# Flinders University Student Exchange Fact Sheet 2023-24

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<td>Exchange and study abroad student website</td>
<td><a href="https://www.flinders.edu.au/international/apply/study-abroad/inbound">https://www.flinders.edu.au/international/apply/study-abroad/inbound</a></td>
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## APPLICATION

| How to apply | The online application portal opens twice yearly for approximately 4 weeks. Nominated students will receive an email from Flinders notifying them to apply online when the application portal opens.  
The application portal opens twice yearly – open/close date estimates are provided below.  
Opens 17 October – Closes 13 November Semester 1 (Feb – June)  
Opens 3 April – Closes 30 April Semester 2 (Jul – Nov)  
[https://www.flinders.edu.au/international/apply/study-abroad/inbound](https://www.flinders.edu.au/international/apply/study-abroad/inbound)  
*Scroll down page to apply online.* |
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### Student application process

1. Formal nomination by partner.
2. Student submits online application to Flinders.
3. Student application is processed. An offer of admission is issued to student following the application portal closure date.
4. Student accepts the offer of admission and returns acceptance documents and makes payment for compulsory Overseas Health Cover (OSHC).
5. Following receipt/evidence of OSHC payment, the Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) certificate will be issued.
7. Student provides a list of courses/topics to LWB team for academic approval. In most cases topic approvals will be finalised prior to the student's arrival on-shore.
8. An approved topic list will be sent to students, to enrol in topics and register in classes through the Student Information System.

### Supporting documents

1. Certified or official copy of academic transcript (showing completion of at least a full academic year/2 semesters). Student documents can be verified by the international office or delegate at home institution. Verifier should provide their full name, signature and date of signing.
2. Certified copies of English language test results (see English language requirements) below.
3. Passport information page (includes photo)
4. 500-word student statement of purpose (not required for study abroad fee-paying applicants).

### English language requirements

Flinders requires evidence that students have an appropriate level of English language skill to ensure a successful experience (not applicable to English speaking countries). The minimum requirements are:

- an overall Academic IELTS of 6.0 (with a minimum of 6.0 in speaking and writing);
- an internet-based TOEFL score of 80 (with a minimum score of 18 speaking and writing);
- Cambridge English Scale (CAE) with a pass grade of B2
- Duolingo accepted up to and including (fall) S2 2023

Please visit our [English language requirements](#) page for further details about specific programs, Postgraduate and PhD requirements.

### IMPORTANT DATES

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<th>Nomination deadlines</th>
<th>(S1) October 15th of the year before</th>
<th>(S2) 01 April of the current academic year</th>
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<td>Exchange application deadlines</td>
<td>November 13th of the year before academic year (February to July period)</td>
<td>April 30th of the current academic year (July to November period)</td>
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<td>S1 2023 (27 Feb – 14 Jul)</td>
<td>Includes exam period. Does not include supplementary and deferred exam period (see below).</td>
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### ACADEMIC

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<th>Key semester dates link</th>
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<td>Recommended arrival dates</td>
<td>1-2 weeks prior to commencement of class, or the start date of the Flinders Living housing contract, S1 - 19 February 2023 and S2 - 9 July 2023.</td>
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<td>Orientation date(s)</td>
<td>Typically, 1 week prior to the commencement of classes.</td>
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<td>Course registration</td>
<td>Topic approval is facilitated by the Learn Without Borders team, in most cases prior to students arriving on-campus. Students will be advised about topic approval outcomes and provided with instructions about how to complete their enrolment and register for classes.</td>
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### Areas of study not available or restricted
- Nursing, Midwifery, Medicine, all topics with practical components (i.e. clinical placement, WIL, professional practicum), research topics.
- Creative Arts, inc. fashion, theatre topics require student portfolio or an audition.

### GPA Requirement
- Minimum GPA requirement, Flinders University equivalent 4.0 (pass average) after completing one year of full-time study.

### Full time course load per semester
- The recommended study load is 18 units or 4 topics. However, 13.5 units or 3 topics is considered a full-time load and meets the student visa requirement.
- The full-time study load constitutes 135 hours work for a topic in a semester (13 teaching weeks & 2 weeks of individual study in preparation for examinations)

### Courses taught in English?
- All topics are taught in English, except language programs other than English.

### Year-long courses taught?
- No

### HOUSING and CAMPUS

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<td>Is housing guaranteed?</td>
<td>No. However, if students apply during the first/second round offer – it is rare not to receive an accommodation offer.</td>
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| What options are available? | Flinders Living
Students can choose to live on-campus but also have the option to live off campus in rental accommodation – check out options at [http://www.flinders.edu.au/international-students/services/accommodation.cfm](http://www.flinders.edu.au/international-students/services/accommodation.cfm). A $50 non-refundable application fee is required.

The Switch
| Flinders Living On-campus housing options include: | 1. University Hall – catered (15 meals/week), dormitory style, single rooms.  
Further information Living on campus  
Apply online: https://www.flinders.edu.au/living/apply-live-on-campus |
| Distance from Flinders Living housing to the university | A 5 minute walk up to the main campus. 22 minutes by rail to the city or 30 minutes by bus to the city and the beach. |
| How do students get from Flinders housing to the university (walk, bus, bike, train) | Most residents walk to the main campus; public transport is readily available, and cycling is popular. *Note cycling helmets must be worn in Australia.* |
| Can I apply for on-campus housing options before receiving an exchange offer? | Yes, Link to online housing application portal. |
| Contact details | Flinders Living  
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### OTHER INFORMATION

| Resources/services for students with disabilities | https://students.flinders.edu.au/student-services/hcd |
| Student visa | A student visa (subclass 500) is required for study in Australia. Please visit the Department of Home Affairs website for further information https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500  
Approximate cost is $650 AUD. |
| Preparing to travel to Australia | Follow the steps outlined on the Preparing to Travel to Australia from Overseas website.  
<p>| International student support | International Student Services (ISS) is the primary contact point for all international students at Flinders. The team provide advice and support on accommodation, insurance, cost of living, enrolment etc. |
| Airport pick-up services | Airport pick-up is provided free by the International Student Services (ISS) – <a href="https://www.flinders.edu.au/international/explore/international-student-services">https://www.flinders.edu.au/international/explore/international-student-services</a> visit for details. |</p>
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| Flinders International Student Orientation  | Completion of online modules is compulsory.  
**https://students.flinders.edu.au/support/iss/orientation**  
ISS will provide details about face to face orientation prior to arrival. |
| Health insurance                             | Overseas Students Health Cover (OSHC) is compulsory.  
Approximate cost per semester is $330.00 AUD  
Flinders currently offers OSHC through Medibank Private. However, students can purchase OSHC from any approved Health Care providers.  
Students will need to provide proof of coverage before being issued with a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) to apply for their student visa. |
| Can students bring their own health insurance?| The following health insurance is accepted in place of OSHC:  
Norwegian National Insurance Scheme, or Sweden’s National Board of Student Aid or by Kammarkollegiet, or Belgium’s Reciprocal Health Care Agreement.  
**No other insurance coverage will be accepted.** |
| Bushfire Safety                              | The Bedford Park campus is susceptible to bushfire threats from adjacent undeveloped land on the southern boundary (Sturt Creek Conservation Park), the heavily wooded suburb of Bellevue Heights on the eastern boundary and the University’s own pine forest and native woodland adjacent to University Drive /Ring Road. If you or your students require further information or have concerns about this risk, please refer to the Universities bushfire plan.  
| Living and studying in Adelaide              | **https://www.flinders.edu.au/international/living-in-adelaide** |
| Study Adelaide                               | **https://studyadelaide.com/** |