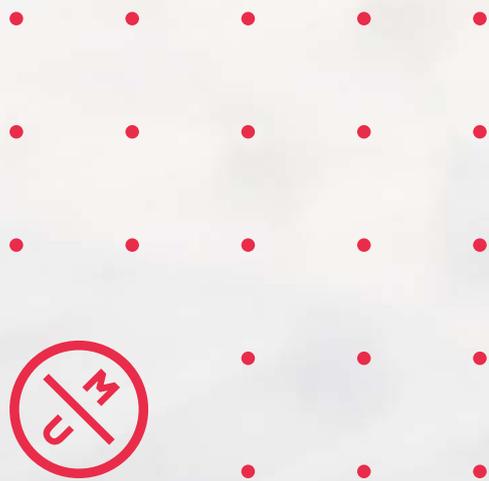




Outbound Study Abroad & Exchange Program

TAKE YOUR STUDIES OVERSEAS
AND TRAVEL THE WORLD!



Welcome

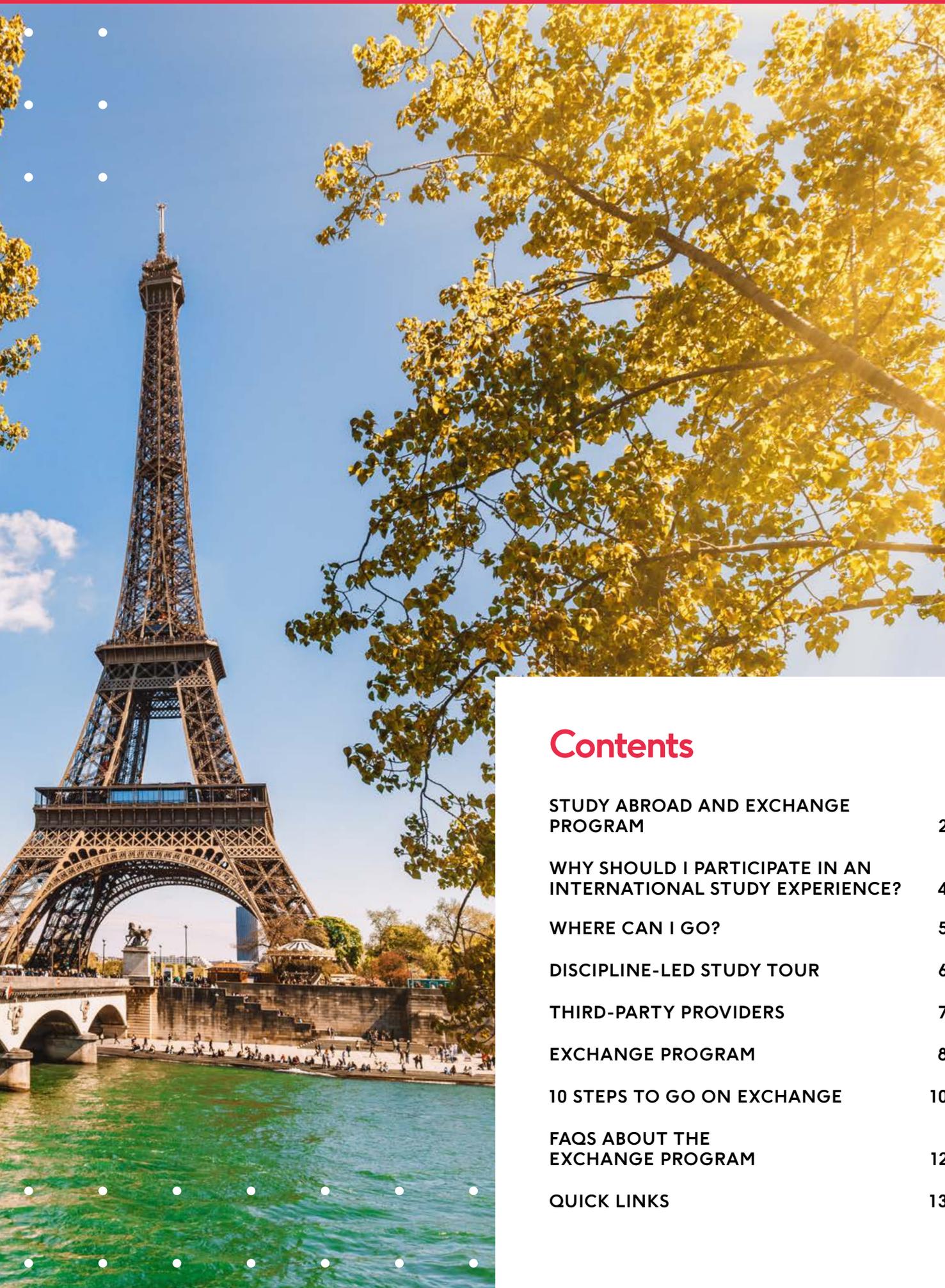


Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge that Murdoch University is situated on the lands of the Whadjuk and Binjareb Noongar people.

We pay our respect to their enduring and dynamic culture and the leadership of Noongar elders past and present.

The boodjar (country) on which Murdoch University is located has for thousands of years, been a place of learning. We at Murdoch University are proud to continue this long tradition.



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Study Abroad and Exchange Program

Murdoch's Study Abroad and Exchange Program is your chance to see the world while studying your degree.

By participating in this program, you will study at an overseas university for a period of time during your studies at Murdoch University, while still earning credit towards your degree. Programs range from three weeks to twelve months, and there are many international opportunities for short and long-term stays.

Most Murdoch disciplines run summer or winter programs for student groups, including clinical and practical placements for Nursing, Veterinary Science and Education students. We also work with a range of third-party providers who offer summer or winter programs for individual students, as well as internships abroad that usually run from six weeks to three months.

If you're interested in spending more than the summer or winter abroad, our Exchange Program is perfect for you. It will be the experience of a lifetime.

You can spend one or two semesters overseas, choosing from more than 50 partner universities across 20 countries.

Your classroom will be overseas but you'll remain enrolled at Murdoch University. There's no need to put your degree on hold as the units you study overseas will be credited towards your Murdoch degree.

You can even combine two programs, so you could spend the winter abroad studying one unit in Europe, then do an exchange semester in Asia!





“ I would have to say that the best and most memorable experience had to be the people I met and all of the adventures that we went on together. Exchange gave me the chance to experience the American way of life, or ‘college life’. I feel more confident and independent as a person after my Study Abroad experience. I would highly recommend it to anyone! ”

Leticia Dick,

SEMESTER IN THE USA, BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MEDIA AND SOUND PRODUCTION

Your study and travel options

Join us at Open Day and immerse yourself in campus life. You will get a first-hand experience of all things Murdoch including facilities, courses, careers advice, and scholarships on offer.

DISCIPLINE-LED STUDY TOUR

- Short-term program including clinical and practical placements
- During summer or winter break
- With a group of students from the same study discipline

THIRD-PARTY PROVIDER

- Short-term program or internship
- During summer or winter break, or for several months
- Individually booked and organised

EXCHANGE PROGRAM

- One or two semesters abroad
- One of over 50 partner universities in 20 countries to choose from

Where can I get more information?

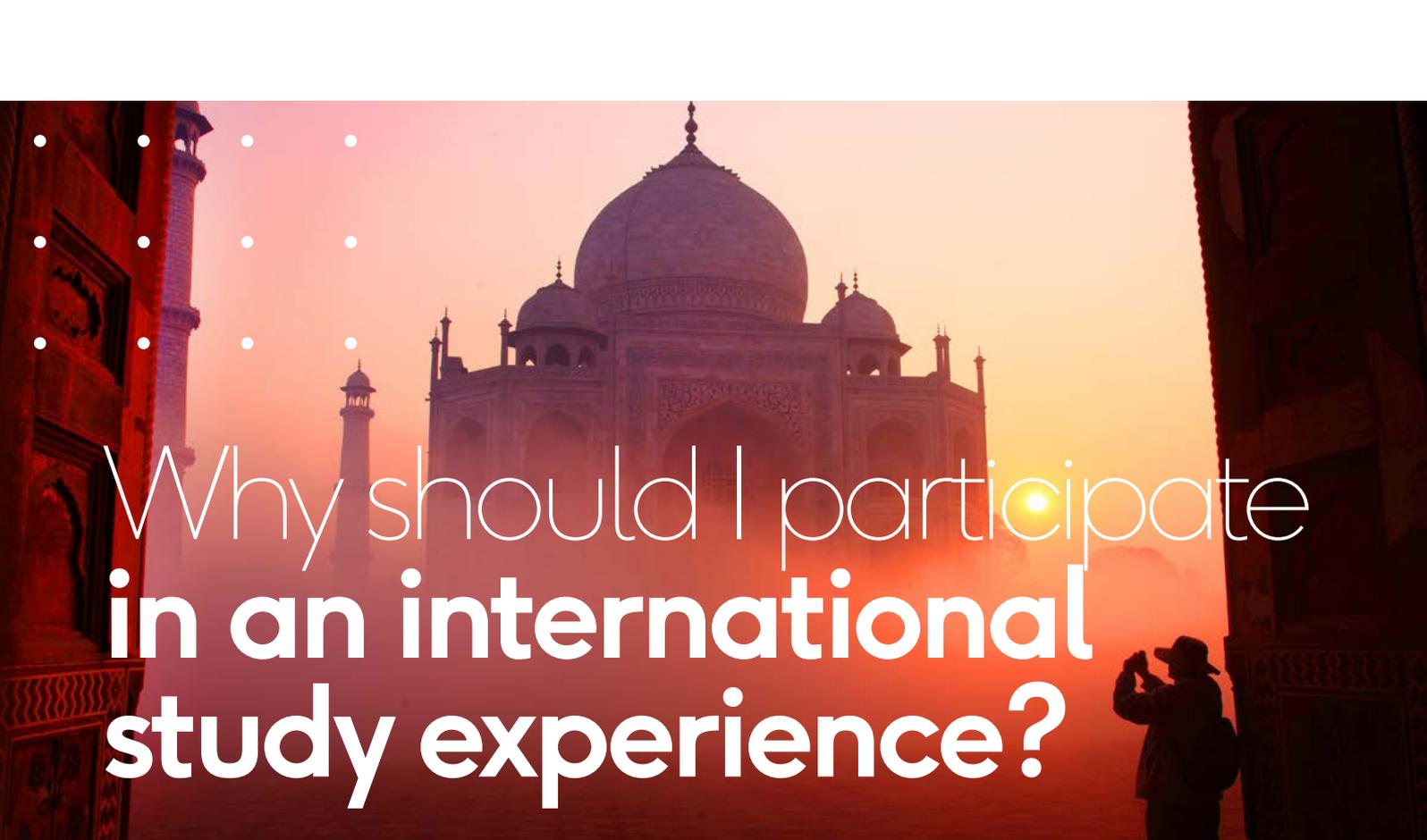
Find out everything you need to know about the Study Abroad and Exchange Program at our annual Study Abroad and Exchange Fair in April, or come to one of our many information sessions offered throughout the semester and hear from students about their own overseas experiences.

For more information visit: murdoch.edu.au/travelwhileyoulearn

If you would like to chat to someone about our Study Abroad and Exchange program, you can visit the Student Centre any time on Thursdays, between 12.30pm and 2pm, to get all your questions answered. If you can't make these times, you can also contact us using the details below to book an appointment for a time that suits you.

Email: studyabroad@murdoch.edu.au





Why should I participate in an international study experience?

Gain academically

- Get a different perspective on your course and expose yourself to a different learning and teaching approach
- Take classes that are not available at Murdoch University
- Increase the value of your degree by adding an international experience
- Learn a new language or improve existing language skills

Gain professionally

- Add value to your resume and increase your employability—an overseas study experience is highly regarded by employers and will make you more employable
- Improve soft skills like time management, communication skills, problem solving capability, crisis management and tolerance towards other people and cultures
- Understand business protocols in other countries and cultures, especially through an international internship
- Build an international network that can help you find a job outside of Australia

Grow personally

- Become more confident, independent and mature
- Increase your cross-cultural understanding and awareness and understand your own culture better
- Meet people from different cultures and make friends from around the world
- If you're going for one semester: Just enjoy being a student and don't worry about work commitments
- Have fun!



// Sweden is an incredible country. It's like a society fast-forwarded 10 years but with all the charming historical attractions you come to expect from the best of Europe. The Swedish scenery is beautiful, both in summer and winter, and I found the winter a welcome change from another Perth summer. The bonus of Europe is the opportunity to visit other countries. I visited 12 countries while on exchange by plane, train and even cruise ship. **//**

Brent Renner-Hahn

SEMESTER IN SWEDEN
BACHELOR OF LAWS + BACHELOR OF ARTS



Larissa & Natasha (England)

Where can I go?

The world is your classroom and we offer programs all around it! Most of our discipline-led programs head to Europe and Asia. Our third-party providers offer a range of different destinations on all continents. Have a look at the insert in the back of this brochure, or visit our website for more information on the programs available to you.

If you want to go on exchange, you can choose from over 50 partner universities in Europe, Asia and North America. The best part is, you don't have to learn a second language, as all of our programs are offered in English.



Discipline-led Study Tour

What programs are offered?

To name a few, you can gain practical teaching experience in Thailand or Singapore, study Human Rights in Italy or work in desalination in Indonesia.

Murdoch University is also a member of the Australian Consortium for 'In-Country' Indonesian Studies (ACICIS), meaning you have the chance to spend the summer or a full semester in Indonesia.

To find out about all discipline-specific programs on offer, see the insert in the back of this brochure or visit our website.

Who is eligible to go overseas and how much does it cost?

Every program has its own eligibility criteria and cost, depending on the destination and unit enrolment. It's best to check with the discipline leader or online for each individual program.

In most cases, you just need to be a Murdoch University student with a Pass or Credit average, and in some cases, you may need to have completed a certain number of credit points.

How do I apply?

Visit our website murdoch.edu.au/travelwhileyoulearn for information on available programs, application information and deadlines. These vary by program.

What financial assistance can I receive, and what scholarships are available?

OS-HELP LOAN

Students going overseas for credit can apply for OS-Help, an Australian Government loan.

You can borrow up to approximately \$7,100 if you're studying outside of Asia, or up to approximately \$8,519 if you study in Asia. This loan will be added to your HECS-HELP loan, if you're eligible.

If you undertake Asian language study in preparation for your study in Asia, you may be eligible for additional funding.

For more information visit studyassist.gov.au

CENTRELINK YOUTH ALLOWANCE

If you receive Centrelink Youth Allowance in Australia you can receive this whilst abroad. Even if you are not eligible for this payment in Australia, your circumstances change when you study abroad, so you may become eligible.

SCHOLARSHIPS

We offer scholarships for different short-term programs that vary from \$1,500 to \$3,000. For availability and eligibility, please contact the discipline leader, listed in the insert at the back of this brochure.

Will I be insured during my time overseas?

For the duration of your program, you may have free health and travel insurance through Murdoch University. Please check with Murdoch International for further details.

You will need to purchase additional travel insurance if you choose to travel before or after your time abroad.



Third-party providers

Which providers does Murdoch University work with?

We offer short-term programs and internships through our preferred third-party providers and their destinations are all around the world.

You can spend the summer at UCLA in Los Angeles studying Business, do an internship in Berlin or join a Human Rights course in Istanbul—to name only a few of your options. Programs usually start from three weeks and can be as long as several months.

For more information, visit murdoch.edu.au/travelwhileyoulearn

Who is eligible to go overseas and how much does it cost?

Every program has its own eligibility criteria and cost. You can find detailed information on our providers' websites. In many cases, you need to be in your second or third year to participate in a short-term or internship program.

How do I apply?

You apply directly online with our providers. You will need to check further details on their website, including the application deadlines.

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Exchange Program

Who is eligible to participate in the Exchange Program?

If you choose to participate in our Exchange program, you need to:

- be enrolled at Murdoch University (domestic or international; internal or external)
- have completed one year of full-time study at Murdoch University (24 credit points) in your current course of study (you can apply in your second semester, however you need to have completed 24 credit points before you go on Exchange)
- have a GPA of 2.0 (credit average). Please note that some of our partner universities will only accept a GPA of 2.5 or above
- be a good ambassador for Murdoch University and Western Australia

Please note: Open University students, Murdoch Dubai and Murdoch Singapore students can not apply for the Exchange Program.

Most partner universities only accept undergraduate students.

Participation in the Exchange Program as a postgraduate student will need to be discussed on a case-by-case basis and we recommend speaking to Murdoch International about your options. Please note that Veterinary Science students are not eligible for Exchange however might have other overseas opportunities.

How much does it cost?

Many students think that going abroad for a semester will be too expensive. However, in some cases it can be cheaper than studying in Perth! You don't need to pay tuition fees at your host university—you only pay your usual Murdoch University fees (which can usually be put on HECS). Plus, your health insurance is covered by Murdoch University during your study time overseas.



Additional costs include:

- Return flights to your destination
- Living expenses
- Text books
- Accommodation (varies on the type of housing)
- Domestic travel
- Visa (if applicable, prices vary depending on destination)
- Additional travel insurance (for travel before or after your semester)

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SCHOLARSHIPS

We offer five scholarships each semester worth \$2,000 and Australian Government scholarships worth up to \$5,000 for students going to selected destinations. Please check our website for availability. You might also want to get in touch with the Scholarships office at Murdoch University for additional funding opportunities.

For more information visit murdoch.edu.au/travelwhileyoulearn

Will I be insured during my time overseas?

For the time of your semester abroad, you will have free health and travel insurance through Murdoch University. However, you need to purchase additional travel insurance, if you choose to travel before or after your time studying abroad.

How do I apply for the Exchange Program?

You apply online at murdoch.edu.au/travelwhileyoulearn

Apply in July for semester one the following year.

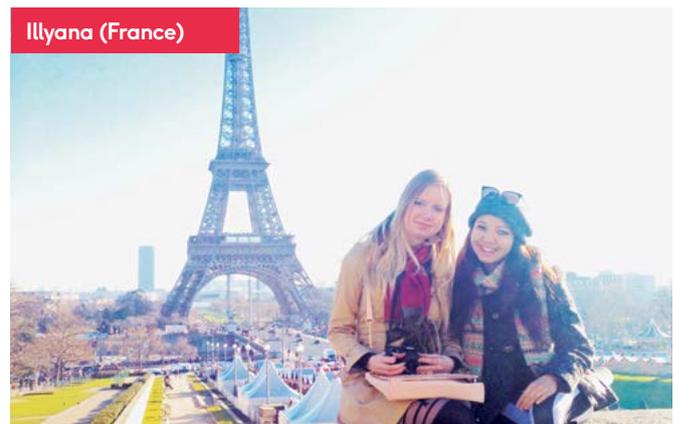
Apply in January for semester two of that year.

Where will I live?

Accommodation will vary from one city to the next. You will be able to find housing information on each host university's website. It's very common to live on campus or in houses close to your host university, often owned by them.

What type of visa do I need and can I work?

For most countries you will need a student visa, or a student or residence permit. You can find immigration information on your host university's website or on the embassy of your host country in Canberra. It's up to you to research if you require a visa and the conditions of that visa. In some cases, the visa does not allow you to work, in others you might be able to work on campus for a few hours/weeks only. Feedback has shown that students did enjoy not worrying about work when going on Exchange. You are better off working hard and taking many shifts before you go to save sufficient funds, and then enjoy your time abroad just being a student for six months.



10 steps to go on Exchange



STEP

1

Find out if you're eligible

Check your eligibility. You can find out your GPA through MyInfo.

STEP

2

Make an appointment

Email studyabroad@murdoch.edu.au to make an appointment with Murdoch International to discuss your options.

You can also drop in to the Student Centre any time on Thursdays, between 12.30pm and 2pm, to get all your questions answered.

STEP

3

Do your research

Choose two universities that offer your course of study. Make sure you have found suitable units to take while overseas that can count towards your degree. It is your responsibility and you can meet with your Academic Chair to finalise your choice.

STEP

10

Travel to your destination

Pack and take copies of all documents. Throw a party and leave for a semester or year of a lifetime!

STEP

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Get ready to go

Attend the compulsory pre-departure session, apply for your student visa (if required) and purchase flights. Organise an OS-Help loan and your Centrelink Youth Allowance.

STEP

8

Find a place to stay

Once you have received your acceptance from your host university, you can apply for on-campus housing (if applicable).



STEP
4

Apply for the Exchange Program

The application for the Murdoch University Exchange Program is online at murdoch.edu.au/travelwhileyoulearn

STEP
5

Nominate and apply for your host university

Once the deadline has passed, you will be selected for one of your two preferences and asked to provide application documents. We will then send the application overseas for final acceptance approval.

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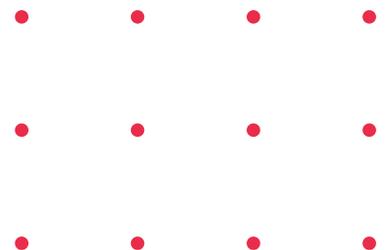
Organise your credit transfer

While you are waiting for the acceptance from your host university you can organise your credit transfer form. Get it signed by your Academic Chair to gain credit upon your return from Exchange.

STEP
6

Explore your scholarship options

Every applicant will be interviewed and scholarships will be allocated on a merit basis (GPA + letter of motivation + interview).



FAQs about the Exchange Program

Q. When should I start planning my Exchange?

A. You can start as early as your first semester. Planning early means you might be able to swap units so that you only have General Electives to do at the time of your Exchange, which is recommend.

Q. In which semester should I go on Exchange?

A. We recommend the second semester of your second year or later. That way you have completed the foundations of your studies and have a good foundation to cope in a different learning and teaching environment.

Q. Can I go on Exchange in my last semester?

A. Yes, you can. However, please note that your graduation might be delayed if we don't receive your achieved results in time or if you fail a unit that you need to repeat at Murdoch University.

Q. How long can I go on Exchange?

A. You can go for one or two semesters.

Q. Can I get credit towards my Murdoch University degree?

A. Yes, you will need to discuss your options with your Academic Chair who approves or declines units you want to take overseas for credit transfer.

Q. Do I have to extend my degree and delay my graduation?

A. No, as long as you plan your semester abroad sensibly and do not study units that will not be credited to your Murdoch degree.

Q. How do I choose two universities?

A. You need to research the universities' websites to check whether they offer your course of study and units that can count towards your degree.

Q. I am a first semester student. Am I eligible to go on Exchange?

A. No, not yet. The earliest you can go is after successful completion of 24 credit points of your current course. You can apply while you're in your second semester but you have to have completed 24 credit points by the time you go on Exchange.

Q. I am a postgraduate student. Am I eligible to go on Exchange?

A. No, the Exchange program is for undergraduate students only.

Q. I am an OUA student. Am I eligible to go on Exchange?

A. No, you have to be enrolled at Murdoch University.

Q. I am an international student. Am I eligible to go on Exchange?

A. Yes.

Q. I'm studying part-time at Murdoch University. Am I eligible to go on Exchange?

A. Yes, however you have to be enrolled full-time at your host university. Part-time enrolment is not an option.

Q. Do I have to pay tuition fees at my host university?

A. No, you only pay Murdoch University tuition, which can go towards your HECS debt if you're eligible for HECS.

Q. Do I need to learn a second language?

A. No, all of our partner universities offer units in English.

Q. Can I work while studying abroad?

A. That depends on the country and the visa requirements. Even if you are allowed to work, we recommend you concentrate on your studies.

Q. Can I study at a non-partner university?

A. Yes, however you need to pay tuition fees, organise the stay yourself and credit transfer is not guaranteed. The Study Abroad and Exchange Office does not facilitate non-partner university study abroad experiences.

Q. Where do I live while on Exchange?

A. You can apply to live on campus. Different options are available at each partner university and they are on campus or close by. You could also look for private accommodation upon arrival.





Quick links

Murdoch University Study Abroad and Exchange Program:
murdoch.edu.au/travelwhileyoulearn

FINANCES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Murdoch University Scholarships:
murdoch.edu.au/travelwhileyoulearn

OS-Help loan: studyassist.gov.au

COUNTRY AND VISA INFORMATION

Embassy information:
embassy-worldwide.com

DFAT information:
dfat.gov.au/geo/pages/countries-and-regions.aspx

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Murdoch Corporate Health Insurance:
our.murdoch.edu.au/Finance/Insurance

Murdoch Travel Registry:
goto.murdoch.edu.au/TravelRegistry

Murdoch Safe & Successful Travel:
murdoch.edu.au/SafeTravel

DFAT Travel Advice:
smartraveller.gov.au

DFAT Studying Overseas:
smartraveller.gov.au/tips/students.html

Explore the world while studying your degree



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