



We are Australia's first university, with a history of leading new thinking and welcoming people from all social and cultural backgrounds for more than 160 years.

Our faculties and schools offer the widest range of academic programs in Australia, and we have a strong focus on interdisciplinary studies. We are a member of the Group of Eight network of leading Australian research universities.

Our rankings reflect our world-renowned achievements for more than 160 years.

- #42 in the world, QS World University Rankings 2019
- #59 in the world, Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2019
- #5 in the world and #1 in Australia, QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2019
- #31 in the world, US News and World Report Rankings 2019
- #30 in the world, CWTS Leiden Rankings 2018

Since our inception, we have made lives better by producing leaders of society and equipping our people with leadership qualities so they can serve our communities at every level.

Our alumni have repeatedly inspired, led, entertained, challenged and improved the world around them. We have produced 6 prime ministers, 2 Nobel Laureates, 3 astronauts, 110 Rhodes scholars, 1 Pulitzer Prize winner and 145 Olympic athletes.

Sydney ranks consistently in the top 10 best cities in the world in which to live, work and study. Our University has also been named among the world's top 10 most beautiful campuses.

We create leaders

The International Leaders Program brings together established, emerging and future leaders from around the world to deepen our understanding about strategic international issues. It focuses on how these issues will affect Australia, the participants' home countries, and the world at large.

The program features the expertise of the University's faculties and schools, industry and government to develop customised non-award short courses for executives, professionals and students from overseas.

Young Leaders Program

The Young Leaders Program aims to help the next generation of leaders achieve their potential. Our programs are tailor-made to enable students to develop intercultural awareness, leadership and communication skills, and to experience world-class teaching and research.

Our programs are mainly interdisciplinary and cover themes such as

- Australian politics, society and culture
- Cyber security and artificial intelligence
- Environment and sustainability
- Global business and cross-cultural management
- Healthcare global challenges
- Indigenous cultural studies
- International law
- Inventing the future

The programs are delivered as a mixture of lectures, workshops, seminars, discussions, group work and educational field trips. Each program offers a minimum 20 contact hours per week.

In recent years, we have welcomed thousands of students from some of the world's top universities including Toronto, University of Science and Technology of China, Fudan, Harbin Institute of Technology, Nanjing, Shanghai Jiao Tong, Tsinghua, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, the University of Hong Kong, Keio, Kyoto, Tokyo, and Seoul National University.

"I enjoyed my excursion and interaction with students of the University of Sydney. The understanding of culture and history is essential for cross-cultural communication. It was a great opportunity to experience so many things that I could not learn in my own country."

- Young Leaders Program student participant

What we offer

For a typical program, we will provide:

- a customised intellectually and culturally challenging non-award short course, typically last two to three weeks
- a dedicated program team
- visa support letter where necessary
- orientation on arrival
- suitable accommodation
- opportunities to interact with the University of Sydney students and participants from other universities
- student progress monitoring and support
- academic assessment
- Certificate of Attendance for students who complete the program
- a great experience of living and studying in one of the world's most beautiful campuses in Australia's best and most livable city.

"I was inspired by the teaching methods on the course which is very different to anything I am used to - critical, forward thinking and people in my team with different life experiences and thinking styles. It's been amazing to work with them. The arguments we had as a group were really useful. We learnt how to negotiate and reach an agreement."

"I like the beef in Australia, and lobster at the Fish Markets!"

- Young Leaders Program student participants

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