A guide for study abroad and exchange students
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Welcome to RMIT

RMIT is enriched by the diversity of our staff and students who come from all walks of life and connect us to countries and cultures all over the world.

Whether you choose to study in Melbourne, Vietnam or Singapore, our commitment to the transformative and life-changing power of learning is at the heart of this amazing institution.

Martin Bean CBE
Vice-Chancellor and President
RMIT University

Connect with RMIT
A Global University of Technology, Design and Enterprise

Join RMIT University for one or two semesters and start your global future.

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International study abroad and exchange students hosted per year by RMIT

1000

388,000 alumni living in 131 countries

- RMIT Melbourne campuses: 420,080 square metres
- Slightly smaller than the Vatican City
- Swanston Academic Building: 5 green star rating
  World Building of the Year Award (2013) - Shortlist

- 112 University buildings

- 400+ programs

- 150+ exchange partnerships across 41 countries

- 10,000+ Students from over 100 countries

- Total number of faculty and staff

“During the semester break I travelled to beautiful places in different regions across Vietnam with the best local guides – my friends from class!”

Eun Gyeoung Kim
South Korea
Our Rankings and Achievements

Why RMIT stands out from the crowd.

World ranking in 17 disciplines*

Top 100
- Civil and Structural Engineering
- Computer Science and
- Information Systems
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Mechanical, Aeronautical and
- Manufacturing Engineering
- Business and Management

Top 150
- Chemical Engineering
- Geography and
  Area Studies
- Accounting and Finance
- Communication and Media Studies

Top 200
- Education
- Statistics and
  Operational Research

Number 1
Australian university in Art & Design*

Ranked 9
Global Fashion School*** in Architecture*

Rated ★★★★★
One of the top 100 universities in the world under 50 years old**

5 stars for excellence*

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* QS World University Rankings 2015
** Times Higher Education 100 Under 50 Rankings 2015
*** Global Fashion School Rankings 2015
Expand Your Academic Horizons

RMIT study abroad and exchange students can design their own study plan by selecting courses from 400+ programs.

Study areas

- Art, Design and Architecture
- Building, Construction and Planning
- Business
- Communication and Digital Media
- Computing, Games and Information Technology
- Education and Teaching
- Engineering
- Environment and Sustainability
- Health and Medical Sciences
- International and Community Services
- Justice and Legal
- Science

Australian themed courses

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

RMIT takes a very hands-on and practical approach to subjects. RMIT feels like a melting pot of minds from all backgrounds.

Joran Mandik
Germany

To search for courses at RMIT Australia visit http://bit.ly/aus-coursesearch
To search for courses at RMIT Vietnam visit http://bit.ly/vtn-coursesearch
Mobility Plus Program

There is a world of opportunity available for you at RMIT. You can design your own mobility experience.

Mix and match any of our offerings:
- Study abroad/exchange for a semester or year in Melbourne.
- Study abroad/exchange for a semester or year in Vietnam.
- Spend the summer in Melbourne with our International Summer School.

RMIT Summer School

Come to Melbourne during the summer and immerse yourself in one or two courses.

Melbourne is alive with activity in January and February. You can enjoy warm weather, calm Melbourne beaches, the Australian Open and a range of summer festivals.

After summer school, you can extend your study in Melbourne for up to a year or continue your RMIT adventure in Vietnam.

www.rmit.edu.au/study-abroad-and-exchange
Each semester 10 students from around the world are selected to be Global Mobility Ambassadors. If selected, you will receive a $1000 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.


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“...when I became a social media representative and ambassador for RMIT. I was really excited when I found out I’d won the scholarship. This helped me do more things, explore Australia and show other students the best things in Melbourne.”

**Joao Schiavinato**
United Kingdom

#exploRMIT Ambassador
(Semester 2, 2014)
Lead #exploRMIT ambassador
(Semester 1, 2015)

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**Great Ocean Road**

**Explore Victoria**

**Phillip Island**
Choose from five campuses in two countries

Australia

- Port Phillip Bay
- Tullamarine international and domestic airport
- Brunswick campus
- City campus
- Bundoora campus

Vietnam

- Ho Chi Minh City
- Hanoi campus
- Saigon South campus
- Hanoi
Life in Melbourne

In 2015, the Economist Intelligence Unit annual livability survey voted Melbourne as the world’s most liveable city for the fifth consecutive year. Melbourne has consistently remained one of the most popular cities for students to study and live in. Our quality of living is high, our public transport is convenient and multiculturalism fuels the city with energy.

Top Five 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 ever-bustling Queen Victoria Market.
Top Five Things to Do in Vietnam

— Explore Ho Chi Minh City’s lively Ben Thanh Market.
— Take a tour of the beautiful lush Mekong Delta.
— Visit the UNESCO world heritage site Ha Long Bay.
— Satisfy all your senses with Vietnam’s unique cuisine.
— Wander through Hanoi’s famous Old Quarter.

Life in Vietnam

Your education is not confined to the classroom as outside our campuses the energy of Vietnam awaits. RMIT Vietnam offers a diverse learning experience in a vibrant and culturally rich country.
Accommodation and living costs

Melbourne

Your accommodation options
Adjusting to life in a new city can be challenging. To help make your transition to RMIT life as seamless as possible, we have housing and wellbeing advisors on campus to support you with any questions you may have. We also have an accommodation database where you can search for housing near your campus: www.rmit.edu.au/housing.

RMIT Village + UniLodge
We have a partnership with RMIT Village, a specialised student accommodation conveniently located close to the City campus. UniLodge campus accommodation is available in Bundoora. For information about accommodation and fees visit: www.rmitvillage.com.au and www1.rmit.edu.au/accommodation/oncampus

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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Vietnam

Your accommodation options
Study abroad and exchange students coming to RMIT Vietnam have a range of exciting accommodation options. www.rmit.edu.vn/overview-accommodation-rmit.

On campus
Living on campus is a great way to make friends and enjoy a safe and relaxing living environment. You can live in a single studio with an ensuite bathroom, or share with others in either a three or five bedroom apartment. www.rmit.edu.vn/residential-centre.

Off campus
Students who want to live off campus will need to arrange their own accommodation, but the RMIT International Unit 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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Orientation and support

Day 1: Explore RMIT
Get ready 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 2: Explore 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: Explore Victoria (optional)
After two days of orientation, students 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 your peers.

Vietnamese classes are offered to provide you with language skills and survival tips to make the most of your time here. Our Buddies program pairs you with a peer-mentor who can show you the ropes both on and off campus. Your buddy will be there to support you for the duration of your stay in Vietnam and to help you have the time of your life!

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Orientation and support

Settle into your new life in Vietnam
To make you feel right at home in Vietnam, we'll arrange free airport pickup, a city tour and a welcome dinner. You'll meet fellow international students along with RMIT Vietnam staff who can assist you with visa issues, support services, enrolment and timetabling.

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Be Part of Our Dynamic Campus Life

There is always something happening at RMIT. Join our collaborative student community and balance your studies with social, cultural, sporting and recreational activities.

Hanoi is incredibly fascinating. There is no better feeling than exploring the colourful narrow streets, taking in all the scents of the Old Quarter or just simply grabbing a drink with friends by the lake near the RMIT campus.

Giordano Dalla Vecchia
Italy
# Key Dates

## Academic calendar

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## Application deadlines

The deadlines below refer to exchange applications for RMIT Australia and RMIT Vietnam. There are no set deadlines for study abroad applications to RMIT.

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For the most up to date information visit the following:


> “I chose RMIT because of the ranking and the variety of courses. As it turns out it was ten thousand times better than I expected!”

Rachel Chuang
Taiwan
How to Apply

For Melbourne and Vietnam campuses.

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)
   - meet RMIT's English language requirements
   - be 18 years of age or over at time of application.

2. **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: [http://bit.ly/aus-studyabroad](http://bit.ly/aus-studyabroad)

   **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.

3. **Design your program**
   Select RMIT courses. Check the course search tool, course restrictions, Vocational and Higher Education calendars and campus location.

4. **Submit your application online**
   - Vietnam: [www.rmit.edu.vn/overseas-students-study-vietnam](http://www.rmit.edu.vn/overseas-students-study-vietnam)

5. **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.

6. **Receive visa documents and apply for visa**

7. **Travel to Australia/Vietnam**
   Find out what to expect when you arrive:
   - Australia: [www1.rmit.edu.au/students/gettingstarted](http://www1.rmit.edu.au/students/gettingstarted)
   - Vietnam: [www.rmit.edu.vn/getting-started-rmit](http://www.rmit.edu.vn/getting-started-rmit)

8. **Attend Global Mobility Orientation**
   Familiarise yourself with RMIT and the city. Meet new people that might be studying the same courses!

9. **Semester starts!**
   Get ready for one of the most fascinating experiences in your life.