LIVE THE WORLD ... SHARE THE WORLD
"International House is one of the most wonderful places to live in and has made my transition to living in Sydney an enjoyable one. It was really hard leaving my life, family and friends in Dubai and coming here to Sydney, and see IH as that step right in between leaving home and being thrust into the real world. As someone who has no family in Australia, the IH community soon became my family in Sydney and the bonds formed were ones that would last a lifetime.

My favourite part of living in IH is being thrust into an international community, going to different cultural events, seeing how people from different backgrounds live and making friends from all over the world so I always have someone to stay with when I go traveling."

Denidra Correa
India
WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR

International House provides on campus residential accommodation for 200 students from all over the world, including Australia. The House aims to nurture a resident community of scholars who are committed to the value and importance of international understanding and fellowship.

Making the transition to a different cultural, linguistic and academic environment can be a major challenge, but it also provides an exciting opportunity to explore, learn and meet new friends.

International House provides a safe and secure environment where residents can experience a vibrant cultural exchange between international and Australian students and staff. This experience is a powerful catalyst for crosscultural connections that can last a lifetime.

Jessica Carroll
Director, International House
OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“International House seeks to nurture a resident community of scholars who commit themselves to the value and importance of International understanding and fellowship.

We promote this vision by bringing together international and Australian students in a richly diverse community with wide opportunities for interaction in a congenial and supportive environment in comfortable accommodation.”

ABOUT US

International House (IH) is a university-owned and operated hall of residence, accommodating 200 undergraduate and postgraduate students, visiting scholars and academics. Since its inception in 1967, IH has welcomed over 5000 people as life members of its Alumni Association, representing over 100 nationalities.

IH is part of a worldwide group of International Houses, including houses in Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, France, South Korea, Taiwan, Japan, New Zealand and other Australian states. All are committed to giving students of different nationalities and cultures the opportunity to live and learn together in a community of mutual respect, understanding and friendship.

In this mature vibrant living environment, people from many nations will exchange ideas and develop a greater understanding and appreciation of different cultures and nationalities.
A CULTURAL HOUSE

Residents at International House have the chance to learn more about one another and the world in which they live, while pursuing their own personal goals.

At IH, cultural boundaries are crossed and people with diverse backgrounds and beliefs learn to accept differences in thought and tradition. It is an ideal place for future leaders of the global community to begin developing a truly international perspective and sensitivity that they will carry for the rest of their lives and pass on to others.

In the globalised world in which we now live, it is more important than ever to have a broad outlook. Cultural sensitivity is not only a personal quality, but for graduates it provides a significant advantage in a professional capacity.

As a resident of International House you will have the chance to form friendships with people from many countries and participate in cultural and social events. Experience a variety of music, dance, traditions and performances from around the world. Try food you’ve never tasted before at the International Food Fair. Display your country’s flag and pledge your commitment to international understanding and friendship at the Flag Ceremony. Residents also have the opportunity to learn other languages and participate in discussions about international issues through the guest speaker program, which covers topics such as the environment, health and education.
COMFORTABLE AND CONVENIENT ACCOMMODATION

International House offers a variety of accommodation options. The majority of the rooms are single-study bedrooms or twin-share bedrooms with shared bathroom facilities and a daily catering service (breakfast, lunch and dinner provided). A smaller number of rooms are also available with a double bed and full ensuite bathroom.

In addition, there are 16 self-catering and fully furnished apartments, including studio units and one or two bedroom units with kitchen, bathroom, TV, phone and internet connection.

An internet connection is available in every room (via the university network) and a wireless connection is available in common areas.

The residential fees don’t just include accommodation and catered meals. You will also receive room cleaning service, bed linen, electricity, water and gas consumption, not to mention spectacular views of the Sydney skyline in many of the rooms on the upper floors!
INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

FACILITIES

International House has a fantastic range of facilities for residents to enjoy. These include:

» A dining room that is always open, with large tables for studying, sharing group projects or socialising
» Coffee room with tea and coffee-making facilities and daily newspaper
» Function room where many IH events take place, with a grand piano and projection screen for movies
» General library with study areas
» A modern computer access lab with printer, photocopier and scanner
» Sports rooms, including a billiards table and table tennis equipment
» Two television rooms (one with cable TV)
» Meditation room
» Complete laundry with washers, dryers and ironing facilities
» Necessity shop
» Roof-top garden with panoramic views of the city and BBQ facilities
» Gardens, one near the dining hall, the other in the inner courtyard
» Secure parking
» Use of our log cabin in a national park
» and much more!
TESTIMONIALS

“Being fortunate enough to be an IH resident has (even) given me the opportunity to apply for the internationally contested “Davis Projects for Peace” grant - for which my submission was successful. Thus, with the US$10,000 grant I will be travelling to India to implement my own project designed to assist in the prevention and eventual eradication of rabies, and in doing so contribute to the peace of communities affected by this devastating disease.

As a veterinary student and IH resident, I have the opportunity to make a difference to the lives of animals and people. I’m certain this opportunity will impart a rich cultural and educational experience. “

Siaw-Yean Woon
Australia

“Living at International House has been one of the best experiences of my life. I’m finishing up my sixth semester here and I’ve loved every minute of it. Nowhere else will you find such a diverse group of people living together and forming such a tight knit community. Out of the two hundred residents that live here, over 35 nationalities are represented. Not to mention that almost everyone speaks at least two languages.

Over my time living here I’ve formed bonds with people that will probably span my lifetime, many of them from countries that I knew nothing about before. Part of the reason why International House is so conducive to forming friendships is the environment that its residents create. Students here learn to be culturally aware and respect people from every background. They also understand that it’s a unique university environment where you can learn about the rest of the world without having to leave Sydney!”

Jonathan Tanco
United States of America
SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

At IH, residents find the support they need to make their time at university enriching and enjoyable. There’s a welcoming mentor program for new residents, academic support through a tutorial program, guest lectures and scholarships.

International House also provides education and leadership programs such as sponsorship for the National Student Leadership Forum on Faith and Values, the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, participation in the Davis Projects for Peace, Senior Residents Leadership training and Cultural Awareness training. This adds up to a significant advantage for students, who get to live in a supportive environment that also supplements their university education.

The International House Members’ Association (IHMA) hosts many exciting events throughout the year, such as musical performances, discos, dancing and singing competitions (IH Idol!); sporting events like paintball, soccer, and basketball; trips around New South Wales and harbour cruises.

Residents at International House get FREE membership to Sydney Uni Sport and Fitness and FREE Union Access Card for amazing discounts on and off campus.
ADMISSION

International House accepts applications all year round, from full time students, visiting academics, and scholars from Australia and overseas.

Students seeking accommodation need to:

» be enrolled in the University of Sydney for the year that they are applying for accommodation
» complete an online application form at sydney.edu.au/internationalhouse/portal
» pay an application fee online
» attend an interview with the Director if required

Acceptance to International House will be subject to availability and selection criteria. The criteria is designed to establish a balance of male and female residents, academic interests and a diversity of nationalities and cultures.

Temporary accommodation for visitors is subject to availability.

LOCATION

IH is conveniently located on the main campus of the University of Sydney, close to Sydney CBD, shops, restaurants and bars.

Don’t miss the opportunity to experience university life while living in a culturally diverse community such as International House!

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