

EXPERTISE AND PROGRAMS IN THE  
AUSAID SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM-  
LATIN AMERICA PRIORITY SECTORS

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

The University of Sydney welcomes scholars from Latin America through the AusAID Australian Leadership Award Scholarships (ALAS) and Australian Development Scholarships (ADS).

This proposal outlines the key strengths of the University of Sydney, drawing from our 16 Faculties, and our ability to provide programs which meet the priority areas of study of Latin American countries eligible for AusAID ALAS and ADS scholarships:

- Argentina
- Bolivia
- Chile
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Mexico
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Uruguay
- Venezuela

## 2. ORGANISATION

Founded in 1850, the University of Sydney is Australia's first university. Over the past 160 years, we have built a solid international reputation for outstanding teaching and research excellence. We aim to create and sustain a university in which, for the benefit of both Australia and the wider world, the brightest researchers and the most promising students, whatever their social or cultural background, can thrive and realise their full potential. We continually drive ourselves to find new ways to be accountable to the public good – to produce ideas and people that lead to smarter solutions and richer lives.

CURRENT FACTS AND FIGURES	
YEAR OF FOUNDATION	1850
STUDENT ENROLMENTS	49,020 (as at 31st March 2011)
ACADEMIC STAFF	3,431 (as at 31st March 2011)
NUMBER OF ALUMNI WORLDWIDE	270,000
NUMBER OF COUNTRIES REPRESENTED BY STUDENTS	134
STUDENT UNION CLUBS AND SOCIETIES	200+
SPORTING CLUBS	43
ITEMS IN THE UNIVERSITY'S LIBRARY	More than 5.2 million
NUMBER OF STUDENT EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS	286 (in more than 30 countries)
CHANCELLOR	Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir
VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRINCIPAL	Dr Michael Spence

### WHY SYDNEY?

There are a range of global university league tables that are available to compare broad performance information on universities around the world. Each source draws on different methodologies, designed to capture a broad range of activities, from teaching and research to knowledge transfer. Regardless of ranking scheme, the University of Sydney consistently ranks in the top three research universities in Australia and top 100 Universities worldwide. This ranking places the University of Sydney among the top 1% of all international universities.

The University of Sydney is an Australian and a world leader in research and teaching. The University was ranked 38<sup>th</sup> in the [2011 QS World University Rankings](#). QS also ranked the University as 18<sup>th</sup> in the world in the area of Life Sciences, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in Arts & Humanities and Social Sciences (respectively), 33<sup>rd</sup> in the Natural Sciences, and 40<sup>th</sup> in Engineering and Information Technologies.

The [SCImago Institutions Rankings World Report 2011](#) recently ranked the University of Sydney as 1<sup>st</sup> in Australia, 1<sup>st</sup> in the Oceania region and 53<sup>rd</sup> in the world for scientific output, international collaboration and scientific impact, amongst 3,042 research institutions from 104 countries around the world including universities, government agencies, research hospitals and major companies.

According to the [Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2011-12](#), the University of Sydney ranked 58<sup>th</sup> in the world, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Oceania (with the highest Industry Income for the region), ranking in the top 50 for the subjects of Arts and Humanities (18<sup>th</sup>); Clinical, Pre-clinical and Health (24<sup>th</sup>); Engineering and Technology (35<sup>th</sup>); Social Sciences (39<sup>th</sup>); and Life Sciences (45<sup>th</sup>).

According to the 2011 published rankings from the [Academic Ranking of World Universities](#)<sup>1</sup>, the University of Sydney is ranked as 96<sup>th</sup> in the world, 43<sup>rd</sup> (among 605 institutions) for percentage of International Students and 54<sup>th</sup> in the world for alumni of Nobel Laureates and Field Medalists. Research specific indicators rank the University of Sydney as 72<sup>nd</sup> (among 637 institutions) for Annual Research Income, 31<sup>st</sup> (among 1,181 institutions) for Science Citation Index-Expanded (SCI-E)<sup>2</sup> and Social Science Citation Index (SSCI)<sup>3</sup> in the past year and 129<sup>th</sup> in the world for Nature and Science papers. The University of Sydney appears as one of only 4 Australian universities in the top 100 of this ranking.

As one of Australia's leading universities, the University of Sydney is a key member of:

- the [Group of Eight \(GO8\)](#) – a coalition of Australia's leading universities, intensive in research and comprehensive in general and professional education;
- [Academic Consortium 21 \(AC21\)](#) – an international partnership of leading educational, research and industrial organisations in Asia, the United States and Europe;
- the [Association of Pacific Rim Universities \(APRU\)](#) – the University of Sydney is one of three Australian institutions in this group of prestigious universities drawn from Asia, the United States and South America;
- the [Worldwide Universities Network \(WUN\)](#) – an international alliance of 14 leading research universities from Europe, North America, South-East Asia and Australia. Professor John Hearn, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International) at the University of Sydney is the Chief Executive Designate of WUN.

## PAST PERFORMANCE

The University of Sydney has outperformed other Australian universities in the measure of research performance used by the Australian Commonwealth Government to allocate funds under its block grants. The University successfully attracts new and recurrent funding from the [Australian Research Council \(ARC\)](#) and in October 2011 received \$26.8 million from the Australian Government for the [Australian Research Council \(ARC\) 'Discovery' grants](#) commencing in 2012, spanning 89 different projects. This is roughly 11% of the national pool of \$236 million. The University of Sydney has received 10.72% of the funding available from the [National Health and Medical Research Council \(NHMRC\)](#) in the period 2000-2010, totalling \$489 million. For 2011, University of Sydney medical research projects received \$60 million in the National Health and Medical Research (NHMRC) Project Grants. For 2012, the University received \$87.8 million for 149 National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) grants, more funding than any other research institution.

# 3. AUSAID SCHOLARSHIP PRIORITY SECTORS

## 3.1 MASTERS BY COURSEWORK PROGRAMS

[http://sydney.edu.au/future\\_students/international\\_postgraduate\\_coursework/](http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/international_postgraduate_coursework/)

A range of coursework programs are available by searching our coursework database online, which spans our 16 Faculties. A selection of priority sector courses are listed below.

Development Area	Course Title	CRICOS Code
Water - public and community access to ground and surface water for human and for other needs; improved policy development and effective water management; identifying and reducing the impact of mining, agriculture and industry on the water table; water saving methods.	<a href="#">Master of Project Management</a>	031911D
	<a href="#">Master of Engineering (Environmental Fluids)</a>	061789G
	<a href="#">Master of Science in Spatial Information Science</a>	074187E
	<a href="#">Master of Engineering (Civil)</a>	061789G
	<a href="#">Master of Agriculture</a>	000661G
	<a href="#">Master of Science in Environmental Science</a>	074174K

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.arwu.org> and <http://www.shanghairanking.com/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://science.thomsonreuters.com/cgi-bin/jrnst/jloptions.cgi?PC=D>

<sup>3</sup> [http://thomsonreuters.com/products\\_services/science/science\\_products/a-z/social\\_sciences\\_citation\\_index/](http://thomsonreuters.com/products_services/science/science_products/a-z/social_sciences_citation_index/)

	<a href="#"><u>Master of Sustainability</u></a>	068694C
<b>Natural Resource Management (NRM)</b> — good environmental practice in NRM, increased employment generation through opportunities; adapting crops and products to the effect of climate change; increasing food security for communities and families; community engagement in decision making.	<a href="#"><u>Master of Agriculture</u></a>	000661G
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Science in Wildlife Health and Population Management</u></a>	074190K
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Science in Environmental Science</u></a>	074174K
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Environmental Science and Law</u></a>	040350B
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Sustainability</u></a>	068694C
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Marine Science and Management</u></a>	074730J
<b>Mining industries</b> - improving the social impact of mining operations; promoting a more equitable distribution of the benefits; increased opportunities for skills development to improve local employment; improved environmental management and practice associated with mining.	<a href="#"><u>Master of Project Management</u></a>	031911D
	<a href="#"><u>Master of International Business and Law</u></a>	045783C
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Political Economy</u></a>	064136K
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Professional Engineering</u></a>	064107D
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Science in Spatial Information Science</u></a>	074187E
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Professional Engineering (Civil)</u></a>	064107D
<b>Governance</b> — the development and implementation of public policy; improved financial practices and accountabilities at the central and devolved levels; increased engagement of civil society organisations with the planning and allocation of public funds and resources; increased transparency.	<a href="#"><u>Master of Public Administration</u></a>	053859K
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Public Policy</u></a>	016228D
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations</u></a>	061140E
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Urban and Regional Planning</u></a>	000677K
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Sustainability</u></a>	068694C
	<a href="#"><u>Master of International Business and Master of Commerce</u></a>	074084A
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Project Management</u></a>	031911D
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Strategic Public Relations</u></a>	053427A
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Logistics Management</u></a>	031433G
	<a href="#"><u>Master of International Studies</u></a>	006436A
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Professional Communication</u></a>	040895B
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Labour Law and Relations</u></a>	008405C
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Development Studies</u></a>	053431E
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Project Leadership</u></a>	074715G
<a href="#"><u>Master of Management</u></a>	063099G	
<b>Rural Livelihoods</b> — local support and policies that lead to improved operation of small holder properties; improved quality of the produce for market; providing micro-finance for starting up small scale enterprises; improved skills for enhanced local employment options.	<a href="#"><u>Master of Development Studies</u></a>	053431E
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Animal Science</u></a>	055413B
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Labour Law and Relations</u></a>	008405C
	<a href="#"><u>Master of International Business and Master of Commerce</u></a>	035125J
	<a href="#"><u>Master of International Business and Master of Logistics Management</u></a>	074085M
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Project Management</u></a>	031911D
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Facilities Management</u></a>	055520K
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Management (CEMS)</u></a>	063100G
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Cross-cultural Communication</u></a>	055326A
	<a href="#"><u>Master of International Studies</u></a>	006436A
	<a href="#"><u>Master of International Business and Law</u></a>	045783C
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Public Policy</u></a>	016228D
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Strategic Public Relations</u></a>	053427A
	<a href="#"><u>Master of International Business</u></a>	074087J
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Political Economy</u></a>	064136K
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Nursing</u></a>	068773D
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Animal Science (Animal Breeding Management)</u></a>	TBA
	<a href="#"><u>Master of Veterinary Public Health Management</u></a>	TBA

## 3.2 RESEARCH PROGRAMS – PHD

The University of Sydney offers a large and broad range of higher degree research programs. The number of research students is amongst the highest in Australia, and it has the highest completion rate for research degrees in the country<sup>4</sup>.

[PhD programs](#) can be undertaken within any faculty at the University of Sydney.

Before applying for any research program at the University of Sydney, candidates should make contact with a potential academic supervisor at the University of Sydney, to discuss their research proposal. When first contacting academic staff, the candidate should provide some initial details, such as their educational background, relevant work experience, and proposed area of research.

To help applicants to find an appropriate supervisor for their project, the University has developed an online search facility: **Research Supervisor Connect**. Candidates can enter a research topic or keyword, and view a list of possible matches. Research Supervisor Connect can be accessed at <http://sydney.edu.au/research/opportunities>

Alternatively, PhD applicants can contact the Mrs Danielle Somers, Office of DVC-International ([danielle.somers@sydney.edu.au](mailto:danielle.somers@sydney.edu.au)) directly with their enquiries. The number of scholars accepted and list of subjects available is dependent on the capacity, expertise and interests of the academic staff. There are no minimum or maximum numbers of scholars that are accepted in our programs at the University of Sydney; applicants are assessed on their academic merit.

The next step is for the candidate to prepare an initial research proposal and submit it to his or her potential supervisor. In general, the proposal should be no more than 500 words (although some Faculties may prefer a more detailed written proposal), and should include the following information:

- **Title:** a working title for the project.
- **Objectives:** what are the aims of the project?
- **Synopsis:** briefly describe the key aspects of what the research will investigate.
- **Background:** describe what research has already been done in relation to the topic.
- **Significance:** why is the topic important?
- **Methodology:** what approach or methodology will be used in the research?
- **Resources:** provide details of the resources that will be required to carry out the research project.
- **Work plan:** an initial plan for completion, with a timeline.

The candidate should work with his or her academic contact to refine the research proposal, so that it is ready for submission with the formal PhD application.

After reaching agreement with a supervisor, applicants submit a Higher Degree by Research application to the University's International Student Office.

Full details of the application process can be found online:  
[http://sydney.edu.au/international/international\\_students.shtml](http://sydney.edu.au/international/international_students.shtml)

## 3.3 RESEARCH CENTRES AND INSTITUTES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

The University of Sydney is home to 3 [ARC Centres of Excellence: Autonomous Systems, Ultrahigh Bandwidth Devices for Optical Systems, and CAASTRO: ARC Centre of Excellence for All-sky Astrophysics](#); [12 Cooperative Research Centres](#), [7 NCRIS facilities](#), [2 NHMRC Centres of Research Excellence](#), and several associated research units. The University of Sydney has extensive state-of-the-art laboratories and research facilities and has established a number of Foundations to bridge the gap between the University, industry and professions to achieve world-class results in a wide variety of fields.

University Centres include: [Institute for Sustainable Solutions](#); [Australian Centre for Precision Agriculture](#), [Centre for Carbon, Water and Food](#), [Sydney University Nitrogen Fixation Centre \(SUNFix\)](#), [Plant Breeding Institute](#), [Australian Centre for Field Robotics](#), [Centre for Advanced Materials Technology](#), [Centre for Advanced Structural Engineering](#), [Centre for Geotechnical Research](#), [Centre for Sustainable Energy Development](#), [Warren Centre For Advanced](#)

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.deewr.gov.au/HigherEducation/Publications/HEStatistics/Publications/Pages/Students.aspx>

[Engineering](#), [Australian Centre for Climate and Environmental Law](#), [Centre for Health Governance, Law and Ethics](#), [Australian Centre for Agricultural Health and Safety](#), [Sydney Emerging Infections and Biosecurity Institute](#), [Australian Mekong Resource Centre](#), [Centre for Human Aspects of Science and Technology \(CHAST\)](#), [Institute for Innovation in Science and Mathematics Education](#), [Institute of Photonics and Optical Science](#), [Institute of Wildlife Research](#), [Key Centre for Polymers & Colloids](#) and [University of Sydney Institute of Marine Science](#).

## 4. ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT AND STUDENT SUPPORT

### 4.1 LOCATION

Sydney is the capital of New South Wales and is the largest and oldest city in Australia, with a population of approximately 4 million people. It is a world class city, with over one quarter of its population born overseas and approximately 200 languages spoken in the Sydney metropolitan area. Sydney is renowned for being a safe, tolerant, vibrant and multicultural city, offering a wide array of cultural and culinary experiences.

(Reference: <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/maps/pacific/australia/>)

Famous for its sandstone buildings, lawns, courtyards and parklands setting, the University of Sydney's Camperdown Campus is spread across 72 hectares and features sports ovals, three sports centres, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, two major complexes devoted to student recreation and services, the famous Quadrangle and many other beautiful modern and historic buildings.

Located only ten minutes by bus from the heart of the Sydney business district, the main campus provides easy access to national and international companies based in the city and its surrounding suburbs.

The University also comprises additional campus locations in the metropolitan area and outside Sydney, including:

CAMPUS	FACULTIES
<p><b><u>CAMPERDOWN AND DARLINGTON CAMPUSES</u></b></p> <p>The Camperdown and Darlington Campuses are home to the faculties of <a href="#">Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources</a>, <a href="#">Architecture</a>, <a href="#">Arts and Social Sciences</a>, <a href="#">Education and Social Work</a>, <a href="#">Engineering</a>, <a href="#">Medicine</a>, <a href="#">Pharmacy</a>, <a href="#">Science</a>, and <a href="#">Veterinary Science</a> and the <a href="#">University of Sydney Business School</a>.</p> <p>Also located on this campus is the University's <a href="#">Centre for English Teaching</a>.</p> <p>This 72-hectare site, located near the junction of Parramatta and City roads, features landscaped grounds, sports ovals and centres, museums, galleries, two major complexes devoted to student recreation and services, the famous Quadrangle and many other beautiful modern and historic buildings.</p>	<p>Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Faculty of Architecture Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Sydney Business School Faculty of Education and Social Work Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies Sydney Medical School Faculty of Pharmacy Faculty of Science Faculty of Veterinary Science Sydney Summer School Sydney Law School</p>
<p><b><u>CUMBERLAND CAMPUS</u></b></p> <p>Cumberland campus is home to the <a href="#">Faculty of Health Sciences</a>, located 16 kilometres west of the main campus at Lidcombe on spacious landscaped grounds and ultra modern facilities.</p>	<p>Faculty of Health Sciences</p>
<p><b><u>MALLETT STREET CAMPUS</u></b></p> <p><i>Sydney Nursing School and the NHMRC Clinical Trials Centre</i> Close to the main campus, this campus houses the <a href="#">Sydney Nursing School</a>, which has courses that lead to registration with the NSW registration Board and to qualification in a range of nursing specialisations. The Faculty has access to 300 clinical centres where trainee nurses can gain practical experience. Also located on this campus is the University's <a href="#">NHMRC Clinical Trials Centre</a>.</p>	<p>Sydney Nursing School NHMRC Clinical Trials Centre</p>
<p><b><u>SYDNEY CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC</u></b></p>	<p>Sydney Conservatorium of Music</p>

<p>The <a href="#">Sydney Conservatorium of Music</a> ('the Con') is one of the world's finest music schools and is set in the Royal Botanic Gardens, near the Opera House.</p> <p>The Con was reopened in 2001 after extensive modernisation and expansion. Its award-winning new structures blend with the renovated original heritage buildings. The main concert hall holds 600, and the complex has recording studios and performance and practice spaces featuring the very latest in acoustic technology.</p>	
<p><b><u>SYDNEY COLLEGE OF THE ARTS</u></b></p> <p><a href="#">Sydney College of the Arts</a> is the visual art College of the University and occupies historic sandstone buildings which are set in beautiful and spacious grounds on the edge of the harbour at Rozelle. The students on this campus use world-class facilities for creating contemporary art within the studio areas of ceramics, film &amp; digital art, glass, jewellery &amp; object, painting, printmedia, photomedia, and sculpture.</p>	<p>Sydney College of the Arts</p>
<p><b><u>SURRY HILLS CAMPUS</u></b></p> <p>The campus houses the main offices of the <a href="#">Faculty of Dentistry</a>, the <a href="#">Dentistry Library</a>, teaching, seminar and recreation facilities and also the extensive clinical facilities of the Sydney Dental Hospital. The University's Faculty of Dentistry is the largest school of dentistry in Australia and the only school of dentistry in NSW. The campus is excellently located - right next to Central Station the transport hub of the city. Teaching also takes place at the Westmead Centre for Oral Health near Parramatta - about 45 minutes away by train.</p>	<p>Faculty of Dentistry</p>
<p><b><u>CAMDEN CAMPUS</u></b></p> <p>The extensive farms and research units at this campus are used by agriculture and veterinary science students. The Faculty of Veterinary Science operates a general veterinary clinic and teaching hospital on campus. The town of Camden is 65 km south-west of Sydney.</p>	<p>Faculty of Veterinary Science Faculty of Agriculture Food and Natural Resources</p>
<p><b><u>BURREN STREET CAMPUS</u></b></p>	<p><a href="#">Institute of Transport and Logistics Studies</a></p>
<p><b>SYDNEY MEDICAL SCHOOL</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Central Clinical School</a> (CCS) Based at Royal Prince Alfred (RPA) Hospital, CCS also has large teaching and research units at Sydney Eye Hospital and Balmain Hospital, and staff at Canterbury Hospital. CCS staff are active in research and teaching across numerous disciplines.</p> <p><a href="#">The Children's Hospital at Westmead Clinical School</a> Teaching and research in paediatrics at the University of Sydney is based primarily at The Children's Hospital, Westmead (CHW), one of the world's most modern and sophisticated hospitals. CHW provides a comprehensive child-focused, preventive, diagnostic, treatment and rehabilitation service. Prospective MBBS students should note they <b>cannot</b> nominate this school as a preferred allocation at enrolment</p> <p><a href="#">Westmead Clinical school</a> Since its establishment in 1978 the Westmead Clinical School at Westmead Hospital has been a place of innovation and growth. The Westmead Clinical School serves the largest area and population of any of the University of Sydney's Clinical Schools and has a patient population of approximately 1.1 million.</p> <p><a href="#">Concord Clinical School</a> Concord Clinical School is based at Concord Repatriation General Hospital, renowned for combining teaching and scientific excellence. Research is associated with the ANZAC Research Institute, the Centre for Education and Research on Ageing, the NSW Institute of Sports Medicine and the Bernie Banton Asbestos Research Centre.</p> <p><a href="#">Nepean Clinical School</a> Nepean Clinical School supports up to 50 students in each year of Sydney Medical Program. With its relatively high patient to student ratio, Nepean provides invaluable learning opportunities. Teaching is delivered by</p>

clinicians including academics, hospital specialists and private practitioners, in both hospital and community settings.

[Northern Clinical School](#) Headquartered at the Royal North Shore Hospital, Northern Clinical School comprises a range of clinical teaching facilities spread across northern Sydney and beyond. Teaching comprises medical education continuing into the early postgraduate years and further specialist training programs with various Royal Colleges.

[School of Rural Health \(SRH\)](#) With campuses in Dubbo, Orange and Bathurst, SRH has close associations with the Broken Hill University Department of Rural Health and most hospitals in the Greater Western Area Health Service. SRH delivers the Sydney Medical Program in rural settings. Prospective MBBS students should note they **cannot** nominate this school as a preferred allocation at enrolment

[Sydney Adventist Hospital Clinical School](#) Sydney Adventist Hospital (known as the 'San') is a leading private hospital and has been a teaching hospital of the University since 1994. As of January 2011, Sydney Adventist Hospital Clinical School is now a Clinical School of the University, supporting students in all stages of the Sydney Medical Program.

## 4.2 LIVING IN SYDNEY

### CLIMATE

Sydney is pleasantly moderate,<sup>5</sup> and enjoys a temperate climate with a mild winter, and has more than 340 sunny days a year. Average minimum temperatures in the winter months of June to August are around 9 degrees Celsius (47-48 degrees Fahrenheit). The summer season is from December to February<sup>6</sup>.

## 4.3 ACCOMMODATION

Of fundamental importance to your success and well being as a student at the University of Sydney is finding a suitable place to live. The University's [Accommodation Service](#) is able to assist you to find accommodation and offers a wide range of accommodation options.

You can access the Accommodation Service at the following website:

[sydney.edu.au/current\\_students/accommodation/international\\_students.shtml](http://sydney.edu.au/current_students/accommodation/international_students.shtml)

Approximate living costs and a range of services available to students is available at the following website: [sydney.edu.au/current\\_students/accommodation/sydney.shtml](http://sydney.edu.au/current_students/accommodation/sydney.shtml)

Websites such as [www.realestate.com.au](http://www.realestate.com.au) and [www.domain.com.au](http://www.domain.com.au) list accommodation for rent. These websites give students a good idea of the type of accommodation that is available within certain budgets. Most accommodation does not include electrical items, furniture, bedding or kitchen utensils, however often students can secure these items through advertised private sales in newspapers, University of Sydney student noticeboards or second hand retail outlets. Campus accommodation is available at International House for single or twin share accommodation.

Public transport services (such as bus, train, ferry and light rail/monorail) are updated regularly at [www.131500.com.au](http://www.131500.com.au), where trips can be planned using the trip planner or timetables, fare prices accessed and maps can be viewed. While public transport in Australia is comparatively safe, students are still advised to exercise the same caution as they would at home.

## 4.4 SUPPORT SERVICES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The University provides an extensive range of services to assist international students in achieving their educational goals. These services offer personal, welfare, administration, library, IT and academic support to facilitate students' success at the University.

The variety of services offered to international students include:

- Pre-departure information;
- Specialised accommodation service for international students;

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/AboutSydney/VisitorGuidesInformation/Weather.asp>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.sydney.com.au/weather.htm>

- International Student Orientation Program;
- An International Office offering advice relating to academic programs for international students, as well as advice regarding visas and admissions;
- Academic support services including the Learning Centre and Maths Learning Centre;
- Financial Assistance Office;
- Multifaith Chaplaincy Centre including prayer room facilities on campus. Teaching hospitals within the Sydney area also provide prayer room facilities; (<http://sydney.edu.au/chaplains/facilities.shtml#isl>);
- Various student associations including a Muslim Students Association;
- Health insurance provider located on campus for enquiries, advice and claims;
- On campus facilities such as a medical centre, pharmacy, banks, food outlets (which also serve halal and vegetarian options), pool, gymnasium, indoor rock climbing, sporting ovals, tennis courts, squash courts, childcare centres and computer access labs; and
- Comprehensive library consisting of 17 subject-specialist libraries operating on a single integrated system.

In addition, the [Counselling and Psychological Services \(CAPS\)](#) aims to help international students develop successful strategies for coping with the challenges of living and studying in an unfamiliar culture, to achieve success in their studies and to make the experience of being an international student rewarding and enjoyable. International Student Counsellors are qualified professionals with extensive experience in cross-cultural counselling. CAPS provides an integrated service to international students and their families, which includes free and confidential counselling, welfare advice, information and assistance with accessing other support services, and resources on campus and in the community. CAPS also arranges a program of social and cultural activities throughout the year.

#### 4.5 HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Australia has a special system of health cover for international students called Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC). Students will need to buy OSHC before coming to Australia and the Department of Immigration and Citizenship requires cover from arrival to departure.

For more information, please see [www.studyinaustralia.gov.au](http://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au)

## 5. CONTACT INFORMATION

The University wishes to work closely with the AusAID Latin America desk, in terms of providing the most suitable education for sponsored students from Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.

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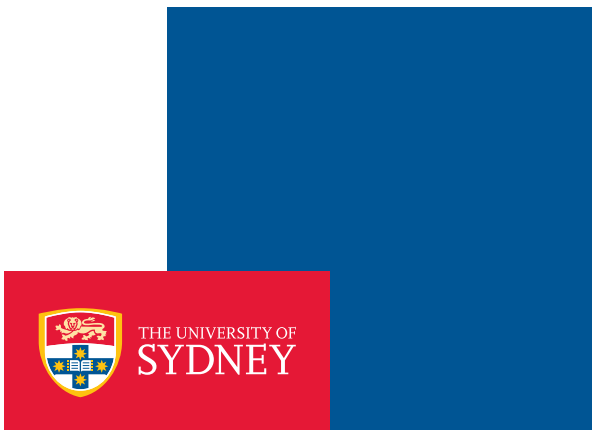
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