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Australia Awards Program



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Swinburne University of Technology.

Students come first at Swinburne. We equip our students with the knowledge and capabilities they need to establish successful careers through high-quality teaching and work-integrated learning.

Quality teaching

With a reputation for quality education and focused research, Swinburne attracts highly qualified academics and educational leaders who have industry experience in the areas they teach.

Career-ready graduates

Swinburne is known for its links with successful business and industry, and for developing international partnerships and collaborations. This local and international engagement ensures that our students graduate with valuable and sought-after skills that employers value

World-ranked university

The 2015 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) placed Swinburne among the top 400 universities worldwide and top three in Melbourne, Australia. The ARWU also named Swinburne a top 100 research university in the field of physics. This recognition proves the success of our focus on and investment in research and research infrastructure. It is why we are leaders in science, technology, innovation, business and design.

Swinburne has also been named one of the top 100 young universities in the world (Times Higher Education 100 Under 50, 2015) and one of the top 100 in Art and Design (QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2015).

A wide range of course options

Swinburne offers qualifications ranging from Foundation Studies, certificates, diplomas and bachelor degrees to master degrees and PhDs.

- Arts and Social Sciences
- Aviation
- Business and Management
- Design
- Education
- Engineering
- English Language
- Environment and Sustainability
- Film and Television
- Games and Animation
- Health
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Law
- Media and Communications
- Psychology
- Science.

These options allow you to choose courses and pathways to suit your individual interests and career aspirations.

Modern and safe campus

We offer supportive, secure and peaceful environments with modern facilities. In 2014 we opened the new Advanced Manufacturing and Design Centre, which is a symbol of the study opportunities, innovative thinking and dynamic campus life at Swinburne.



Australia Awards program at Swinburne.

Swinburne has been involved in the Australia Awards program for more than 15 years. Currently, there are more than 40 Australia Award sponsored students enrolled at the university.

Recipients come from Africa, Bhutan, Cambodia, East Timor, Indonesia, Laos, Mongolia, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Tonga and Vietnam.

The study and research opportunities provided by Australia Awards scholarships, develop skills and knowledge that will enable recipients to drive change and contribute to the development outcomes of their own country. Administered by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, students choose the Swinburne course that meets the program's criteria.

Swinburne provides a range of services and support to Australia Awards sponsored students.

Visit www.international.swinburne.edu.au/australia-awards

Australia Awards Student Contact Officer

The Australia Awards Student Contact Officer (SCO) is a member of the Swinburne International Student Life team and oversees the academic and social wellbeing of all Australia Awards students at Swinburne. The SCO also ensures that students who bring their families to Melbourne are provided with advice about appropriate community support services.

Arrival services

Pre-departure and arrival package

An information package will be sent to you by the Australia Awards Office when an offer to study a Swinburne course is confirmed. The information can also be viewed on Swinburne's Australia Awards program website.

Airport transfer

When you arrive in Melbourne, a free airport pick-up service is available to meet you and transport you to your pre-arranged accommodation.

Accommodation

Prior to your arrival, the SCO will arrange temporary accommodation for the first two weeks of your stay in Melbourne.

On your arrival, the SCO will be available to assist you in securing long-term accommodation.

An accommodation help desk will also be available for extended hours during student orientation.

Bank account

Prior to your arrival, the SCO can help you to open a bank account. An establishment allowance provided by Australia Awards will be deposited in the account and ATM cards will be ordered for you. You will have access to the funds on the first business day following your arrival.

If you have a current account with an Australian bank, the SCO can arrange to transfer the establishment funds to your current account.

Family support

If you have children between five and 17 years of age who you plan to bring to Australia, you must enrol them in school. Arrangements for enrolment must be made prior to any child arriving in Australia.

We strongly recommend you complete your first semester of study before you bring your family to Melbourne. This will give you time to adjust to life and study in Melbourne, to find somewhere to live, and to organise childcare or schooling if you have children.

If you are planning to bring your family with you, the SCO can provide information on schooling and child care, as well as on community support for spouses.

Departure services

Returning home program

The returning home program provides information on the requirements and considerations for the journey home. It also offers advice on re-integration into work and family life.

You will find out about a range of services, including:

- graduation
- freight services
- job-seeking techniques
- alumni services.

Graduation and farewell functions

Swinburne hosts a farewell function for all departing Australia Awards students. This is an event to celebrate students' academic achievements, personal journey and the contributions they are expected to make to their home country on their return.

Depending on the date of completion, you may also have the opportunity to attend the official Swinburne student graduation ceremony, which is held in August and December each year.

Travel arrangements

At the end of your scholarship the SCO will assist you in making arrangements for your return home. Those entitled to return tickets for their research or 'family reunion travel' will also be guided with their bookings.

Student life at Swinburne.

Academic life

Introductory Academic Program

Swinburne provides an Introductory Academic Program to ensure Australia Awards students make a smooth transition to life at university in Melbourne. The six-week program includes workshops, one-on-one advice sessions, excursions and a comprehensive academic preparation program to ensure students are best placed to succeed in their studies.

The program is compulsory for all Australia Awards students.

Academic and study support

The Student Contact Officer (SCO) is available to meet with you as often as needed to assist you with any issues that may impact on your studies. The SCO can also arrange private tutorial support for you, funded by Australia Awards. The SCO is part of the Swinburne International Student Life team, which provides support to all international students at Swinburne.

Academic and study support is available through the Learning and Academic Skills unit (LAS). Faculties also offer a range of support services and activities designed to enhance the student experience in their faculty.

In addition, Swinburne's free counselling service provides individual study skills assistance (including time management, examination techniques and managing stress) to improve your chances of academic and personal success.

Computer labs

Swinburne offers a number of PC labs to assist you in completing your assessments. The Hawthorn campus library provides a Late Lab, which offers 24-hour, seven-day-a-week access.

Libraries

As a Swinburne student you will have access to the extensive collection of resource material in any of our campus libraries. Resources available for student use include books, journals and other electronic resources.

The libraries also have workstations, computers, printers, scanners and photocopiers for student use. Laptops are available to loan for 48 hours from the libraries.

Campus life

Welfare support services

The SCO and International Student Life team are usually the first point of contact regarding welfare-related matters. They will connect you with relevant services across the university. These services are available free of charge to all students.

The types of welfare support services include:

- accommodation advice
- budgeting and banking
- careers and employment advice
- counselling services
- disability support services
- financial advice and assistance
- health services
- legal advice.

Visit www.international.swinburne.edu.au/life-study-support/student-advisers

Employability support services

International Student Life offers a series of workshops to help you build key 'soft' skills and enhance your employability. The workshops are led by experts and provide an opportunity for practical skill development in a supportive setting.

Visit www.swinburne.edu.au/student/international/employability

Events and activities

A full calendar of events and cultural activities allows you to enjoy a balance between study and life, make new friends and experience the sights and sensations of Australia.

A variety of affordable activities and day trips are subsidised by the Swinburne Student Amenities Association (SSAA). Popular destinations include the Great Ocean Road, Healesville Sanctuary, Victorian Alps, Sovereign Hill, Phillip Island and Koala Sanctuary.

International Student Life also organises a number of events and activities throughout the year that are free to Australia Award students. These events include the Bush and Beach program and other fun events such as the hotly contested annual Soccer Tournament and Celebrate Your Heritage Day.

Visit www.swinburne.edu.au/student/international/events



Studying in Melbourne.

About Melbourne

Smart, captivating, multicultural, unique, fun, trend-setting, individual and welcoming, Melbourne is the capital city of Victoria and home to four million people.

In 2015 Melbourne was once again named the world's most liveable city by the Economist Intelligence Unit's Global Liveability Survey. Melbourne is known as Australia's cultural, culinary and sporting capital. A mild climate, magnificent architecture, an extensive public transport network and beautiful parks and public spaces make living in Melbourne a great experience.

Our campus

Hawthorn campus

John St, Hawthorn

Student population: 22,000

Distance from Melbourne city centre: 6 km (10 minutes by train)

Hawthorn is the main campus for international students. Our main campus is an exciting place to study. Located on the edge of a vibrant local shopping and business area, it offers a range of facilities and services to help you balance the demands of study with your other interests. The Glenferrie train station is practically on campus, making it easy to get to and from the city and surrounding suburbs.

Multimillion-dollar facilities

Major refurbishments and new infrastructure are a feature at our Hawthorn campus. The development of new buildings, renovation of existing buildings and landscaping enhance the study environment and education experience we offer our students.

Cutting-edge facilities include:

- the new \$100 million Advanced Manufacturing and Design Centre (AMDC). It provides a purpose-built teaching and learning environment for design, business, engineering and information technology students. The AMDC is also the home of Swinburne's Design Factory, the first 'living lab' dedicated to design at an Australian university. The Design Factory model enables cross-discipline teams of students to work on research-led collaborations with external partners.
- the Advanced Technologies Centre, which features state-of-the-art laboratories and research and education facilities. It includes a 550-seat retractable lecture theatre, 40 high-tech learning spaces and the Smart Structures Laboratory – the only one of its kind in Australia – for leading-edge research in structural engineering.
- The George building, a multi-storey student services hub (named after university founder George Swinburne). It features study areas, a games room, multi-faith facility and prayer room, careers and employment and health services.



Study options.

English language courses

Our English courses give you the opportunity to learn from qualified and experienced teachers, interact in English in a multicultural environment and prepare you for direct entry to a range of Swinburne programs.

Courses range from elementary to advanced levels. A new intake commences every five weeks, so you can start when it suits you.

Foundation Studies and UniLink diplomas

Foundation Studies and UniLink diplomas are designed to prepare you for direct entry to a bachelor degree at Swinburne. You'll enjoy smaller classes and more academic support from your teachers, giving you every opportunity to succeed in your university studies.

Diplomas and certificates

Diplomas and certificates focus on learning for work and help you to build the skills and technical expertise that make you employable. There are more contact hours, smaller classes and more personal communication with your teachers.

Pathways from diplomas to degrees

Diplomas and advanced diplomas offer independent learning with an emphasis on workplace and practical skills. Graduates may pathway into a Swinburne undergraduate degree course, subject to academic performance requirements. You may receive credit for your studies, allowing you to advance into later stages of your chosen degree.

Undergraduate degrees

Swinburne degrees encourage independent learning and provide a supportive framework for you to research, analyse and solve problems in your chosen field of study. We offer students authentic workplace experiences through Work Integrated Learning: undertaking industry internships, solving day-to-day challenges in the field and gaining the professional skills that put knowledge into practice.

Postgraduate degrees

Swinburne has been consistently recognised for the preparedness of its graduates for employment beyond their qualification. The *Good Universities Guide 2015*, Australia's only comprehensive degree and university ratings guide, awarded Swinburne with four-star ratings for postgraduate study in the categories 'graduate satisfaction', 'teaching quality' and 'generic skills'.

Research excellence

Swinburne has an international reputation for quality research that connects science and technology with business and the community. Our focus is on achieving significant innovations that address challenges and advance society. Our researchers foster national and international academic networks and connections with industry, providing excellent opportunities for students.

In 2015, Swinburne was named a top 100 research university in the field of physics by the Academic Ranking of World Universities.

Our research is carried out across a range of multidisciplinary fields. Swinburne has particular research strengths in:

- business and enterprise
- design
- engineering
- information and communication technologies
- life and health sciences
- physical and chemical sciences
- social sciences.

How to apply

Follow these steps to apply for an Australia Awards scholarship to Swinburne.

Step 1

Choose the course that suits your interests and career goals.

Visit www.international.swinburne.edu.au/courses

Step 2

Visit <http://aid.dfat.gov.au/australia-awards/> to apply for a scholarship.

Step 3

List Swinburne University of Technology as Preference 1 on the application form.

Australia Awards will contact Swinburne on behalf of all short-listed applicants for course offers.



'I wanted to enhance my knowledge in human resources, having previously worked in the field, and the content and structure of this course really appealed to me. What I love about the course is that it addresses current trends in the market and involves a lot of practical work, which I believe will be helpful when I return to my workplace.'

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Master of Commerce
(Integrated Human Resource Management)

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