



Queensland University of Technology
Brisbane Australia

Study Abroad and Exchange Guide



Welcome

I am very pleased to welcome you to QUT, one of Australia's most dynamic universities. In choosing QUT you can have the confidence that our programs are of an international standard and take advantage of the latest developments globally, in both theory and practice.

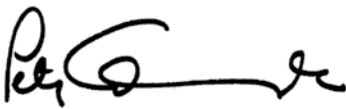
The University's strong links with industry and the professions underpin our teaching, research and community service.

Our high-quality degree courses, offered across most discipline fields, are accredited with professional bodies around the world.

Our Study Abroad team offer specialised support services for Study Abroad students including a comprehensive orientation program which provides students with the opportunity to meet people from around the world. All international students have access to support services including pre-arrival information and seminars, airport reception, accommodation assistance, and academic and personal counselling.

This guide is intended as an introduction to Study Abroad at QUT. University staff, or our representatives overseas, will be happy to assist you and respond to your questions.

I look forward to welcoming you to QUT in the future.



PROFESSOR PETER COALDRAKE AO
Vice-Chancellor, QUT



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Study Abroad at QUT

Our real-world approach means that teaching goes beyond the textbook – students work on real case studies for real companies. Work placement opportunities, group projects and learning from lecturers who are still active in their industry means you will be better prepared for the working world.



Reputation

Based in Brisbane, QUT is a highly successful Australian university with an excellent graduate employment rate, global connections and a world-class record in applied research.

QUT has a ranking of world standard or above in more than three quarters of its research assessed under the Australian Government's Excellence in Research for Australia assessment framework (2010).

Size

QUT has a student population of 40,000 students, and nearly 6,800 of these are international students from more than 100 countries.

Location

QUT has Brisbane's only two full service, inner-city campuses: Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove.



QUT campuses

Gardens Point George Street, Brisbane city

• Built Environment and Engineering • Business • Law and Justice • Science and Technology

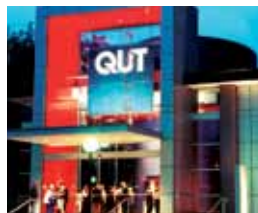
Situated on the Brisbane River, adjacent to the City Botanic Gardens and Queensland's Parliament House, the convenient inner-city location reinforces QUT's links with business and industry while creating a dynamic environment for students.



1. Library



2. Student Centre



3. Gardens Theatre

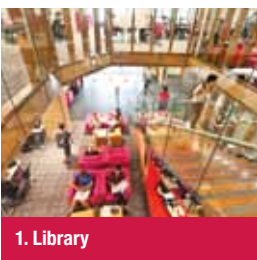
Travel between campuses

QUT offers a free intercampus bus service that connects our Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove campuses. This service takes approximately 10 minutes. Both campuses are close to public transport. See www.qut.edu.au/transport

Kelvin Grove Victoria Park Road, Kelvin Grove, Brisbane

• Creative Industries • Education • Health • English Language, Foundation, Diploma and University Certificate in Tertiary Preparation and IELTS test centre (QUT International College)

Kelvin Grove campus has become the hub of innovative space and enterprise, housing the QUT Creative Industries Precinct and the Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation (IHBI). The campus is adjacent to the Kelvin Grove Urban Village, an integrated award-winning development between QUT and the Queensland Government, which includes convenient student accommodation.



1. Library



2. 24hr computer labs



3. Campus Living Villages



4. Creative Industries Precinct

Living in Brisbane

An ideal location

Brisbane has one of the most rapid population growth rates in Australia but has maintained its friendly feel.

Enjoy a high-quality lifestyle in the bustling city of Brisbane, the capital city of Queensland. Brisbane is renowned for fabulous year-round weather and healthy outdoor living. Brisbane is home to people from many cultures, as evidenced by a diverse range of dining alternatives and a thriving arts and cultural scene.

Brisbane is also a perfect stepping stone to the wonders of Queensland and is only an hour away from south-east Queensland's beaches, bays and beautiful hinterland.



Accommodation

Brisbane offers a wide range of accommodation options including homestay, student hostels, student apartment complexes, boarding houses, private apartments and houses.

QUT's International student services staff provide comprehensive accommodation assistance including helping you to arrange temporary accommodation prior to your arrival, and assisting you to find permanent accommodation that suits your needs.

For detailed information on finding a place to live in Brisbane, see the accommodation services website at www.qut.edu.au/accommodation

Establishment costs

There are one-off expenses when establishing a home and other incidental expenses (e.g. textbooks, medical, clothing, recreation, entertainment) so it's advisable to budget for an extra A\$1000 to A\$2000 for these costs. Some of these expenses are matters of personal taste; the amount you spend varies depending on your priorities, the lifestyle you choose and your available budget. Of course you'll need some cash or travellers cheques when you first arrive.

How much is...?

Item	A\$ cost
Loaf of bread	\$3.90
2 litre milk	\$3.40
Regular coffee	\$3.00
Bottle of water	\$2.00
Student movie ticket	\$13.00
Sandwich	\$5.50

* All prices quoted here are to be used as a guide only and are accurate as at March 2011

Employment

Working in Australia can be fun and a great way to make friends and earn money for travel and recreation. The current student visa entitles students to a part-time work permit, which allows you to work up to 20 hours per week during semester, and full-time during vacations. Please see www.diac.gov.au/students for details.

Jonathan Lanctot

United States

study abroad student from University of Alabama

I like knowing that I'm studying at a world-class university with internationally recognised lecturers. This opens my horizons to possibilities overseas I would never have been able to realise before. I really wanted to study in a city at the centre of everything and Brisbane's proximity to the popular tourism sites makes it a perfect base.

What's on

A sample of events held annually in Brisbane and beyond:

January

- Australia Day
- Big Day Out Music Festival
- Moonlight Cinema



February

- Chinese New Year
- Good Vibrations Festival – Gold Coast
- Moonlight Cinema



March

- French Film Festival
- Rugby league and AFL season opens
- Brisbane Comedy Festival



April

- ANZAC Day
- Byron Bay Bluesfest

May

- Paniyiri Greek Festival
- Noosa Food and Wine Festival

June

- Noosa Long Weekend
- Winter Racing Carnival

July

- Splendour in the Grass Music Festival
- Brisbane Food and Wine Month



August

- Ekka – Royal Brisbane Show
- Brisbane International Film Festival (BIFF)



September

- Brisbane Festival – Riverfire
- Rugby league and AFL finals
- Valley Fiesta

October

- Super GP Gold Coast
- Queensland Multicultural Festival
- Oktoberfest



November

- Moonlight Cinema
- Gabba Test Cricket Match

December

- Moonlight Cinema
- Woodford Folk Festival
- Summer Racing Carnival
- New Year's Eve fireworks

Real study

What can I study?

You can select from a comprehensive range of QUT units and custom design your program to suit your interests and meet the requirements of your home university. From communication to civil engineering, environmental law to education, international business to information technology, public health to psychology, students can combine four units from across our seven faculties. If you are enrolled in a postgraduate program at your home university you can also apply to study postgraduate units with QUT.

Research options

As a comprehensive university with close industry links, QUT has a significant record of expertise in all of the discipline areas of its faculties. The University's applied research has solved real problems and improved practices for organisations and communities locally and globally.

Study Abroad students may be able to undertake one or two semesters of research with QUT, subject to eligibility and supervisor availability. For more information contact stae@qut.edu.au

Certificates and diplomas

QUT offers Study Abroad students the opportunity to receive an official QUT award on completion of their Study Abroad program. This formal award is your chance to put yourself ahead of the rest and show the world where your studies have taken you.

Semester dates

Semester 1: February to June
Semester 2: July to November

Orientation

A specific orientation for Study Abroad and Inbound Exchange students takes place approximately two weeks prior to the commencement of classes and is compulsory for all Study Abroad and Exchange students.

This session includes topics such as enrolment, computing access, faculty information, immigration regulations, health cover, QUT rules and regulations, tuition fees and refunds and much more.

Students will be able to meet with faculty advisers who will assist them in choosing and changing subjects.

Built Environment and Engineering

The Faculty of Built Environment and Engineering is one of the largest at QUT, representing over 6,000 undergraduate and postgraduate masters, research and corporate education students across 17 design, engineering and urban development disciplines.

Areas of Study:

- Aerospace Avionics
- Architecture
- Civil Engineering and Construction Management
- Electrical Engineering
- Industrial Design
- Interior Design
- Landscape Architecture
- Mechanical Engineering
- Property Economics
- Urban and Regional Planning

Business

QUT is the first business school in Australia to secure the prestigious 'triple crown' of international accreditation – US-based AACSB International, European-based EQUIS and UK-based Association of MBAs (AMBA). QUT Business School is a member of a select group of business schools globally to be granted all three leading international accreditation symbols of excellence.

Areas of Study:

- Accountancy
- Advertising
- Economics
- Finance
- Human Resource Management
- International Business
- Management
- Marketing
- Public Relations

Australia's first **business school** with triple international accreditation



Creative Industries

The Faculty is located within the Creative Industries Precinct – home to facilities where staff and students collaborate with industry in state-of-the-art performance spaces, production studios, editing suites and design studios:

Areas of Study:

- Animation
- Creative Writing
- Dance
- Drama
- Entertainment Industries
- Fashion
- Film, TV and New Media Production
- Interactive Visual Design
- Journalism
- Media Communication
- Music
- Technical Production
- Visual Arts

Health

A degree from QUT's Faculty of Health gives you the practical skills and relevant knowledge to make a real difference, improving the health of communities both locally and globally. Backed by some of the best facilities and equipment in Australia, the Faculty of Health is able to offer the latest in practical, interactive health education.

Areas of Study:

- Human Movement Studies
- Nursing and Midwifery
- Optometry
- Psychology and Counselling
- Public Health
- Social Work and Human Services

Science and Technology

Science and technology are the engines of growth and wellbeing in modern society. The Faculty of Science and Technology is key to QUT's strategy to be a leader in the development of courses and research in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Areas of Study:

- Biogeoscience
- Cell and Molecular Biosciences
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Information Systems
- Mathematical Sciences
- Medical Radiation Sciences
- Medical Sciences
- Pharmacy
- Physics

Education

The QUT Faculty of Education has established itself as one of Australia's largest and most highly respected Education study providers. Our 'real-world' training and strong industry connections make our graduates highly sought after in the workplace. As a study abroad student in early childhood, primary or secondary education, you have the opportunity to extend your knowledge of teaching theory and practice by completing a field studies practicum in a rural area of Queensland.

Areas of Study:

- Early Childhood
- Field Studies
- Primary
- Secondary

Law and Justice

QUT's Faculty of Law is one of Australia's leading law faculties, recognised for its focus on advancing the law and justice professions, and specialised academic expertise and research. Students benefit from award-winning, custom-designed software and online study facilities including podcasts, cyber-tutorials, online quizzes and chat rooms.

Areas of Study:

- Law
- Justice

Fact file

Languages are available to QUT students through the Brisbane Universities Languages Hub, an alliance between QUT, the University of Queensland and Griffith University. Through the alliance, you will have the opportunity to select from a large range of languages offered by all three universities.

Languages offered

- QUT: Mandarin
- Griffith: Japanese, Italian, Spanish
- UQ: French, German, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Portuguese

www.qut.edu.au/languages



Stefano Agabio Italy,

exchange student from Politecnico Di Milano

I chose to study at QUT because they offered a great selection of units in communication design that would help me to further my progress in my studies back at home. I am studying communication design units at QUT and we are using some amazing lab facilities.

Study Abroad or Exchange?

Study Abroad students pay tuition fees to QUT to study for one or two semesters.

Exchange students come from our exchange partner institutions and pay tuition fees to their home university. Exchange students need to make sure their home institution is on the list of QUT partner universities at www.qut.edu.au/study-abroad and they will need a letter from their home institution indicating that they have been nominated for the Exchange Program at QUT.



OSHC facts

The Australian Government requires all international students and their dependents, who are undertaking formal studies in Australia, to maintain Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC). QUT's preferred provider of OSHC is Medibank Private, please visit www.medibank.com.au/oshc for details.

The only exceptions to this regulation are students from Norway and Sweden. The Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) advises that students who do not maintain their OSHC may risk cancellation of their visa.

Students need to arrange suitable OSHC before arriving in Australia so that they are covered from the time they arrive in Australia. They will also need to maintain OSHC for the duration of their studies.

OSHC is a health insurance policy to cover medical and hospital care costs that you may need while in Australia. OSHC will also pay for most prescription drugs and emergency ambulance transport. Further information is available from the Department of Health and Ageing website www.health.gov.au

Tuition fees

Current tuition fees for QUT Study Abroad students are listed on the website www.qut.edu.au/study-abroad. The Study Abroad fee includes tuition, student support services, and an academic record of your studies. The Study Abroad fee excludes accommodation, living costs, travel, books, and photocopying.

Eligibility fact file

To be eligible for the Study Abroad program you need:

- Minimum one year full-time study at a recognised university (this criteria applies to the majority of applicants, however, high school graduates from some countries may meet the entry requirements).
- A GPA (Grade Point Average) of 2.5 or better (on a 4 point scale) or equivalent;
- An English Language Proficiency level in accordance with QUT requirements* if English is not your first language.

* If students meet academic entry requirements but do not meet English requirements please email stae@qut.edu.au for possible alternative entry options.

How to Apply

Step 1.

Select your unit preferences. You can refer to the list of pre-approved units at www.qut.edu.au/study-abroad or for other units that have prerequisite requirements visit www.qut.edu.au/study/units for unit details.

Step 2.

Use this information to complete the application form at www.qut.edu.au/study-abroad/form and attach certified true copies of:

- Your most recent official academic transcripts of your university studies. Include an English translation if necessary.
- Proof of English language proficiency (if English is not your first language).
- Outlines of units you are currently studying.
- A covering letter from your home institution indicating that you have been nominated for the exchange program to QUT if you are applying to QUT for an exchange.

Step 3.

Send your application to the address on the application form.

Start Date/Semester	Deadline for Application
February–June/Semester 1	1 December each year
July–November/Semester 2	15 May each year

Step 4.

Accept your offer from QUT.

Step 5.

Once you receive your confirmation of enrolment (CoE) from QUT you can apply for a student visa.

NEED HELP WITH THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

QUT has representatives all over the world to help students apply to QUT. Please see www.qut.edu.au/international/agents to find out how to apply through a representative in your country.

Real support

The Study Abroad team look after the specific support needs of all Study Abroad students and are your first stop for enrolment, information, support and advice.

From the time your application is submitted through to starting your classes, QUT staff will be in touch with you to ensure that your transition to life as a QUT student is as smooth as possible.

International student services

Our specialised International Student Services (ISS) can provide you with valuable help and support throughout your studies. Services include pre-departure and arrival information, academic and personal counselling, accommodation and employment assistance, homestay, orientation, airport reception, language and learning advice, workshops and seminars.

Explore Queensland through one of ISS's short trips and activities throughout the year. These trips are designed to accommodate students' tight budgets. See www.student.qut.edu.au/international

ISS services include:

Airport reception – This free service is available to all international students starting Study Abroad studies at QUT who have pre-arranged temporary accommodation or who are going directly to their pre-arranged permanent accommodation in Brisbane. See www.arrivals.qut.edu.au/reception

Accommodation – ISS can assist you to arrange temporary accommodation before arriving and to find permanent accommodation and they can also assist with liaison with landlords and real estate agents.

Language and learning – QUT provides language and learning advisers to help with English language and develop study skills. See www.student.qut.edu.au/international/language-support

Counselling – Professional counselling services are available to help you deal with issues relating to stress, personal development, relationships, study effectiveness, finances, courses and careers, and university procedures. See www.student.qut.edu.au/international/support

For students with a disability QUT's Disability Program can assist you. See www.equity.qut.edu.au

The Student Guild – For QUT students' academic, sporting and social interests see www.guildonline.net/home/home.php

International student associations

Our student associations organise activities and provide a supportive network for all newly arrived students with the help of International Student Services. See www.student.qut.edu.au/clubs-and-societies

Facilities and services

Sporting and recreational facilities

As a student at QUT, you can benefit from sporting facilities including tennis and netball courts, fitness centres, and athletics ovals.

The QUT Student Guild operates licensed clubs and cafés on all campuses. Theatres on the Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove campuses contribute to the cultural life of our university and the Gardens Point campus even has its own art gallery. Automatic Teller Machines are available on all campuses.

Student centres – Need help with timetables, ID cards, fee payments, enrolment assistance and other administrative services? Our friendly student centres can assist you. See www.student.qut.edu.au/services/centres

Health services – Health and medical services are available to you on the Kelvin Grove and Gardens Point campuses. The School of Optometry at Kelvin Grove campus offers students free eye examinations.

Security on campus – QUT's security service on all campuses is dedicated to ensuring a safe and secure study environment for you. See www.fmd.qut.edu.au/security

Computing facilities – Student computing laboratories on each campus operate 24 hours a day and all campuses have wireless internet available.

QUT library – Visit the libraries on all campuses, including the law library at Gardens Point or access library services from your home computer 24 hours a day. See www.library.qut.edu.au

Facts and figures

- QUT is one of only a few Australian universities with a dedicated International Careers Counsellor. This unique service assists you with local or international work placements and aims to get you into your chosen career faster.

Ouns Jaoua France exchange student from Telecom SudParis

I wanted to do an exchange in an English speaking country and discover a new culture. We had a partnership with QUT which was a great opportunity to discover Australia and to study in one of the best Australian universities.



Real fun



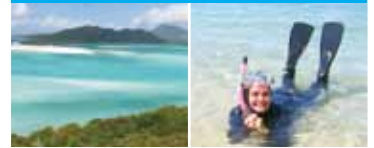
Destination fact file

Destination	Distance km, hrs fly/drive
Gold Coast	80km (50 miles), 1hr drive
Sunshine Coast	100km (62 miles), 1.5hr drive
Glasshouse Mountains	70km (43.5 miles), 45 min drive
Byron Bay	200km (124 miles), 2hr drive
Sydney	793km (493 miles), 1.5 hr flight
Melbourne	1425km (885 miles), 2.5hr flight

Great Barrier Reef



Whitsundays



Stradbroke Island



Hervey Bay



Gold Coast



Gold Coast

Just an hour south of Brisbane is the world famous Gold Coast with its famed beaches, theme parks, shopping and more.

If action is your attraction there is no end of things to do on the Gold Coast. Go to surf school, bungee jump, paraglide or try out the human sling shot ride. The Gold Coast is also home to many theme parks, including Movie World, Seaworld and Dreamworld, which has its own water park. Or you can try the original and biggest water park on the Gold Coast, Wet 'n' Wild.

Sunshine Coast



Sunshine Coast

Head an hour and a half north of Brisbane and you can find outstanding beaches, with a quieter pace than on the glitzy Gold Coast. Not that there is nothing for the adventurer. Swimming with sharks at Underwater World should get the adrenalin pumping! It is also one of the best spots in the state for diving, with the newly created shipwreck site one of the Sunshine Coast's major drawcards.

Whale watching at Hervey Bay

Hervey Bay is a three and a half hour drive north of Brisbane. During August and September, this town turns into the 'whale watch capital of the world'. A trip among the humpback whales is an experience of a lifetime.

Surfing at North Stradbroke Island

Some of the best beaches in south-east Queensland can be found at Point Lookout on North Stradbroke Island. The beaches at Point Lookout offer challenges for both the beginner and experienced surfer, as well as beautiful scenery and a rich marine life. Diving and fishing are popular and you may spot a dolphin or two. During winter, you can enjoy lunch at the Laughing Buddha Café while watching the whales pass by on their way to Hervey Bay.

Whitsunday Islands

There are 74 islands in the Whitsunday region. The paradise-like surroundings offer something for everyone: snorkelling, scuba diving, wind surfing, sailing, fishing, bushwalking, para-sailing or just sitting or lying under a palm tree. Sailing the Whitsundays is probably the best way to explore these waters and take advantage of the range of activities available. You can choose between bareboat charter, a fully chartered boat or day cruises.



Magnus Larsen Norway
**study abroad student
from NTNU**

The island dreaming orientation camp was the best possible way to start my time with QUT. I made lots of good friends and the atmosphere at the beach was so relaxing and enjoyable. We had so much fun trying out all the activities- I especially enjoyed the kayak surfing!

Britta Muehseler Germany
**Bonn-Rhein-Sieg
University of Applied
Sciences**

I chose to study at QUT because it is a university which brings together theory and practice. I always wanted to live in Australia and QUT is well reputed and triple accredited in the Business School. The quality of teaching was important to me when choosing a university.





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