

2022 Pre-Departure Information

Arrival and temporary accommodation

How will Flinders University know my arrival details?

The Australia Awards Post or Managing Contractor in your country will provide Flinders with your flight details. Unless you tell us otherwise, we will arrange airport reception for you.

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

If you encounter any problems during your travel (for example if you miss your connecting flight in Sydney), or upon arrival in Adelaide please contact **Flinders on +61 8 8201 3418 during business hours (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm - Adelaide time)**.

If you need to make contact outside these hours, please telephone Flinders Security on +61 8 8201 2880 or Jose Paulino on his mobile phone (hand phone) which is +61 431 480 090.

I want to make my own arrangements to be met at the airport

You can arrange to be met by friends, but you must notify Flinders before you leave your home country.

PLEASE NOTE: You must advise your Australia Awards Post or Managing Contractor if you do not want us to arrange your airport reception.

COVID Related Travel Information

Can I travel to Australia?

Student Visa holders who are fully vaccinated with a TGA approved or recognised COVID-19 vaccine can travel to Australia

<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/vaccination-testing>

Please refer to StudyAdelaide for information about travel to Australia and Adelaide <https://studyadelaide.com/return>

Visit the Department of Home Affairs "Vaccinated international travellers" webpage for further information on preparing for your travel

<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/vaccinated-travellers/temporary-visa-holders/entering-transiting-australia>

Remember to have your International COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate (ICVC) available for check-in at the airport.

Do I need a COVID-19 test?

Australia does not require you to undertake any pre-departure COVID-19 testing to enter, leave or transit Australia

<https://www.health.gov.au/health-alerts/covid-19/international-travel/inbound#predeparture-testing>

You are required to have a COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) on arrival in Adelaide and quarantine until the test is taken. You must also check your symptoms for 14 days following your arrival <https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/travel/international-travel>

You may be provided a RAT on arrival however if it is possible, we would recommend that you bring one with you to minimise any impact to you.

Temporary Accommodation

Due to Flinders Living being at capacity this year we are not able to provide temporary accommodation for students.

If you know anyone in Adelaide, please contact them for assistance with temporary accommodation. Otherwise, we have provided you with the name of a current student who may be able to assist you to locate temporary accommodation.

Alternatively, you may want to consider homestay, local hotel, caravan park or Airbnb.

Flinders is located in the suburb of Bedford Park, postcode 5042.

Once you have organised your temporary accommodation, please let us know the address and name and telephone number of the temporary accommodation you have arranged by emailing: Australia.Awards@flinders.edu.au

Student Contact Officer (SCO) arrival appointment

Please come to International Student Services for your arrival appointment with the Australia Awards Student Contact Officer on the next business day after your arrival and your negative Rapid Antigen Test.

The appointment at 10am will include information about opening your bank account, your establishment allowance and other important information.



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Family matters

We strongly recommend students settle into Australia before making arrangements to bring their family to Australia.

When should I bring my family?

Students should travel to Australia by themselves and find suitable accommodation and settle in before bringing their families. Because attendance at the IAP is compulsory, we suggest that families arrive after the end of the IAP, which finishes on 15 July 2022.

Bringing your family – issues to consider

Before making a decision to bring your family to Australia it is important to consider the following issues:

- The cost of airfares for your family to and from Australia
- The cost of Family Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

Further information about OSHC can be found at: www.medibankoshc.com.au

- The delays in finding suitable accommodation
- Limited employment opportunities for your spouse
- Extra costs for food, clothing and other necessities
- The effect on you and your studies if your family is not happy in Australia
- Whether your children will adjust to school in Australia
- Waiting lists for childcare centres and the cost

All students are responsible for covering the cost of any eligible family members who join them in Australia on a dependant's visa.

Further information about eligible family members is on the Department of Home Affairs website at: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500>

Additional information about Student Visa and included family members can be found on the above web page but you may also want to speak to an officer at your nearest Department of Home Affairs Office if you are unsure about these requirements.

Please note: It is important to include all eligible family members on your original student visa application whether they intend to travel to Australia or not.

NOTE: If you marry, or you or your spouse gives birth to a child in the period between lodging your student visa application and the visa being granted, you must advise Department of Home Affairs immediately as having an additional dependant will affect Department of Home Affairs' visa assessment process.

Bringing family on arrival

If, for specific reasons, you would like to request permission from the Australia Awards Team to bring family on arrival, please email stating why you need to bring your family and how you will support your family during the IAP: Australia.Awards@flinders.edu.au

For those students whose family will be arriving after you have settled in, there will be an information session during the IAP which will provide you with information about what you need to do to bring your family to Australia.

What if I don't bring my family?

If you are eligible for a Reunion Airfare entitlement (as stated on your scholarship offer) Flinders University will assist you to arrange your Family Reunion travel so that you can return home when you have completed your first year of study.



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Finding permanent accommodation

How will I find permanent accommodation?

Support services will be provided to help you find permanent accommodation. However, it may take some time to find accommodation that suits your budget, is in a suitable location or housing that suits your needs.

Information will be provided on accommodation options, rental agreements and information about the local rental housing market.

Flinders Living provides a free, up-to-date accommodation webpage which lists private accommodation available on the rental market. You can access this via their website: www.flinders.edu.au/living/short-term-private-accommodation

Members of our support team will be available to advise you on how to arrange appointments with landlords or real estate agents and how to find information on accommodation vacancies. For further information regarding living in Adelaide, including the on-campus student accommodation, please refer to the International Student Guides on our website at: <https://students.flinders.edu.au/support/iss/planning-arrival>

Australian Homestay Network

What is Homestay?

A homestay is a cultural exchange between an international student and a local individual or family in the host country. The "host" provides accommodation and support for an agreed-upon period of time and rate. Homestays can be tailored to provide meals, assistance and other activities.

The Australian Homestay Network believes that a homestay program should provide international students with much more than a place to sleep and eat. Each homestay experience should provide an opportunity for the student and host family to learn from each other, share interests, and establish a foundation for a successful stay in Australia.

Further information about on-campus accommodation

On-campus accommodation is for single students only. To apply go to: www.flinders.edu.au/living/apply-live-on-campus and select the link to the **ONLINE APPLICATION FORM**.

Applications for 2022 are now open with limited availability so it is recommended to contact Flinders Living directly before applying.

Important dates for 2022

Introductory Academic Program:

14 June – 15 July 2022

Semester 2 begins:

25 July 2022

Further important dates can be found at: <https://staff.flinders.edu.au/learning-teaching/semester-dates.html>

How do I enrol in my course of study?

Enrolment is done online. There will be an information session during the IAP which will tell you about what you need to do to enrol. You can go to the Flinders website at: <https://handbook.flinders.edu.au/> and read the course rules and look at the program of study and a description of what your topics will cover.

Wherever possible a study plan will be provided to you before you enrol. You will not be able to obtain your Student ID card until you have completed your enrolment.



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Banking

To receive your AAS establishment allowance and stipend as soon as possible, we request you pre-open an Australian bank account before you arrive.

Details on how to pre-open an Australian bank account are provided below.

If you pre-open an Australian bank account, please provide the details to the Australia Awards Team via return email. We require Bank Name, BSB, Account Number and Name.

For students who have pre-opened a bank account and provided the details to the Australia Awards Team payment of your establishment allowance should be transferred to your bank account within 2 working days of your arrival in Australia.

For students who do not pre-open a bank account payment of your establishment allowance can only be made after bank details are provided to the Australia Awards Team.

Please be aware that even if you pre-open a bank account you need to bring sufficient Australian currency with you to ensure you can pay for initial expenses such as; temporary accommodation, food and transport before you receive your stipend and your establishment allowance.

There are many financial institutions in Australia. For a comparison of accounts in banks throughout Australia see: <http://www.canstar.com.au/transaction-accounts/>

Most Australian banks charge fees for a bank account or a banking service. For a comparison of banking fees see: www.canstar.com.au/compare/everyday-transaction-accounts/

In order to pre-open a bank account before you arrive:

- You need an overseas address (your home country).
- Follow the instructions from the financial institution that you choose to pre-open your account. See the links below.
- After arrival you will need to show your passport at the Bank of your choice to verify your identity.
- You can deposit money into your bank account from overseas using the BSB, account number and SWIFT Code that will be provided after you apply online. It can be sent as a bank draft or Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Banks charge a fee for transfers of money. There is no restriction on the amount of cash you can bring into Australia, but please declare amounts over 10,000.

Australian Banks:

ANZ

<https://www.anz.com.au/personal/bank-accounts/tips-and-guides/studying/>

There is an ANZ ATM at the Sturt campus

National Australia Bank

<https://www.nab.com.au/personal/travel-and-overseas-banking/open-account-from-overseas>

There are NAB ATMs on the main and Sturt campus

Commonwealth Bank

www.commbank.com.au/guidance/consumer-finance/international-students-201607.html

Westpac Bank

www.westpac.com.au/personal-banking/bank-accounts/moving-to-australia/

Other useful websites

Information on what can be brought into Australia:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/entering-australia/can-i-bring-it-in>

Information about Adelaide and South Australia

www.southaustralia.com

<https://southaustralia.com/destinations/adelaide>

Study Adelaide

www.studyadelaide.com

DFAT YouTube

Australia Awards playlist

www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLicI2IfKD SZ0ublC8CVxPvZrJAd750Uyt

ISS Online Orientation

<https://students.flinders.edu.au/support/iss/orientation>

