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Australia's first university

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Founded in 1850, the University of Sydney is Australia's first university. We continue to build on our position as one of Australia's leading universities and as an international leader in higher education and research.

Reputation

World class

The University of Sydney is a key member of the Group of Eight (Australia's major research-intensive universities). It is also a member of the Academic Consortium 21, the Worldwide Universities Network global research alliance, and one of only three Australian members of the Association of Pacific Rim Universities.

The leading Research University in Australia

Latest figures show that the University of Sydney has been confirmed as Australia's leading research university. Sydney researchers were awarded more than \$53.5 million by the Australian Research Council (ARC) for over 120 projects commencing in 2009 – the largest amount awarded to any university in Australia. The success of the University's research is underpinned by research grants from the Commonwealth, NSW State Government, industry and international agencies as well as our extensive network of collaborative partnerships.

We have four of Australia's premier Centres of Excellence funded by the Australian Research Council and the National Health and Medical Research Council; we host two Major National Research Facilities and are active participants in twenty-two Cooperative Research Centres. We are a founding member of the Asia-Pacific Research Universities (APRU), an international organisation that promotes research and teaching in 36 of the world's most research intensive universities.

The greatest choice of research areas

The University of Sydney offers the largest and broadest range of higher degree research programs in Australia. The number of research students is amongst the highest in Australia, and it has the

highest completion rate for research degrees in the country. The University of Sydney's research spans three broad thematic areas:

- Humanities and Social Sciences:** seeks to cultivate a civil society through visionary research and artistic creation.
- Science and technology:** offers insights into the natural and physical world and provides innovative solutions that will underpin Australia's future economic prosperity.
- Health and medical research:** encompass research from agents of disease to increased patient care.

Research support

We provide first class support to help our researchers. As well as assisting with funding applications, we offer strategic advice and direction on research programs, through three main channels:

The Research Office

Provides administrative support to researchers seeking internal and external funding for research and higher degree scholarships. It assists with compliance and guidelines, liaison with funding agencies and post-award monitoring of research outcomes.

Strategic Research Development Unit

Dedicated to helping researchers gain external support for their research programs. It provides strategic advice and direction on research programs and funding opportunities.

Research Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences (RIHSS)

Supports research initiatives, develops grant proposals, organises public events, houses research fellows and visitors, and provides an interface between the humanities and social sciences faculties and the broader public. Research Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences (RIHSS)

Student Life

Resources

The University of Sydney's library network comprises 20 separate facilities and holds over 5 million items in total. The University also has lecture theatres equipped with state-of-the-art audiovisual facilities, labs

with all the latest technology, and farms and clinics, across nine different teaching campuses in the greater Sydney area.

Beautiful campus in the perfect location

With an exciting mix of traditional and modern architecture located in Australia's most exciting city, our campuses provide students with a unique study environment. All campuses are well-served by public transport. The main campus with its historic sandstone precinct and its stunning new buildings is a green oasis in the heart of the city, close to the city centre and within easy walking distance of the cafés of Newtown and Glebe. It is the centre for administration and plays host to the majority of faculties and international students.

A great social and sporting life

The University offers cafés, bars, bands, theatre, sports, hundreds of clubs and societies and a social life you'll never tire of. With a sports association and three sporting complexes you can be sure that, no matter what sport you are interested in, you can play it here.

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FACTS & FIGURES

Faculties	16
Student clubs and societies	215
Sporting clubs	43
Total scholarships	880
Total study abroad & exchange (inbound)	1,100
Total exchange (outbound)	438

STUDENTS

Total postgraduate (research)	3,740
Total student enrolments (full year)	46,054

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT USYD

Africa & Middle East	370
Americas	1,134
Asia (North-East)	5,343
Asia (South-East)	1,837
Asia (Southern & Central)	392
Europe	741
Oceania, Antarctica and others	100
Total international students	9,917

WORLDWIDE RANKINGS

Times Higher Education Supplement	37
NEWSWEEK 2007	50
Shanghai Jiao Tong 2008	97

Make an enquiry

www.sydney.internationalstudent.info

Support for students

Every international student is supported through their research program by an expert supervisor and a range of support services

www.usyd.edu.au/fstudent/international/postgrad/study/support

International students have access to dedicated services such as the:

- **International Office**
www.usyd.edu.au/internationaloffice
- **The International Students Support Unit – ISSU**
www.usyd.edu.au/issu
- **Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association – SUPRA**
www.usyd.edu.au/supra

Living costs

In Sydney, you can live on approximately \$A20,000 each year or \$385 a week. This does not include the cost of textbooks, vacations, medicines or having a car.

www.usyd.edu.au/future_students/international_postgraduate_research/costs_scholarships/living_costs.shtml

Useful websites

Health Cover

All international students are required to pay for health insurance in Australia (government requirement).

www.usyd.edu.au/future_students/international_postgraduate_research/costs_scholarships/health_insurance.shtml

Services for Students

We assist you by providing personal, welfare, childcare, administration, library, IT, and academic support services to facilitate your success at University.

www.usyd.edu.au/stuserv

Accommodation

We assist you to find on-campus and off-campus accommodation.

www.usyd.edu.au/accorm

International Student Support Unit

The International Student Support Unit (ISSU) provides an integrated counselling and welfare service to international students. It is also a resource centre for students and their families. ISSU staff assist you to achieve success in your

studies, and help you with any difficulties you may experience while you are living and studying in Australia. ISSU can help you arrange temporary accommodation and, on your arrival in Australia, provides you with a package of information at the Meet and Greet Desk at the airport.

www.usyd.edu.au/issu

Casual Employment Service (CES)

CES helps you find casual, part-time employment. www.careers.usyd.edu.au/

Centre for English Teaching (CET)

www.usyd.edu.au/cet/

International Office Videos

www.usyd.edu.au/internationaloffice/student/videos.shtml

Faculties

www.usyd.edu.au/about/faculties_schools.shtml

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Science

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Veterinary Science

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Visual Arts

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Scholarships and loans

In addition to university allocated Scholarships, sponsorship is also provided by different organisations, including those listed below. We encourage you to explore funding options from any available source, such as government offices, major companies, universities in your home country, and the Australian mission in your region.

www.usyd.edu.au/future_students/international_postgraduate_research/costs_scholarships/scholarships/

Some loans are available to Canadian citizens (or dual citizens), UK citizens and US citizens (and dual citizens). For information, contact the International Loan Schemes Officer.

Canada: students can apply to a range of bodies in Canada, including the National Student Loans Service Centre and the International Education Finance Corporation.

UK: Career Development Loan (CDL) program-

Administered in the UK by the Learning Skills Council. USyd CDL Registration No: 10646

US: US Federal Family Loan Program (Stafford and Parent Plus)-

Students intending to apply email: intlfinaid@io.usyd.edu.au

The University of Sydney's US Department of Education School Code is 03067200.

In addition, the University cooperates with two private loan companies, the IEFEC and Bank of America.



How to apply

www.usyd.edu.au/future_students/international_postgraduate_research/admissions/

At the University of Sydney, we seek the highest calibre of students – those with an interested and enquiring mind and a commitment to ethical research. Candidates should demonstrate high-level research and technical skills in their area of interest, and the capacity to understand and apply theory to real situations. The ability to present results is also required.

Making an application - international research

Applying for and obtaining admission to a research degree is a process that requires time and preparation before submission of the application. Incomplete or ill-prepared applications will take longer to process or may be rejected by the relevant faculty or department.

Before submitting your application form

1. Identify and establish an academic contact/potential supervisor

The University requires that you contact a suitable member of the academic staff of the university and present them with an initial proposal outlining your proposed topic of research before submitting your application for admission.

When you contact a member of the academic staff, you should provide them with some initial details to help them advise you regarding your study plans. For example: educational background, relevant work experience and/or proposed area of research you are interested in undertaking.

2. Develop and submit an initial research proposal

Once you have initiated discussions with an academic contact(s), if you have not already done so, you should prepare an initial research proposal.

In general, your proposal should be no more than 500 words in length. However, some faculties such as Law and Economics and Business prefer a more detailed written proposal. Your initial proposal should include the following information:

- **Title:** Working title for the project.
- **Academic staff contact:** Name(s) of the academic staff with whom you have discussed your proposal and, if relevant a potential supervisor.

- **Objectives:** What aims does the work have?
- **Synopsis:** Briefly describe the key aspects of what you will be investigating.
- **Background:** Describe what research has already been done in relation to your topic.
- **Significance:** Why is the topic important?
- **Methodology:** Approach or methodology to be used in the research.
- **Resources:** Provide details of the resources required for you to carry out your research project.
- **Work plan:** An initial plan for completion with annual milestones.

3. Revise and finalise your research proposal

In conjunction with your academic contact(s) refine your research proposal ready for submission of your formal application.

4. Application Form

Once you have identified an academic contact/potential supervisor and prepared a research proposal, you should fill out the research application form. Detailed instructions about how to complete the application are provided on the Research Application Form.

www.usyd.edu.au/internationaloffice/forms

How to find a Research supervisor

Research candidates are expected to have made contact with their potential academic supervisor prior to submitting their application. The best way of initially searching for a supervisor is to search the 'Research Supervisor Connect' database.

- **Research Supervisor Connect**
www.usyd.edu.au/research/opportunities
- **Faculties**
www.usyd.edu.au/about/faculties_schools.shtml

Research centres and institutes

The University of Sydney's research centres and institutes encompass Key Research Centres, ARC Centres of Excellence, Cooperative Research Centres and Major National Research Facilities.

www.usyd.edu.au/research/about/research_centres/

Cooperative Research Centres

www.usyd.edu.au/research/about/research_centres/cooperative.shtml

