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to the world.

Student Exchange
& Study Overseas

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See the world. Study overseas.

Want to go places? The University of Wollongong (UOW) can take you to all corners of the globe. Don't wait until you graduate to see the world. Get more from your degree with an international exchange or study overseas program. It's your passport to experience a truly global education.

STUDY OPTIONS TO EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS

SEMESTER EXCHANGE

Choose to study overseas for one or two sessions at one of our 150 partner institutions and gain credit towards your degree.

SHORT COURSE PROGRAMS

Gain the benefits of an exchange without the longer-term commitment.

INTERNSHIPS

Select an internship to gain experience in your chosen field and enhance your employability.

This is your chance to immerse yourself in another culture, combine study and travel, and really expand your horizons.

With careful planning, studying overseas won't add any extra time to your studies. You'll still graduate on time, but with an added international perspective to your degree.

An exchange semester is affordable too, as you still only pay tuition to UOW. Plus you can apply for grants and loans to help with any extra costs. Funding support is also available for short course programs and internships.

Studying overseas will provide you with an amazing educational adventure, and the experience of a lifetime.



Why study overseas?

1. Enhance your employment prospects by graduating from UOW with a truly international education.
2. Improve your existing language skills or learn a new language by immersing yourself in another culture.
3. More than 84% of students believed studying abroad helped them build vital job skills.¹
4. Grow in self-confidence, become more independent and learn more about yourself. Life begins at the end of your comfort zone.
5. Boost your employability by adding an International Studies Minor or co-curricular recognition through UOWx.
6. Develop a greater understanding of world cultures, while making life-long friendships with people from around the globe.
7. Study at some of the world's most prestigious universities and be challenged to think about your degree in new and innovative ways.
8. Become part of a global network and connect with other Australian students heading overseas through the Global Society.

1. International Education of Students (IES) Abroad – Recent Graduates Survey 2012



MY STORY

Larissa Jenkins

*Hong Kong Institute of Education, Hong Kong
Bachelor of Education – The Early Years*

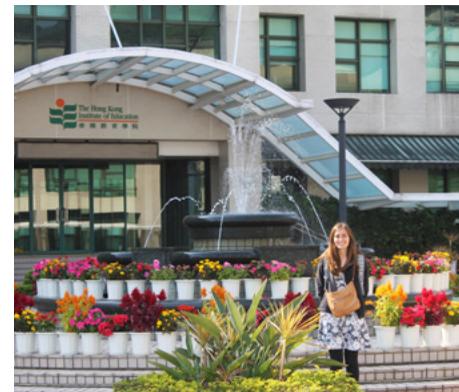
I undertook a semester of study at the Hong Kong Institute of Education and an amazing one-month internship at the Victoria Kindergarten.

It was all part of a New Colombo Plan Scholarship, which gives Australian university students the opportunity to study in the Asia-Pacific region with the aim of strengthening relationships between people of different cultures. I got this and a whole lot more.

Over the course of six months, I travelled to many Asian countries while studying and experiencing the local culture. Studying in another country and being fully immersed in a new culture gave me a fresh perspective on my own life in Australia and developed my resilience, independence and adaptability.

The internship at the kindergarten really developed my skills to work with diverse cultures and understand their expectations.

My experience has made me even more excited about becoming a teacher. I believe that early childhood teachers—no matter what country they live in—provide the foundation for a child's future life and learning.



Where can I go?

An exchange with UOW is your ticket
to over 150 destinations:

ASIA - PACIFIC: China, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, New Caledonia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand.

EUROPE: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and the United Kingdom.

LATIN AMERICA: Mexico and Brazil.

NORTH AMERICA: Canada and the United States of America.

Partner university information and restrictions are available
online at: uow.edu.au/student/exchange



LOOKING FOR A SHORTER OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE?

Take the benefits of an exchange without
the longer-term commitment. Short
course programs are available at many of
our partner universities or you can choose
from the many exciting opportunities
offered by our Third Party Providers.
Information on short course and
internship opportunities can be found at:
[uow.edu.au/student/exchange/
shortcoursesandinternships/](https://uow.edu.au/student/exchange/shortcoursesandinternships/)



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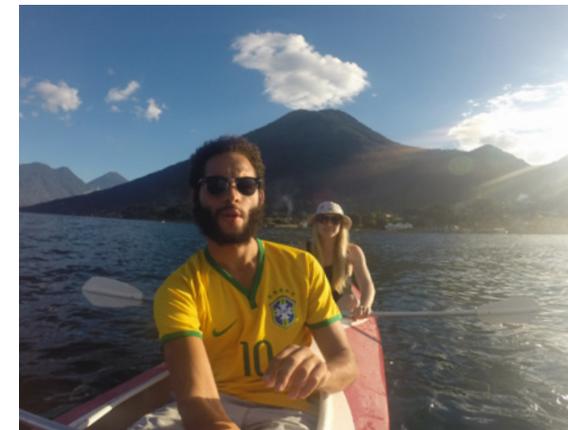
Michael Kusi-Appauh

Tec de Monterrey, Mexico
Bachelor of Laws –
Bachelor of Commerce

For me, my semester abroad at Tec de Monterrey, Guadalajara Campus in Mexico was about challenging myself, learning another language, immersing myself in another culture and seizing every available opportunity.

My time in the classroom made up only a fraction of the overall experience. There is just so much to see and do, no matter where you go. I was adopted into a Mexican family, met some truly interesting characters, slid down the side of an active volcano, went swimming with whale sharks, hitch-hiked across the country, became an accredited scuba-diver, went paragliding in the mountains and ended up stranded on a Caribbean island.

The exchange program took my stock standard university semester and put me in a completely new environment, filled with people from all over the world. It was without a doubt one of the best decisions of my life, and truly an experience I'll never forget.





MY STORY

Alexandra Burrell

*University of Arizona, USA
Bachelor of Public Health*

I completed my exchange program in Tucson at the University of Arizona, home to the 'Wildcats'. Set in the Sonoran Desert, Tucson is surrounded by five ranges of rocky mountains with many canyons and trails to explore. The mountains, streets and campus are filled with enormous cacti that are better known as saguaros.

I was most impressed with the college pride and enthusiastic atmosphere at the university. Whether it is inside the stadium or within the classroom, most people wear the UA logo with pride on their sweaters, baseball caps and cars.

It was a rewarding yet challenging experience, which taught me a lot about myself. Living as a local member exposed me to inter-cultural learning and understanding. By stepping out of my comfort zone, I experienced a few challenges and many new experiences, which gave me a huge boost of self-confidence and maturity.



Can I afford it?

Yes! While you are away on an Exchange program you continue to pay tuition to UOW, not the overseas university. You will pay for your airfare, visas, overseas accommodation and any applicable host uni fees.

Some short term programs may incur a fee, but the below funding options may be available to assist with associated costs of undertaking UOW overseas programs.

TRAVEL GRANTS

All eligible students can apply for a UOW travel grant or funding from Australian Government initiatives such as the New Colombo Plan and Endeavour Mobility of between \$500 and \$8000.*

OS-HELP

The Australian Government offers OS-HELP loans allowing eligible undergraduate students to borrow over \$6,000 per session of overseas study (maximum of two sessions) to use towards airfare, accommodation and other travel/study expenses. OS-HELP loans are then repaid with your accumulated HELP debt (including HECS) after your graduation from UOW.

CENTRELINK

If you currently receive Austudy or Youth Allowance, you may continue to receive these benefits while you are on exchange. Contact Centrelink for further details.

*For more information on financing your overseas study and Australian Government initiatives go to: uow.edu.au/student/exchange/funding



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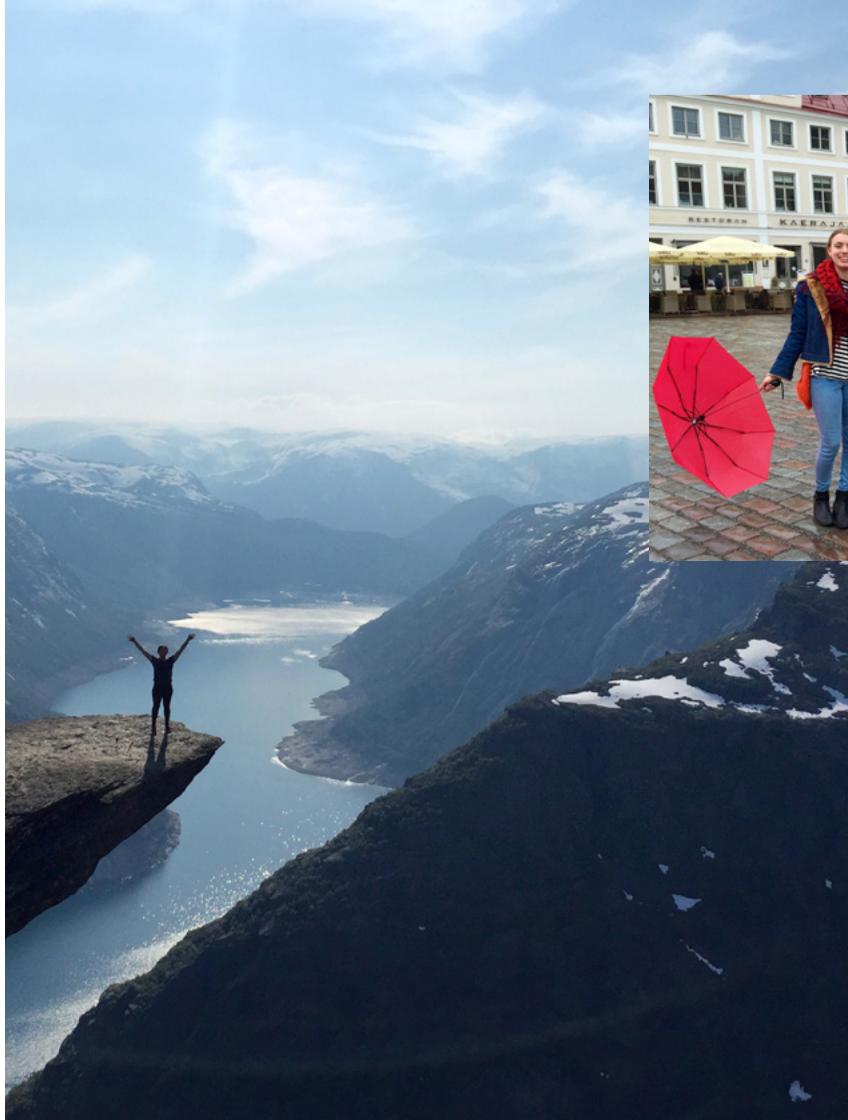
Talicia Temelkovski

KTH Institute of Technology, Sweden
Bachelor of Engineering
(Materials Engineering)

In 2015, I completed two semesters of exchange in Stockholm, Sweden at KTH Royal Institute of Technology. It was my first time leaving Australia, so I had no idea what to expect. Just walking into the main courtyard and buildings of campus almost made you feel like you were wandering through a castle. It was so exciting to be living in a snow-covered city!

Sweden is well known for their engineering and technology development, and while studying I had the opportunity to visit a die casting steel plant. I currently work as an engineering cadet for BlueScope, so it was great to be able to compare processing techniques. This experience has given me insight to the potential career opportunities available overseas.

Living in Europe for an entire year I saw amazing sights in 21 European countries. I met people and made lifelong friends from all around the world. The language barriers were always a fun challenge, and learning how to get by in foreign places really made me gain confidence in myself and grow as a person. I wish the pictures could do justice of what was one of the most amazing years of my life.





Apply
now

Take the first step. Come and learn how to start planning for your overseas program by visiting the Office of Global Student Mobility in Student Central or email student-mobility@uow.edu.au for more information.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

- You must be enrolled in a degree program at UOW
- Have a credit average (65%) or higher at UOW
- Completed the equivalent of one full-time year of study (48 credit points) at UOW by the time you depart on the overseas program

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Application deadlines are available on the Global Student Mobility website or in the Office of Global Student Mobility located in Student Central.

- For exchange programs commencing in January/February (UOW's Autumn Session): Applications close June/Aug
- For exchange programs commencing in August/September (UOW's Spring Session): Applications close between December and March

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