Student Equity and Diversity Liaison Officers
(also known as SEDLOs)
UOW has international students from more than 70 countries

- China
- Japan
- India
- Indonesia
- Thailand
- Taiwan
- Hong Kong
- USA
- Canada
- Germany
- Malaysia
- Nepal
- Iran
- Pakistan
- Colombia
- England
- Philippines
- Qatar
- Singapore
- Vietnam
- France
- Mexico
- Norway
- Sweden
- Bangladesh
- Brunei
- Chile
- Ireland
- Korea
- Lebanon
- Peru
- Russia
- Wales

= 25% of student population of UoW

very diverse group
Equity

- “Fairness for all”
- All students have the opportunity to learn, develop and grow
If you need HELP
or if you are confused, worried, or scared?
SEDLOs can help you!

- We offer support, referral, information and assistance to all students of UOW.

How?

- By providing a link between students and the various Student Services - e.g. Learning Development Centre, Disabilities Service, Counselling Service
- Assist international students with issues with can arise in adapting to life in a foreign culture
The W Curve of Adjustment

Culture Shock

Leaving Home
- Excited
- Nervous

Arriving in Australia
- Excited
- Happy
- Irate
- Confused
- Uncomfortable
  - Missing home
  - New accent
  - New culture
  - New study environment

Miserable
- "Was I right to come to Australia?"

Return Home
- Confident
- Happy
- New friends
- New activities
- Study OK
What you can expect from SEDLOs

Someone who
- listens to you
- offers support and Information
- can refer you to services on campus and in the local community (e.g., Disability Services)
- will liaise with university administration and others on and off campus
- will liaise with academic staff
- offers privacy and confidentiality
What SEDLOs can **not** give:

- Legal advice
- Medical advice
- Immigration advice
- Academic advice
- Counselling or therapy

- *we will find the right person to help you!*
If you have any concerns or questions:

- *Do not leave it until VERY late to get help!*

- *Do not hesitate to ask SEDLOs for help*
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