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About

International House is home to 200 students from Australia and around the world. With over 40 countries represented in the House, we are the most culturally diverse and inclusive residential community on campus. Our residents enjoy an extensive program of leadership opportunities, cultural events, academic support and full catering.
Country profile: Semester 1 2016

- Australia: 58
- Austria: 1
- Bangladesh: 4
- Canada: 8
- Chile: 2
- China: 23
- Fiji: 1
- Germany: 4
- Hong Kong: 3
- India: 8
- Indonesia: 3
- Iran (Islamic Republic Of): 1
- Israel: 1
- Italy: 1
- Japan: 7
- Kazakhstan: 1
- Korea, Republic of: 3
- Laos: 1
- Malaysia: 6
- Maldives: 1
- Mauritius: 1
- Mongolia: 1
- Netherlands: 2
- New Zealand: 6
- Nigeria: 1
- Oman: 1
- Pakistan: 4
- Philippines: 4
- Samoa: 2
- Singapore: 6
- South Africa: 1
- Spain: 2
- Sri Lanka: 4
- Switzerland: 1
- Trinidad & Tobago: 1
- Uganda: 1
- United Kingdom: 6
- United States of America: 8
- Vietnam: 4
- Zambia: 1

200 residents representing over 40 nations.

#HumansofIH

Distribution density:
- 50-100 students
- 5-20 students
- 20-50 students
- 0-5 students

Resident academic profile:
- 76% - Undergraduates
- 17% - Postgraduates
- 7% - Research candidates
Program

Our residential life program is what sets us apart as a community of global citizens. It’s what makes us more than accommodation, and will make you more than a guest. Developed by our residents with support from a dedicated team of staff, our program will provide you with opportunities to develop social, cultural, and international leadership skills. As an International House resident, you will be invited to take part in:

- Global Leadership Program
- Sunday Roundtable
- Tutorial Program
- Diwali Festival
- Guest Lecture Series
- Faculty Dinner
- Food Fair
- Intramural Sports and Arts
- International Night
- Candlelight Dinner
- Charity Night
- Dessert Fair

Academic Tutorial Program
International House residents are entitled to join our tutorial program, where they can receive complimentary tutoring for almost any subject at the University. Tutoring takes place on a weekly basis and is conducted by senior residents or external tutors who have achieved high marks in their specific areas.

Global Leadership Program
Launched in 2015, the mission of our Global Leadership Program is to promote global leadership potential through the development of self-awareness and cross-cultural competencies, and a commitment to the service of others. As the most culturally diverse and inclusive community on campus, we are in a unique position to prepare you for the challenges of leading in an increasingly global and connected environment. Notable speakers in the program have included Samah Hadid and The Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG.
International House Members’ Association (IHMA)
IHMA is an elected group of current residents who act on behalf of the wider residential cohort. Positions within IHMA include president, treasurer, secretary, social coordinator, food coordinator, sports coordinator, photographer and environment officer. This student-led group manages a series of events throughout the year and works closely with House staff to create a fun and active community.

Sydney University International House Alumni Association (SUIHAA)
Your connection with International House doesn’t end when you leave. All residents gain membership to SUIHAA, an active community of 5000+ former residents from around the world.

“At International House I don’t feel like I have to be conformed to a certain stereotype. It’s really up to you what you want to do and people respect that. You are what you are.”

Anar Kothary
Singapore
Support

Moving out of home isn’t easy; adjusting to university life, especially in a new country, can be even more challenging. The good news is our support systems have been developed with this transition in mind. You will spend your first week taking part in a compulsory orientation program designed for you to have fun, meet friends and access the information you need to settle in at the most diverse and inclusive residential community on campus.

We employ residents in the following positions to offer support and assistance when required:

- Senior residents
- Floor mentors
- Community relationship advisers

We also have on-site staff available 24/7. The majority of our team are full-time University of Sydney employees.

Rooms

Most of our rooms are single-study bedrooms with shared gender-neutral bathrooms. All single rooms are fully furnished and include a bed, desk, wardrobe, mirror, telephone and internet connection.
We have four types of catered rooms, they are:
- **145 single rooms** (approximately 3m x 3m) with a single bed, wardrobe, desk, internet connection and communal bathroom facilities.
- **15 twin share rooms** to be shared by either two males or two females. Room consist of two single beds, two wardrobes, two desks, phone, internet connection, communal bathroom facilities.
- **2 partial ensuite rooms** with a double bed, wardrobe, desk and internet connection. These rooms have a toilet and washbasin facility available inside the room, but no shower.
- **8 full ensuite rooms** with a double bed, wardrobe, desk, internet connection and bar fridge. These rooms have a toilet, washbasin and shower facility inside the room.

“The IH community really has given me so much more than an ordinary college; it’s given me global connections and opportunities that I will keep for life.”

**Stephen Sanders**  
Australia

We also offer self-catered accommodation, which is primarily reserved for postgraduate and research students:
- **15 self-catered units** including studios, one-bedroom and two-bedroom options.
Food

Full-time study is hard enough without housework. We think the time you save running errands is better spent relaxing and connecting with new friends over good food. Our dining room is the centre point of our community. Each day our residents gather together to meet, laugh, debate – and eat.

We cater for a diverse community of residents and meals are designed to be as international as possible. A typical day could see you waking up to a hot or continental breakfast before class, lasagna for lunch between lectures, and Chilean roast for dinner. You also have daily access to a full salad bar, cold meats, a selection of fresh fruit, and breads. We also cater for vegetarians – and that doesn’t mean non-stop tofu!

Special dietary requirements are available on request. Fruit and tea/coffee facilities are available 24/7. All meat from the servery is halal.

Best of all, we’ll wash the dishes.

“I love International House because it gives me a sense of belonging in this big city which I have never been before. It feels like a big Sydney home to me.”

Yufei Jiang
China
Facilities

We have a range of facilities for exclusive use of residents and guests. Access to these facilities is available 24/7. You can visit our website to take a virtual tour through the House, otherwise we can take you on an in-person tour from 9am–5pm weekdays. Some of our facilities include:

- Communal study space
- Rooftop
- Coffee room
- Library
- Computer lab
- Sports rooms
- TV and video games rooms
- Meditation room
- Laundry room
- Dining room
- Log cabin in the state forest

“You can come here just to study and enjoy the events or you can commit yourself to a completely rewarding and fun volunteer experience to make your overall university life all the more interesting and vibrant.”

Muhammad Hassan
Hong Kong/USA

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## 2018 Fees

All catered accommodation fees include:

- 21 meals per week
- Unlimited wi-fi
- Furnished bedroom with desk, cupboard, heater and fan
- Formal dinners and access to International House events
- Global Leadership Program
- Academic Tutorial Program
- Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness Membership (including access to swimming pool)
- Participation in Intramural Sport & Arts Competitions
- International House jersey and welcome pack
- Fortnightly room and linen cleaning
- Access to all facilities
- Storage room access

Catered contract terms are 40 weeks. Residents are welcome to stay during the academic breaks.

### Compulsory Fees

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<td>Yearly membership of International House Members Association (IHMA)</td>
<td>$240</td>
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<td>Life membership of Alumni Association (SUIHAA)</td>
<td>$130</td>
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<td>Room deposit (wholly or partially refundable after departure)</td>
<td>$990</td>
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### Residential Fees

**Term 1, 2018** Saturday 24 February to Friday 13 July (inclusive) (20 weeks)

**Term 2, 2018** Saturday 14 July to Friday 30 November (inclusive) (20 weeks)

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<td>Single with partial ensuite</td>
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<td>$560</td>
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Self-catered units (Maze Building) 2018

Compulsory Fees
1 January to 31 December – residential agreement (52 weeks). Paid four weeks in advance.

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<td>Two bedroom</td>
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Optional Fees

- Annual parking – residents only: $400 per year (motorbike $200)
- Car park – residents on single term agreement only: $200 per 6 months (motorbike $100), $400 per year (motorbike $200)
- Casual parking – residents and visitors: $25 per day/$75 per week then $15 per day thereafter
- Guest meal ticket: $15 per meal
- Log cabin – residents: No fee. Donations welcome.
- Log cabin (weekend) – Alumni and non residents: $150 per booking up to 3 nights (Fri, Sat, Sun) and $70 for each additional night.
- Log cabin (weekday) – Alumni and non residents: Minimum charge $140 up to 3 nights (Mon to Thurs) and $70 for each additional night.

All fees and charges are subject to change. Please visit our website for the most up to date fees.
Applications

We are seeking students who are caring, progressive and genuinely passionate about international understanding and friendship.

Our focus is on maintaining a culturally diverse and friendly community in which you can reach your potential. For this reason, we don’t operate on a ‘first-come-first served’ model. This is also why our application process is slightly more rigorous than most accommodation providers.

The upside is that if you receive an offer, you will be among students who share a similar outlook to your own: outgoing, curious and motivated.

Applications are open all year. Semester 1 applications are assessed in September. Semester 2 applications are assessed in April.

Application process:
1. To apply the applicant must be enrolled or waiting for acceptance to the University of Sydney.
2. A completed application must be submitted to the House by filling the online application and paying the AU$100 application fee by credit card. This is non-refundable.
3. Once received, your application will be acknowledged by a confirmation email. Your application will be assessed according to the timeline available on our website and suitable applicants will receive a request for an interview with the Director or Deputy Director during the interview rounds. The interview can be conducted in person, over the phone or through Skype.
4. Applicants who are successful will then be sent an offer. This will include information regarding the residential agreement and acceptance fees.
5. The applicant will then need to accept the offer by returning the signed residential agreement and acceptance fees to the House by the deadline. This is a legally binding document setting out the conditions and obligations attached to residence.
FAQs

Is International House open to Australian students?
Yes. The majority of students at International House are Australian. One of the founding premises of International House is that a group of hosts (in our case Australian students) are on hand to welcome international students.

What does ‘gender-neutral’ bathrooms mean?
It means all of our residents, regardless of their gender or sexual orientation, have access to the same toilet and shower facilities.

What happens if my application is successful and I’m offered a room at International House?
If you are offered a place, you will receive a residential agreement by email. It is essential that the information in your application form is current and accurate for us to be able to notify you without delay. If you change your email address please let us know immediately.

Upon receiving your residential agreement from International House you will be required to sign one copy and send it back; complete the online acceptance process and pay your initial fees online and send IH your arrival information.

What is your affiliation with the University of Sydney?
We are owned and operated by the University of Sydney.

Can I visit International House before I apply?
Yes. We can take you on a tour of all the facilities, introduce you to staff and current residents and show you a room. If you’re unable to visit, please take a look at the virtual tour on our website.

What is an ‘International House’?
All International Houses are committed to providing students of different nationalities and cultures the opportunity to live and learn together in a community of mutual respect, understanding and friendship. International House, The University of Sydney, is a founding member of a worldwide group of International Houses, including Houses in Australia, Europe and North America.

I struggle with English. Will I fit in?
Yes. You will be among many other students from non-English speaking backgrounds, and there is a good chance at least one of our residents will speak your language.

Is International House religious?
We are a secular community and welcome residents of all religious backgrounds and beliefs. However, we respect our residents’ religious beliefs and support their right to practice them.

Can I stay over the semester break?
We offer summer accommodation to all residents and external groups. This accommodation is self-catered.

Can my friends or family visit me?
Yes. If you’re staying in a single room you can have one guest for up to three nights. The guest fee is $50 per night, which includes all meals. Please let us know in advance so we can book a fold-out bed for your guest.
Contact us
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We offer:
- Shorter rental contracts
- Lifelong worldwide connections
- Unlimited internet
- A diverse welcoming home
- On campus location
- Low rental bond

You are:
- Studious yet fun
- Seeking cultural insights
- Inspired by diversity
- Open to opportunities
- Driven by challenges
- Brave and open-minded