2021 Study Abroad and Exchange Guide

A guide for study abroad and exchange students
At RMIT we focus on giving everyone the chance to be their best, shape their future and belong. That’s what our Ready for Life and Work strategy is all about and thanks to the passion of our extraordinary people we’re making it a reality.

We exist to prepare our students for workplaces that are rapidly evolving and we play a part in shaping a changing world.

Martin Bean CBE
Vice-Chancellor and President
RMIT University

RMIT prepares students for life and work

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 professional development.

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

Our international reputation with employers, industry-based learning, state-of-the-art facilities, and student support are just some of the reasons why over 97,000 students, including 40,000 international students from 230 countries and territories, choose RMIT. We are one of the top universities in Melbourne, and one of Australia’s oldest tertiary institutions.

Top 1%
of universities globally†

2000+scholarships awarded to our students in 2019

$1.5M+in funding allocated to student start-ups since 2015

1 of 6duel-sector universities in Australia

2018Victorian university for student engagement†

11,698students from 230+ different countries

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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

Study abroad at RMIT Vietnam and experience an unforgettable semester in Asia. Our beautiful Hanoi and Saigon South campuses offer clean, green environments and expansive study spaces.

**Australia**

- **Melbourne**
  Situated in the very heart of the CBD, the City campus has been an iconic part of the Melbourne skyline for more than 130 years.

- **Bundoora**
  Situated in the north of Melbourne, the leafy Bundoora campus is home to many of RMIT’s education, biomedical, health and science courses.

**Vietnam**

- **Saigon South Campus**
  Our Brunswick campus is a creative and multicultural hub. It is home to many of RMIT’s design courses, including fashion, textiles, graphic and industrial design.

**Europe**

Although not a student campus, RMIT’s European hub in Barcelona acts as a gateway for European research, industry, government and enterprises to connect with innovative talent in Australia. Opportunities exist for students to engage with our European centre through study tours, mentoring, work placements and research.

- **Hanoi City Campus**
- **Brunswick**
- **Melbourne City campus**
- **Saigon South Campus**
- **Bundoora 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 events and activities.

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 Australian Rules football.
- Watch movies 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 give you 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 connected 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.

MIT South Saigon 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, HCMC was ranked 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 backvaccare 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 10th Century and is located in the centre of the lake, on a small island.
Study areas — Australian themed courses (semester 1 only)

- Indigenous Studies
- Introduction to Australian Society
- Australian Society in a Global Context
- Public Policy
- Introduction to Law

Courses offered only in Vietnam

- Tourism & Hospitality Management
- Digital Marketing
- Design Studies
- Software Engineering

Restricted courses

Architectural Design

All approved Exchange Architectural Design students will have a set Study Plan identified by the School. Architectural 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.

Courses from the above areas are strictly open to students with a background in a related discipline.

Recommended courses

We encourage you to consider the Recommended Courses as they have a faster and easier approval process. The Recommended Courses are identifiable in our online course search tool.

To search for courses at RMIT Australia, visit: bit.ly/aus-study-abroad
To search for courses at RMIT Vietnam, visit: bit.ly/vn-coursesearch

* Study areas provided at RMIT Vietnam
GAP Year

What is a GAP year?
If you have just finished high school and would like to taste what it is like to study in Australia, but don’t know what career path you want to take, you can join us for a one or two-semester GAP year at RMIT.

Option 1
Design your own course by selecting subjects from RMIT University’s range of disciplines.

Courses are only available in:
- Accounting
- Business IT and logistics
- Economics, Finance, and Marketing
- Management
- Engineering
- Global, Urban and Social Studies
- Health and Biomedical Sciences
- Property
- Construction and Project Management
- Science

Option 2
Choose a GAP Year package

- Social Studies
- Social Change
- Sustainability and Urban Planning
- Legal and Justice Studies
- Fashion and Textiles Merchandising
- Science
- Business
- Engineering

For more information on GAP Year visit: bit.ly/aus-study-abroad

Study Abroad Packages

What is a Study Abroad package?
Rather than designing your own Study Abroad program, you can choose to study one of our pre-selected Study Abroad Packages:

- Social Change
- Sustainability and Urban Planning
- Legal and Justice Studies
- Fashion and Textiles Merchandising
- Entrepreneurship
- Business, IT and Logistics
- Blockchain and Behavioural Business
- Aviation

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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
- Deloitte Vietnam
- Nutrition Technologies
- 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

Get future ready

Job Shop
RMIT’s Job Shop is your drop-in service centre for all things career related. Job Shop offers services such as:

- Resumé and cover letter reviews
- Help finding job opportunities
- Career workshops and events
- Career consultations

For more information and support:

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Future Edge employability program
Future Edge is a flexible, co-curricular program designed to increase the employability of all RMIT students. The program helps you to craft and build your personal brand to stand out in the job market. Each student receives a personal development plan and reflection, which will complement your time at RMIT and help you build industry-specific and practical skills to help you transition into your career.

For more information and support:

Email: businessdevelopment@rmit.edu.au

RMIT Credits
RMIT Credits are micro-credentials that develop your skill set beyond your course study. These credits have been co-designed with industry and are available to RMIT students to use for work experience and internships. Most Credits are available online and are short in duration, ranging from 20-minute snippets to several hours of learning.

For more information and support:

Email: internships@rmit.edu.vn

Work-integrated learning
At RMIT, work-integrated learning (WIL) is embedded into every stage of your student experience, offering you the opportunity to put what you’ve learnt in the classroom into practice through industry work placements, internships, seminars, workshops, projects and more. You’ll be ready to make an impact from day one of your career.

For more information and support:

Email: interuniversity.rmit.edu.au

Global Leadership Programs
RMIT offers an exciting range of programs designed to grow your leadership skills, increase your understanding of Cultural Intelligence (CQ) and equip you with the confidence to thrive in your global career. These free programs are a great way for new RMIT students from across the globe and work together with industry to solve problems.

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RMIT Vietnam international internship program

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KPMG
Bayer Vietnam
L’Oreal Vietnam
CPA Australia
Loolee
Deloitte Vietnam
Miran
DHL Vietnam
Nielson Vietnam
DKSH
Nutrition Technologies
Ernst & Young Vietnam
Park Hyatt
Futurity
PricewaterhouseCoopers
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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://instagram.com/explore/tags/exploRMIT

More information can be found at: https://bit.ly/exploRMIT

Ask me!

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

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**Orientation and support Melbourne**

Discover RMIT, Melbourne and Victoria

Get set for an action-packed 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!

- You will be able to attend sessions that cover enrolment and timetabling, academic and support services for students, accommodation and residential services, student visa services and more.
- We will have guided campus tours and you will also get the chance to meet your fellow exchange and study abroad students.
- Learn everything you need to know about living in Melbourne, including health and safety, travelling around Australia, Australian sporting culture and more.
- You will also 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.

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.

For more information: https://bit.ly/studyabroad-pickup-support

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**Trips and tours**

Looking for adventure? Take a break from the books and explore the city of Melbourne or the mountains, beaches and forests of Victoria on a student tour.

Cuddle a koala, go skiing on Mount Hotham, visit the Twelve Apostles or just find the best brunch spot in town. See and experience it all with RMIT.

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**Mates at RMIT**

New to Melbourne? If you’re joining us from a regional, rural or international location, we’ll help you settle into your new home. Mates at RMIT connects you with current students to help make navigating university life a little easier.

Sign up as a student mentor and you’ll get your own mentor to show you where to go and what to do around RMIT.

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**Sports and fitness**

At RMIT we have more than 40 sports clubs, from basketball to Brazilian jiu jitsu. Join a club at RMIT and you’re not just keeping fit and doing something you love; you’ll also make lots of new friends and may even get to do some travelling.

The Redbacks are RMIT’s sports team collective. Redback teams compete at a national level in the Australian University Games.

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**RMIT creative clubs**

No matter what you choose to study, RMIT has a creative group, activity or collective that’s open to you. Our dance classes, performing arts troupes and media makers are always looking for new members and they’re open to extroverts and introverts alike.

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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 will 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 include:

- 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
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.

### Accommodation and living costs

#### Melbourne

- **Purpose-built Student Accommodation (PBSA)**
  
  RMIT has carefully selected a number of PBSA properties, which meet RMIT’s high quality standards. RMIT’s preferred providers of student accommodation provide a supportive and engaging student experience, conveniently located close to campuses and transportation.

  These properties typically include:
  
  - a variety of furnished room types (studios, twin share, shared apartments)
  - all inclusive rates, which means utilities, high-speed internet/Wi-Fi and other services are covered by the rent.
  - secure access to building and room.
  - excellent communal facilities.
  - clear, transparent rental rules and agreements.
  - a respectful, inclusive and safe culture.
  - friendly community with strong links to RMIT to support students.

  *rmit.edu.au/pbsa*

- **Average weekly expenses in Melbourne**

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- **Your accommodation options**

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

  *rmit.edu.vn/student-life/support-services/ accommodation*

- **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.

  *rmit.edu.vn/student-life/support-services/ accommodation*

- **Weekly expenses (off campus)**

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Key dates

Academic calendar

AUSTRALIA
Semester 1: February - June
Orientation: Mid February
Semester 2: July - November
Orientation: Mid July

VIETNAM
Semester 1: February – May
Orientation: 2nd week of February
Semester 2: June – September
Orientation: 2nd week of June
Semester 3: October – January
Orientation: 1st week of October

Application deadlines

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

AUSTRALIA
Semester 1:
31 October previous year (EX)
10 December previous year (SA)
Semester 2:
31 March current year (EX)
10 April current year (SA)
Semester 3:
31 March current year (EX)
10 August current year (SA)

VIETNAM
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 3:
31 March current year (EX)
10 August current year (SA)

How to apply

1. Check you meet the entry requirements
   - You must:
     a. Have completed at least one full year of studies at your home institution.
     b. Have completed at least one full year of studies at your home institution. (GAP Year applicants are not required to have previous higher education studies)
     c. Have a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.0 out of 4 or 60% average (or equivalent).
     d. Meet RMIT’s English language requirements
     e. Be 18 years of age or over at time of application.
   - Australia: bit.ly/aus-study-abroad
   - Vietnam: bit.ly/vn-study-abroad
   - For the most up to date information visit the following:
     - Australia: rmit.edu.au/students/student-essentials/important-dates/higher-education-important-dates
     - Vietnam: rmit.edu.vn/study-at-rmit/important-dates-for-students

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: bit.ly/aus-study-abroad

3. Submit your application
   - 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: bit.ly/aus-study-abroad
     - Study Abroad to Vietnam: bit.ly/vn-study-abroad
   - EX: Exchange (fee waiver)
   - Exchange students are officially nominated by your 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 (*) : bit.ly/exchangesa
   - Exchange to Vietnam (*) : rmit.edu.unexchange
   - (*) 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 to do this as soon as you can.

5. Receive your Confirmation of Enrolment and apply for visa
   - For more information on visa requirements visit the following:
     - Australia: bit.ly/aus-study-abroad
     - Vietnam: bit.ly/vn-study-abroad

6. Receive your course selection outcome
   - Find out what to expect when you arrive:
     - Australia: rmit.edu.au/students/new-student-guide
     - Vietnam: rmit.edu.vn/student-life/international-student-resources

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Testimonials

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.

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 Korostylova
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.
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