

AusAID Program

Swinburne University of Technology
Melbourne, Australia



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Swinburne University of Technology is a multidisciplinary and multi-sectoral institution with a strong focus on research, entrepreneurship and innovation. We are proud of our reputation as a progressive institution that delivers relevant, industry-linked learning and exceptional teaching.

Study areas

We offer TAFE, Undergraduate and Postgraduate programs in the following study areas:

- Arts, Psychology and Social Science
- Business, Commerce, Enterprise and Management
- Design
- Engineering, Aviation and Technology
- Film & TV and Digital Media
- Health and Community Services
- Horticulture and Environment
- Hospitality, Tourism and Event Management
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Multimedia
- Science

Research excellence

Swinburne has an international reputation for collaborative and applied research. Swinburne has 15 designated research centres. These centres possess proven exceptional records of scholarship, publication and research funding, and provide outstanding environments for the training of postgraduate research students.

Research is carried out across a range of multidisciplinary fields.

- **Business and enterprise** – entrepreneurship and social enterprise, work and ageing, public sector management, international business
- **Design** – design education and designed learning environment, designing virtual environments, product development and innovation, emotion and design
- **Engineering** – advanced manufacturing, sustainable infrastructure, fluid flow modelling, advanced materials
- **Information and communication technologies** – software engineering, internet infrastructure and applications, intelligent systems, information systems
- **Life and health sciences** – brain science, psychology, biotechnology, biomedical instrumentation
- **Physical and chemical sciences** – laser and optics, astronomy, molecular modelling
- **Social sciences** – media and communications, citizenship and government, cities and housing, technology and society

Visit www.swinburne.edu.au/research

About Melbourne

Capital city of the state of Victoria, Melbourne is recognised as one of the world's most liveable cities. Home to 4 million people, it is considered Australia's cultural, culinary and sporting capital. A mild climate, affordable living costs, an extensive public transport network and an abundance of parkland and public space combine to provide a great way of life.

About us

- Established in 1908
- Ranked best university in Melbourne for Teaching Quality four years in a row*
- Ranked one of the top 500 universities in the world by The Times Higher Education – QS World University Ranking and the Shanghai Jiaotong Academic Ranking of World Universities.
- Five campuses in Melbourne and one in Sarawak, Malaysia
- Main campuses located in exclusive inner-city suburbs of Hawthorn and Prahran, 10 minutes from the city centre and close to supermarkets, cafe's and shops. Both are easily accessible by public transport
- Total students: 28,000
- International students: 7000

* Source: *The Good Universities Guide* 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010

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AusAID Program

Swinburne University of Technology's AusAID Program

Swinburne has been involved in the AusAID student program for over 15 years. There are currently more than 80 students enrolled at the university, sponsored under the banner of 'Australia Awards'.

These awards include the Australian Development Scholarship (ADS), Australian Leadership Awards (ALA) and Endeavour Awards from countries including Bhutan, Cambodia, East Timor, Fiji, Indonesia, Laos, Malawi, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Vanuatu, Vietnam and Zambia.

Swinburne provides a range of services and support to AusAID sponsored students.

Sponsored Students Unit and AusAID Student Contact Officer (SCO)

Within Swinburne International the Sponsored Students Unit is the first point of contact for all AusAID sponsored students. An AusAID Student Contact Officer (SCO) oversees the academic and social wellbeing of all AusAID students and ensures that those students who have come to Australia with families are provided with appropriate community support.

Support for AusAID Students

Pre-departure and arrival package

An information package will be sent to you (via the respective AusAID Office) when an offer to study a Swinburne course is confirmed. It can also be viewed at Swinburne's AusAID program website.

Free airport reception and transfer service

An airport pick-up service is provided free of charge, transporting you to your nominated/pre-arranged place of accommodation on arrival in Melbourne.

Temporary accommodation placement

Swinburne International's Accommodation Officer will help place you into temporary accommodation.

Long-Term Accommodation Assistance Program

Upon your arrival, free guided accommodation inspections will be arranged to assist you in finding and securing long-term accommodation.

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Gerardo Antonio Castillo

Graduate Diploma of Entrepreneurship and Innovation



"I've felt at home at Swinburne thanks to the multicultural atmosphere."

The university really takes care and prioritises its international students. I feel lucky that I've been able to attend and participate in all the social trips that were organised by Swinburne International.

Another benefit is the public transport – it's very accessible. I think it is one of the main factors to consider for international students."



Opening bank accounts

Prior to arriving in Australia, a bank account will be opened, ATM cards ordered and the establishment allowance deposited. This means you will have immediate access to the funds on the first business day following your arrival.

Academic and study support

You will have a dedicated International Student Adviser (ISA) with whom you may meet as often as needed to assist you to succeed in your studies. ISAs also help to arrange private tutorial support funded by AusAID.

Academic and study support is also offered through the Language and Academic Skills Unit (LAS) and teaching staff.

Swinburne's counselling service provides individual study skills assistance (including time management, examination techniques and managing stress) to improve your chances of academic and personal success.

Welfare support services

The SCO or your ISA are usually the first point of contact regarding welfare-related matters. There are also university services available free of charge to all students.

The types of specialist services on campus include:

- Budgeting and banking
- Health-related and medical services
- Housing and tenancy advice
- Student counselling services
- Student financial advice and assistance
- Disability support services
- Careers and employment advice
- Swinburne Student Amenities Association
- Swinburne Alumni
- 24 hour computer labs

Social and recreational activities

Your experience in Australia will be maximised through a variety of affordable activities and daytrips subsidised by Swinburne International. Popular tourist destinations include the Great Ocean Road, Healesville Sanctuary, Sovereign Hill, Philip Island and Koala Sanctuary.

Family support

Our excursions and activities are open to spouses and children. Information is also provided on schooling and childcare, as well as programs that spouses can participate in.

Post-orientation workshops

These workshops intend to enhance students' capacity to manage their studies, to assess whether AusAID students are adapting to their new environment, to help identify groups or individuals who are in need of further support and to promote a self-help network amongst new students.

Services and facilities

You have access to excellent facilities including well-equipped laboratories, extensive libraries, health centres and cafés.

Swinburne has a wide range of sporting teams and facilities, and our special interest clubs offer many outdoor and extracurricular activities.

Each campus has easy access to shops, banks, accommodation, restaurants, supermarkets and public transport.

All Swinburne students have free access to the 50-metre pool at Hawthorn Aquatic and Leisure Centre, situated just a few minutes walk from Hawthorn campus.



“Studying at Swinburne has given me the confidence and computer skills to research anything on any topic. Swinburne has library staff available 24/7 to help students with any research question or help in locating study materials.

Studying Accounting has opened up areas for me in many ways. I found units such as Auditing, Excel, Budgeting and Communication very interesting. I applied for my job while still studying at Swinburne and was offered the position in December before the graduation.

I hope that one day I will be given another opportunity to study – my aim is to get a Masters Degree.”



Field trips, family reunion and homeward travel arrangements

With the support of the SCO, travel arrangements will be made for homeward travel at the end of your scholarship. Those entitled to return tickets for their research or 'family reunion travel' will also be guided with their bookings.

Returning Home Program

The main aim of this program is to advise you of the preparation and considerations for the journey home, as well as re-integration into work and family life. This includes information on job-seeking techniques for graduates, graduation, freight services, alumni services and a range of other checklists. This program is compulsory for all AusAID students.

Graduation and farewell functions

It is a Swinburne tradition to host a farewell function for departing AusAID students to celebrate their academic achievement, personal journey and the valuable contributions they are expected to make to the development of their home country on return.

Depending on the date of completion, you may also have the opportunity to attend the official Swinburne International Student Graduation Ceremony, which is held in July and December each year.



“As an academic, I have been researching teaching and learning activities since 1997. Swinburne provided me with experts in my area of independent research. They also gave me access to many external contacts thanks to Swinburne’s network.

The academic atmosphere allows for open discussions with experts from a variety of backgrounds. While students must have a focus for their research, I do believe that multi-disciplinary study should be encouraged, and Swinburne has it.”

Further information

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