A passport to your future
A guide for study abroad and exchange students
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Welcome to RMIT

Our students are talented and incredibly diverse.

RMIT prepares students for life and work

We offer life-changing experiences for students and staff. We help shape the communities we’re part of with our research, innovation and engagement.

Our students are talented and incredibly diverse. Our people are passionate about education and renowned for their connection to industry.

Join us to be part of the RMIT story.

Martin Bean CBE
Vice-Chancellor and President
RMIT University

Study Abroad and Exchange at RMIT

Ready for a change, but don’t want to commit to a full program? Why not join RMIT as a study abroad or exchange student!

Immerse yourself in a new and exciting culture by studying at RMIT in Melbourne - one of the world’s most liveable cities - or Vietnam - RMIT’s Asian hub - for a semester or two. Take advantage of the University’s strong connections with industry, work-relevant courses and practical learning.

RMIT hosts more than 1,000 study abroad and exchange students from more than 100 countries each year.
A Global University of Technology, Design and Enterprise

We prepare graduates for success in life and work, so they can positively contribute to, and shape, the world.

One of Australia’s original universities, RMIT is proud of its international reputation for excellence in practical education, outcome-driven research and engagement with the needs of industry and the community.

RMIT facts

- Founded in 1887
- Established as a public university in 1992
- 5 campuses in Australia and Vietnam
- A hub in Barcelona, Spain
  - Focused on research, industry collaboration and global experience programs in Europe
- 3 colleges
  - 19 schools
- 86,839 students
  - 35 per cent international students
- 6000 staff
- Outstanding teachers
  - #1 in Australia for staff qualification
  - 2018 Good Universities Guide
RMIT is a top-ranking university

- #22 in the world and #5 in Australia for universities less than 50 years old
- 15th highest ranked university in Australia and 238th in the world
- #39 in the world for the international profile of academic staff
- #77 in the world for employer reputation (#8 in Australia and #3 in Victoria)

**Art and Design**
- #3 in Australia
- #22 in the world for Architecture
- #1 in Australia
- #12 in the world

**Library and Information Management**
- #1 in Australia
- #25 in the world

**RMIT School of Fashion & Textiles**
- Ranked in the Top 11 of the Business of Fashion’s (BoF’s), Best Fashion Schools in the World* Survey.

**Top 100 universities for:**
- Communication and Media Studies
- Development Studies
- Education and Training
- Engineering – Civil and Structural
- Engineering – Electrical and Electronic

*Update key below rankings:*

- 2020 QS Top 50 Under 50 Index
- 2020 QS World University Rankings
- 2019 QS Graduate Employability Rankings
- 2019 QS World Rankings by Subject
Choose from five campuses in two countries

Study in a location that inspires you:

AUSTRALIA
- Melbourne City
- Brunswick
- Bundoora

VIETNAM
- Ho Chi Minh City
- Hanoi
AUSTRALIA

Melbourne City Campus
Brunswick Campus
Bundoora Campus

VIETNAM

Saigon South Campus
Hanoi City Campus
Life in Melbourne

Melbourne is a welcoming multicultural city where diversity is celebrated. The city is internationally recognised for its vibrant food and coffee culture. Melbourne features beautifully maintained public spaces, a network of bustling, creative laneways, iconic galleries and museums, as well as a lively year-round calendar of cultural, entertainment, fashion, food and sports activities and events.

Things to do in Melbourne

- Wander the laneways of the world’s most liveable city.
- Head to the Melbourne Cricket Ground to watch a game of cricket or Aussie Rules football.
- Watch a movie in the Royal Botanic Gardens with Moonlight Cinema.
- Explore the CBD on iconic Melbourne trams.
- Shop at the bustling Queen Victoria Market.
Life in Vietnam

Living and studying in Vietnam will you give an opportunity to explore a unique, historic, exotic, and rapidly developing country.

For culture, food, and dramatic scenery Vietnam has it all. You will be coming to a country rich with history and culture. From the ancient town of Hoi An, to the historical ruins of the Cham dynasty, the beaches of central Vietnam, and UNESCO world heritage site Ha Long Bay. Vietnam will surprise you with its diversity.

RMIT SGS Campus:

Formerly known as Saigon, this fast-moving, ever-growing modern city is the economic centre of Vietnam, and is populated by almost 7.3* million people. In January 2017, Ho Chi Minh City was named as the world’s second most dynamic city.

The city is open 24-7, and is home to many cafes and restaurants serving food from all around the world. But beyond that are glimpses of history and cultural attractions including the Opera House, French colonial-style hotels, museums and galleries, Ben Thanh Market and a day tour to Mekong Delta area.

RMIT Hanoi Campus

Culture and history are the key aspects of this 1000 years-old city. Walk the narrow historic streets of the Old Quarter, with shops selling everything from red candlesticks to lacquerware and water puppets and take in the sights and sounds around Hoan Kiem Lake. The lake is the focal point of Hanoi life, especially on weekends. Ngoc Son Temple was built in the 18th Century and is located in the centre of the lake, on a small island.
RMIT study abroad and exchange students can design their own study plan by selecting 3-4 courses from 400+ programs.

* Study areas provided at RMIT Vietnam


**Australian themed courses:**
- Indigenous Policy
- Indigenous Studies
- Introduction to Australian Society
- Australian Society in a Global Context
- Public Policy
- Introduction to Law

**Note:**

**Architecture Design**
All approved Exchange Architecture Design students will have a set Study Plan identified by the School. Architecture Design courses are not available to Study Abroad students. We recommend Study Abroad students explore the courses available in other areas such as Landscape Architecture, Urban Design, Interior and Industrial Design.

**Media and Communication, Design and Fashion**
Courses from the above areas are strictly open to students with a background in a related disciplines.

**Themed courses offered only in Vietnam:**
- Design Studies
- Tourism and Hospitality Management
- Digital Marketing
RMIT Vietnam International Internship Program

The International internship program delivers the perfect combination of academic engagement and professional experience. You will determine personalized learning objectives for skills development, and build on what you learn in the workplace and on-campus workshops. The unique experience fosters your career development by:

- Boosting your employability
- Gaining business experience in an emerging economy
- Building international networks

RMIT Vietnam has strong industry connections and will provide internships in a variety of sectors including business, information technology, advertising, engineering, and design. Internship employers include:

- Atlas Industries
- Bayer Vietnam
- CPA Australia
- Deloitte Vietnam
- DHL Vietnam
- DKSH
- Ernst & Young Vietnam
- Futurity
- GBA
- HSBC Vietnam
- Intel Products
- KPMG
- L'oreal Vietnam
- Lazada
- Mirum
- Nielsen Vietnam
- Nutrition Technologies
- Park Hyatt
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Robert Bosch Vietnam
- Uniben
- Unilever

You will be supported every step of the way to make sure you have a meaningful experience that meets your learning needs and career goals.

For more information and support: Career and Industry Relations
Email: international.internship@rmit.edu.vn
Ready for Life and Work

RMIT is serious about getting you ready for what comes after university.

**RMIT Activator**

RMIT Activator is a unique experience designed to build entrepreneurial talent in our community of students. We connect students to a range of experiences to build their entrepreneurial mindset and skills, innovate alongside industry and launch new enterprises.

*For more information, visit: rmitactivator.edu.au*

**RMITCreds**

RMIT Creds is a University wide digital credentials program available to all current RMIT Students. They are designed to help you develop your own skills and experiences and actively prepare you for future work and life, including:

- Working in Diverse Teams
- Tackling Global Challenges
- Resonating with Others

*Explore the credentials on offer at: https://www.rmit.edu.au/students/life-and-work-opportunities/rmit-creds*
Each semester ten students from around the world are selected to be Social Media Ambassadors. If selected, you will receive a $500AUD scholarship to capture your Melbourne experience using the hashtag #exploRMIT.

Applications open during orientation week. To enter, you need to submit a video that shows your experience in Melbourne.

Join the online community to check out the Social Media Ambassadors’ experiences:

Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/exploRMIT](https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/exploRMIT)


Send your questions to: global.experience@rmit.edu.au
Orientation and Support

MELBOURNE

Get set for an action-packed three day orientation program full of events and activities that will introduce you to the academic and social side of campus life. You’ll meet loads of new friends, get a taste of Australian culture and most importantly - have a lot of fun!

**DAY 1  Discover RMIT**

Attend sessions that cover enrolment and timetabling, academic and support services for students, accommodation and rental advice, student visa rights and responsibilities. We will have guided campus tours and you will also get the chance to meet your fellow exchange and study abroad students.

**DAY 2  Discover Melbourne**

Learn everything you need to know about living in Melbourne, including health and safety, travelling around Australia, Aussie sporting culture and more.

**DAY 3  Discover Victoria** (optional)

After an action-packed two days of orientation, you have the opportunity to participate in a day trip to one of Victoria’s most iconic sights, such as the spectacular Great Ocean Road or Phillip Island, while getting to know other exchange and study abroad students.

airport pick-up service

As a study abroad or exchange student you are entitled to free airport pick-up. You need to register for pick-up before you arrive in Australia.

Mates at RMIT

New international students are connected with current students through Mates at RMIT, a peer-mentoring program that offers a friendly support network to help you settle into Melbourne life. For a complete range of mentoring and volunteering programs, visit rmit.edu.au/mates

Orientation and Support

VIETNAM

Buddy Program:

Prior to your arrival, RMIT will assign a buddy to you via email with full details of contact information. The Buddies will support you during your stay in Vietnam from the first day of arrival until the end of the semester.

Airport pick up service:

RMIT Vietnam provides a free airport pick-up service for all new international students, you need to complete the registration form to let us know when you’ll arrive in Ho Chi Minh or Ha Noi.

Orientation Day:

Orientation Day is often organised one week prior to the semester commencement, exclusively for new students to explore RMIT campus, services, resources as well as meet and get connected to senior students, lecturers and staffs, that includes:
- Collect student ID card and orientation kit;
- Learn about support services (housing advice, bank information, insurance; etc)
- Networking with other students
- Overview of RMIT online system and on-campus resources (Email, Intranet, Canvas, Online Enrolment system, Library, Safezone, etc)

Welcome dinner, city tour and cooking class

- An exclusive one-day trip around City center and surrounding districts
- Form a team of international master chefs, learn how to make traditional dishes and win the best taste of Vietnamese cuisine
- Welcome dinner with all fellow international students, buddies and RMIT staffs to make friends and networking

Contact details:

Email: international.students@rmit.edu.vn
Hotline: +84 90 777 4470
Be Part of Our Dynamic Campus Life

When you study at RMIT, you will be part of a vibrant and welcoming community with plenty of social, cultural, sporting and recreation activities on offer. Join a club, take part in walking tours, fitness classes, markets, cinema screenings and live music events.
Accommodation and Living costs

Many exchange or study abroad students choose to live in share and rental accommodation while others prefer the convenience of living in purpose-built student apartments. If you choose to stay in purpose built student accommodation, RMIT has carefully selected and quality assured a number of properties located close to RMIT campuses.

Popular choices:
- Atira: atira.com/abroad-exchange-students-study-in-melbourne/
- Iglu: iglu.com.au/rmit
- Journal Student Living: journalstudentliving.com.au
- RMIT Village: rmitvillage.com.au
- The Student Housing Company: thestudenthousingcompany.com.au/locations/melbourne/
- UniLodge @ Bundoora (Walert House): unilodge.com.au/unilodge-rmit-bundoora
- UniLodge @ Royal Melbourne: unilodge.com.au/unilodge-royal-melbourne/rmit
- Yarra House: mystudentvillage.com/au/yarra-house

Cost of living
To help you understand the costs of relocating to Melbourne, we have developed a helpful student budget guideline for you.

The following estimates are based on a single student living in shared accommodation.

Weekly expenses:

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<th>Item</th>
<th>Cost per week</th>
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<td>Rent (shared)</td>
<td>AU$175 - $350</td>
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<td>Electricity, water &amp; gas</td>
<td>AU$35 - $140</td>
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<tr>
<td>Food</td>
<td>AU$80 - $150</td>
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<td>Phone and internet</td>
<td>AU$20 - $55</td>
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<td>Public transport</td>
<td>Up to $55</td>
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<tr>
<td>Entertainment</td>
<td>AU$80 - $150</td>
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<td>Estimated weekly total</td>
<td>AU$445 - $1,345</td>
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Accommodation and Living costs

VIETNAM

Your accommodation options
Study abroad and exchange students coming to RMIT Vietnam have a range of accommodation options

www.rmit.edu.vn/overview-accommodation-rmit

On campus
There is a beautiful on-campus dormitory on RMIT Vietnam SGS Campus. Students can contact the residential centre and apply for on-campus service

Contact: residentialcentre@rmit.edu.vn
Website: rmit.edu.vn/residential-centre

Off campus
Students who want to live off campus will need to arrange their own accommodation. RMIT International Student Support is more than happy to give you advice and assistance so you can find the right housing to suit you

Cost of living
Vietnam is an affordable place to live and the cost of rent, food, transport and utilities is a fraction of what you’d pay in most countries.

The following estimates are based on a single student living in shared accommodation.

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<td>AU$50 - $90</td>
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<td>Food</td>
<td>AU$25 - $50</td>
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<td>Phone and internet</td>
<td>AU$7 - $9</td>
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<td>Public transport</td>
<td>Up to AU $0.80/km</td>
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<td>Entertainment</td>
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Weekly expenses:

Vietnam
# Key Dates

## Academic calendar

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| **Semester 1:** February - June  
Orientation: Mid February | **Semester 1:** February – May 2019  
Orientation day: 2nd week of February |
| **Semester 2:** July - November  
Orientation: Mid July | **Semester 2:** June – September 2019  
Orientation day: 2nd week of June |

## Application deadlines

The deadlines below refer to Exchange (EX) and Study Abroad (SA) applications for RMIT Australia and RMIT Vietnam.

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| **Semester 1**  
31 October previous year (EX)  
15 November previous year (SA) | **Semester 1**  
31 October previous year (EX)  
10 December previous year (SA)  
**Semester 2**  
31 October previous year (EX)  
10 April current year (SA) |
| **Semester 2**  
31 March current year (EX)  
15 April current year (SA) | **Semester 3**  
31 March current year (EX)  
10 August current year (SA) |

For the most up to date information visit the following:  
How to Apply

1. Check you meet the entry requirements

You must:
- have completed at least one full year of studies at your home institution.
- have a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.5 out of 4 or 60% average (or equivalent).
- be 18 years of age or over at time of application.

2. Design your program

Select RMIT courses using the course search tool. Make sure you take into consideration the course restrictions, Vocational and Higher Education calendars and campus location.

**Australia:**

**Vietnam:**

3. Submit your application

Are you a Study Abroad or a Exchange student?

**SA: Study abroad (fee paying)**
If your home institution does not have an exchange agreement with RMIT or you do not receive an exchange nomination, you can still join us for one or two semesters. Tuition fees are paid directly to RMIT.

Find out about fees and how to apply:

**Study Abroad to Australia:**
http://bit.ly/aus-study-abroad

**Study Abroad to Vietnam:**

**EX: Exchange (fee waiver)**

Exchange students are officially nominated by their home institution to study for one or two semesters at RMIT, under a reciprocal student exchange agreement. Tuition fees are paid to the home institution, not RMIT.

**Exchange to Australia (\*):**

**Exchange to Vietnam (\*):**
https://www.rmit.edu.vn/exchange

\* Your home institution will inform us of your nomination. We will then provide your institution with all the information and materials you will need to submit an application.

4. Receive and accept your offer

You will receive an offer letter that you need to accept in order to secure your place in the program. We encourage you to do this as soon as you can.

5. Receive your Confirmation of Enrolment and apply for visa

6. Receive your course selection outcome

7. Travel to Australia/Vietnam

Find out what to expect when you arrive:

**Australia:**
https://www.rmit.edu.au/students/new-student-guide

**Vietnam:**
www.rmit.edu.vn/international-student-support
Testimonials

Riccardo Petrachi
“For me RMIT has not been simply my exchange destination, just a university, but it became my second home and big family. RMIT has been the perfect choice. It has given me so much experience and joy in a year of exchange more than I expected. I worked for RMIT, I became a social media ambassador, a trip leader and a mentor. My network has doubled and the fantastic balance between studies and social life on campus made my time here one of the happiest in my life. What else could I have asked for? I will never regret my choice and will never forget this experience. RMIT now feels home.”

Lena Korostyslova
“At my home university in Berlin, I gained important theoretical knowledge in electrical engineering. A semester abroad at the RMIT helped me to expand this knowledge and get a broader, international insight into this field. By choosing interdisciplinary courses I was able to learn important skills which contribute to my studies.”

Yasemin Ozcelik
“I chose RMIT because of their top-ranked media and communication program. I had heard a lot of positive things about it and wanted to experience it myself. It was the best decision of my life.

My time at RMIT was so different than being at home and studying. Everything was bigger and better.

I especially loved the study space at RMIT, there were so many different places to study, both inside and outside when the weather was nice.

I will never forget my time at RMIT”.”
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