

International recruitment activities

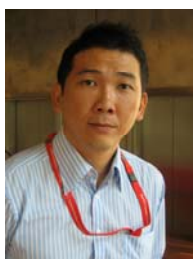
Swinburne staff attend a variety of events for students to discuss course options and get help with their application. The following staff will be travelling in the coming months.

Location	Staff member	Dates
India	Balamurugan Ramalingam	Until 25 April
Thailand	Seshna Maharaj	23–24 May
Singapore	Seshna Maharaj	30–31 May

Please refer to the [SI website](#) for more information.

Staff profile

Introducing Kok Leong Chai



Alumni and Development is pleased to announce the appointment of Kok Leong Chai who has taken up the new position of International Alumni Officer.

Chai completed a Bachelor of Multimedia Design (Honours) at Swinburne in 2002 and a Master of Multimedia in 2004. During this time he was co-founder and president of the Swinburne International Student Association (SISA) and served on the University's Academic Board. He also worked as a casual administrative assistant at Swinburne International.

After graduating, Chai managed and operated his own multimedia business, Mesh Interactive, in Singapore.

He is looking forward to increasing our engagement with overseas alumni, through online social networking, new benefits and services and visits to key overseas locations.

Get a taste of circus with NICA


Ever dreamed of running away to join the circus?

Swinburne's National Institute of Circus Arts (NICA) is giving students a chance to do just that with [A Taste of Circus](#).



The six-week study tour will build upon and develop participants' skills in a uniquely Australian style of contemporary circus – drawing from Russian, Chinese and European styles.

It's scheduled to run from 7 June–18 July 2009.

 [Find out more and apply now.](#) Places are limited!

Funding the way for Mexico's future



Mexican postgraduate student Paulina Santoyo has been awarded a scholarship to complete her Master of Design (Communication Design) at Swinburne's Prahran campus.

Paulina was nominated for the scholarship by the [Fundación Mexicana para la Educación \(FUNED\)](#), which has also provided financial assistance for her to study in Australia.

FUNED is a not-for-profit organisation which supports Mexican college graduates to undertake a master degree locally and overseas to help contribute to development in the North American republic.

Paulina completed a Bachelor of Industrial Design at the Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM), Guadalajara, and says Swinburne was exactly what she was looking for to continue her studies.

"[Swinburne has] a good education level and subjects that I am interested in, plus the opportunity of knowing different kinds of people and having a diversity of opinions and talent all together," she says.

"I am very thankful for the help and support given to me and the belief that I can do this."

Back to business for ECJU

Four students from East China Jiaotong University (ECJU) marked the completion of their Diploma of Business with a special ceremony at Swinburne's Hawthorn campus earlier this month.



Selina, Tony, Dancy and Zoe (pictured above, left-right) completed their diplomas in China before arriving in Melbourne earlier this year to commence their [Bachelor of Business](#) at Swinburne as part a 2+2 program between the two universities.

Chris Wallis, Director of Swinburne College, gave a welcome address and Swinburne's Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development and Engagement), Stephen Connelly, presented the students with their testamurs.

Course profile

Master of Design (Industrial Design)

Campus	Prahran
Fee	A\$19,750 (annual)*
Duration	18 months
Intake	February, July

Swinburne's [Master of Design \(Industrial Design\)](#) provides students with the creative tools, conceptual processes, management strategies and research skills to develop an innovative career in design and product development.

Students will explore issues of demographic and technological change, new materials and manufacturing techniques, social and environmental sustainability.

They will look at various presentation and communication techniques including digital modelling and model-making using a wide range of standard industry software and workshop-based prototyping facilities.

In keeping with international industry practice and postgraduate design education, the program is project-based and conducted under the guidance of a mentor.

Entry requirements

A recognised bachelor degree in design (or a design-related area) or a diploma plus industry experience and submission of a portfolio. IELTS 6.5 (Academic Module) with no band score less than 6.0, or equivalent.

Career opportunities

Graduates may find work in product design for and within manufacturing industries or design consultancies; exhibition, environmental and furniture design; stage/set design; or as self-employed designers or manufacturers.

Professional recognition

Graduates are eligible for membership of the Design Institute of Australia (DIA).



Student profile

Noor Azlina Mohamed Khalid,
Malaysia

"I chose to study industrial design to gain a deeper and broader knowledge in this design field. International study means I can

observe and experience the latest design activities in a different country which has a different culture and lifestyle.

"I like the interdisciplinary aspect of Swinburne's design programs; we share our classes with students from other design areas ... Mixing with many other international students allows us to share different views on design, which will lead to good design output."



Find out more about the [Master of Design \(Industrial Design\)](#)

* Fees are subject to annual review and may be adjusted.

Spinning the globe for Swinburne Abroad

Choosing a study abroad destination could be as simple as spinning a globe and winding up wherever your finger lands.

For Lars Husted and Katrine Hansen, however, Swinburne was "an obvious choice".

The Danish study abroad students chose Swinburne for its international focus and wide variety of business subjects relevant to their Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Modern Languages at Denmark's Aarhus School of Business.

"The unique thing about [study abroad] is the chance to meet people from different countries and learn about different cultures," says Katrine. "You really feel that you're breaking down boundaries as you meet and interact with new people. At the same time it's a perfect opportunity to practise your English."

"Swinburne has a good reputation and a great location in Hawthorn with a lot of student life, bars and cafés. There's always something going on and there are lots of activities to get engaged in – and the city is never more than 10 minutes away on the train," says Lars.

He says the teaching style in Australia focuses more on group work, tutorials, regular tests and assignments. The workload throughout the semester can seem overwhelming, but he says the lesser emphasis on exams is a welcome relief and the assignments are a good opportunity to concentrate on specific areas of interest.



Although they've now returned to Denmark to complete their thesis, Lars and Katrine highly recommend taking the time to explore our vast island continent before returning home.

"Australia is a unique place," says Katrine. "Make sure you leave time for exploring this giant country."



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