



## HOW TO APPLY:

[sydney.edu.au/future\\_students/  
international\\_postgraduate\\_research/admissions](http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/international_postgraduate_research/admissions)

Applying for and obtaining admission to a research degree is a process that requires time and preparation before submission of application. Incomplete applications will take longer to process or may be rejected by the relevant faculty or department.

**Before submitting your application form:**

### STEP 1:

#### Identify and establish an academic contact/ potential supervisor

The University requires that you contact a suitable member of the academic staff of the University and present them with an initial proposal outlining your proposed topic of research before submitting your application for admission. When you contact a member of the academic staff, you should provide them with some initial details to help them advise you regarding your study plans. To search for an appropriate supervisor go to:

[sydney.edu.au/research/opportunities](http://sydney.edu.au/research/opportunities)

### STEP 2

#### Develop & submit an initial research proposal

Once you have initiated discussions with an academic contact(s), if you have not already done so, you should prepare an initial research proposal.

In general, your proposal should be no more than 500 words in length. However, some faculties such as Law and Business prefer a more detailed written proposal. Your initial proposal should include the following information:

- **Title:** Working title for the project
- **Academic staff contact:** Name(s) of the academic staff or potential supervisor.

- **Objectives:** What aims does the work have?
- **Significance:** Why is the topic important?
- **Synopsis:** Key aspects of your research
- **Background:** Describe what research has already been done in relation to your topic.

### STEP 3

#### Revise and finalise your research proposal

In conjunction with your academic contact(s) refine your research proposal ready for submission of your formal application.

### STEP 4

#### Complete the research application form

Once you have an academic contact/potential supervisor and prepared a research proposal, you should fill out the research application form.

<http://student.usyd.apply.studylink.com>

#### FIND A RESEARCH SUPERVISOR

Research candidates are expected to have made contact with their potential academic supervisor prior to submitting their application. The best way of initially searching for a supervisor is to search the 'Research Supervisor Connect' database. [sydney.edu.au/research/opportunities](http://sydney.edu.au/research/opportunities)

#### AGENTS

[sydney.edu.au/internationaloffice/agents](http://sydney.edu.au/internationaloffice/agents)

#### FACULTIES

[sydney.edu.au/about/  
faculties\\_schools.shtml](http://sydney.edu.au/about/faculties_schools.shtml)

#### SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

[sydney.edu.au/future\\_students/  
international\\_postgraduate\\_research/  
costs\\_scholarships/scholarships](http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/international_postgraduate_research/costs_scholarships/scholarships)

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# WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

When you join the University of Sydney, you will become part of a community that is committed to maximising the potential of everyone who comes here. Students and researchers from around the world have chosen Sydney to prepare for a life of challenge and change. The diversity of our students and staff is matched by the wide range of courses we offer – we stand out among Australia's leading universities in the breadth of subjects you can study here.

Our award-winning researchers are leaders in addressing issues that impact on everyone. They reach across disciplinary barriers to find solutions to improve and transform all our lives.

Your personal development is at the heart of the Sydney student experience. We will challenge you to absorb and transform knowledge into your own insights and ways of thinking.

You can also become intimately involved in University life, from joining social clubs to having a strong voice in University decision-making. This involvement sets us apart from our Australian peers and generates a special on-campus atmosphere.

When you leave, you'll have developed the skills to become a leader in whatever field you choose. Our former students include Prime Ministers, Nobel laureates, Oscar winners, business leaders and medical pioneers, who have all benefited from our determination to develop curious minds that embrace challenges, seek knowledge, reveal new perspectives and devise solutions.

[sydney.edu.au](http://sydney.edu.au)

## RESOURCES

The University's library network comprises 20 separate facilities and holds over 5 million items in total. The University also has lecture theatres equipped with state-of-the-art audiovisual facilities, labs with all the latest technology, and farms and clinics, across nine different teaching campuses in the greater Sydney area.

## THE LEADING RESEARCH UNIVERSITY IN AUSTRALIA

Latest figures confirm the University of Sydney as one of Australia's leading research institutions. Sydney researchers were awarded in the recent round more than \$44 million related to Centres of Excellence, \$33 million on Discovery Projects, \$15.8 million for Future Fellowships and \$2.3 million on linkage projects. We have two of Australia's Centres of Excellence, host two major National Research Facilities and are active participants in twenty-two Cooperative Research Centres. We are a founding member of the Association of Pacific Rim Universities, an international organisation that promotes research and teaching in more than 35 of the world's most research intensive universities.

## RESEARCH SUPPORT

We provide first class support to help our researchers. As well as assisting with funding applications, we offer strategic advice and direction on research programs, through three main channels:

### Research Office

Provides administrative support to researchers seeking internal and external funding for research and higher degree scholarships.

### Strategic Research Development Unit

Dedicated to helping researchers gain external support for their research programs.

## Research Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences (RIHSS)

Supports research initiatives, develops grant proposals, organises public events, houses research fellows and visitors, and provides an interface between the humanities and social sciences faculties and the broader public.

## GREATEST CHOICE OF RESEARCH AREAS

The University of Sydney offers the largest and widest range of higher degree research programs in Australia.

[sydney.edu.au/research/our\\_research\\_areas.shtml](http://sydney.edu.au/research/our_research_areas.shtml)

## LIVING COSTS

A rough guide to the expenses you may have while you study at Sydney:

[sydney.edu.au/future\\_students/international\\_undergraduate\\_costs\\_scholarships/living\\_costs.shtml](http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/international_undergraduate_costs_scholarships/living_costs.shtml)

## USEFUL WEBSITES

### Health cover

As an international student, you have to pay for health insurance in Australia (Government requirement)

[sydney.edu.au/future\\_students/international\\_undergraduate\\_costs\\_scholarships/health\\_insurance.shtml](http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/international_undergraduate_costs_scholarships/health_insurance.shtml)

### Centre for English Teaching (CET)

Language courses for direct entry into the University of Sydney.

[sydney.edu.au/cet](http://sydney.edu.au/cet)

### Videos

[sydney.edu.au/internationaloffice/student\\_videos.shtml](http://sydney.edu.au/internationaloffice/student_videos.shtml)

## SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

Once you get to Sydney you're not alone. We run a wide range of services to help you get the most out of your time during your studies.

[sydney.edu.au/future\\_students/international\\_postgraduate\\_research\\_services\\_accommodation](http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/international_postgraduate_research_services_accommodation)

International students have access to dedicated services such as the:

### International Office

[sydney.edu.au/internationaloffice](http://sydney.edu.au/internationaloffice)

### International Students Support Unit (ISSU)

[sydney.edu.au/issu](http://sydney.edu.au/issu)

### Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association (SUPRA)

[sydney.edu.au/supra/](http://sydney.edu.au/supra/)

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Faculties & Schools	16
Student clubs and societies	215 (43 sport)
<b>TOTAL STUDENTS</b>	<b>49,059</b>
Total postgraduate (research)	4,208
Total postgraduate (coursework)	12,239
<b>INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS</b>	<b>10,832</b>
Africa & Middle East	543
Americas	1,284
Asia (North-East)	5,973
Asia (South-East & Central)	2,153
Europe	805
Oceania, Antarctica and others	74
<b>WORLDWIDE RANKINGS 2010</b>	
QS World University Rankings	37
THES-Times Higher Education Supplement	71
Shanghai Jiao Tong	92