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Vice-Chancellor's message

At La Trobe University, we aim to create infinite possibilities for our students, staff and the community through education and research.

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to join La Trobe University, one of Australia's leading universities with an international reputation for academic excellence and innovation. Our goal is to deliver socially responsible, inclusive, relevant and radical teaching, learning and research.

To help our students achieve academic success, we provide among the best services and facilities available anywhere in Australia. You will find them described in this publication.

Academic standards at La Trobe University are high, with research and teaching programs carefully designed to provide students with an intellectually stimulating education, and to satisfy the needs of the professions, industry and the community in Australia and overseas.

La Trobe University measures its success by the quality of its graduates, and by their ability to use their knowledge, skills and leadership qualities to benefit themselves, their own countries and communities. Consistently our students demonstrate that La Trobe University qualifications are recognised internationally, and provide avenues to highly successful global careers. The La Trobe University community provides every possible opportunity to ensure that your time at the University is intellectually stimulating and personally satisfying.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Professor Paul Johnson
Vice-Chancellor and President

Professor Paul Johnson assumed the Vice-Chancellorship of La Trobe University in April 2007. He received his doctorate from Oxford University in 1982. He became Professor of Economic History and Head of the Department at the London School of Economics (LSE) in 1999 before becoming the Deputy Director in 2004. He has been expert adviser on pension reform and the economics of demographic change to the World Bank, the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, the British Government and the House of Lords.



Research at La Trobe

La Trobe University has a vibrant and diverse research community with strong academic leadership. We are internationally recognised for the quality of our research and for a research strategy that promotes innovation, specialisation and collaboration.

La Trobe University is a member of the Innovative Research Universities (IRU) Australia, an alliance committed to the promotion of collaboration in research and education which collectively attracts more than A\$340 million in funding per annum. The University also has cooperation agreements with over 80 universities around the world, many of which involve joint research activities.

All La Trobe faculties have extensive and diverse research programs, with staff and students encouraged to actively pursue their research at pre-Doctoral and post-Doctoral levels. Many of our academics have received national or international awards for their research, have extensive publication histories and make regular contributions to public debate in Australia and internationally.

Our academic staff are committed to offering world-class supervision and an *Orientation to Research* program is offered to commencing research students. A number of research scholarships are available to high achieving applicants.

Milestones in research for La Trobe University

- Recently awarded A\$123.7 million in Federal Government funding to establish the La Trobe Institute for Molecular Science in Melbourne and the La Trobe Rural Health School in Bendigo.
- Establishment of A\$230 million Biosciences Research Centre at Melbourne (Bundoora) campus, a joint initiative with the Department of Primary Industries. The Centre will advance genomic plant and animal science and focus new generation biosciences on threats such as climate change.
- A foundation member of the Australian Synchrotron. La Trobe is signatory to a A\$2.5 million five-year beamline partnership in association with a group of South Australian universities, enabling preferential access to 30 per cent of the facility's capacity.
- Awarded funding for a new A\$30 million Federal Government medical Cooperative Research Centre, in association with a number of research bodies, institutions and pharmaceutical companies.
- The Graeme Clark Centre for Bionic Ear and Neurosensory Research, named after La Trobe's Distinguished Professor Graeme Clark, the Australian pioneer of cochlear implant research. Professor Clark and his team are spearheading the development of the next generation of high-fidelity bionic ear at the Melbourne (Bundoora) campus centre.
- Establishment of a number of new research centres, including the Centre for Consumer Law Policy and the Musculoskeletal Research Centre.

La Trobe University offers a wide range of research programs at the Master's by Research, Doctorate (Doctor of Philosophy), and Professional Doctorate level. Programs of study:

Master by Research - typically of one to two years' duration. Candidates must submit a thesis (not more than 60 000 words) that makes a contribution to knowledge in an approved area.

Professional Doctorate - involves both coursework and research components. The Professional Doctorate enables students to develop their professional practice skills to a high level.

- Candidates for Professional Doctorate by Research must submit a major thesis (not more than 75 000 words) which is a substantial and original contribution to knowledge of direct relevance to the profession, in addition to completing coursework subjects.
- Candidates for Professional Doctorate by Coursework must submit a smaller thesis (not more than 50 000 words) which is either an original or substantial contribution to knowledge of direct relevance to the profession, in addition to completing coursework subjects.
- The Professional Doctorate in Education - Doctor of Education - requires candidates to complete two 15 000 word research essays and a doctoral thesis of 50 000 words.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) - a research degree normally of three to four years' duration. A thesis (not more than 100 000 words), based on original investigations, is presented to external examiners and must be considered a substantial and original contribution to knowledge and understanding in the relevant field of study.

Locating a research supervisor

La Trobe International understands it is often difficult for prospective research candidates to make contact with a potential supervisor prior to coming to Australia. We invite prospective research candidates to complete a research application even if prior supervision has not been confirmed, and we will hold the application while we determine whether supervision is available.

Once supervision is confirmed your application will be given priority in processing. Please contact ltiresearch@latrobe.edu.au

La Trobe research centres and institutes

National and international research centres and institutes

- ARC Centre of Excellence in Coherent X-ray Science (CXS)
- ARC Centre of Excellence for Mathematics and Statistics of Complex Systems
- Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute
- Murray Darling Freshwater Research Centre
- Victorian Centre for Advanced Materials Manufacturing

Cooperative Research Centres (CRCs)

- AutoCRC
- Bushfire Cooperative Research Centre
- Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health
- Cooperative Research Centre for Biomarker Translation
- Cooperative Research Centre for National Plant Biosecurity
- Cooperative Research Centre for Sustainable Tourism
- eWater Cooperative Research Centre

University-based research centres and institutes

La Trobe University supports several research centres and institutes to provide a focal point for research strengths and to establish links to external users of that research.

- A.D. Trendall Research Centre
- Biosciences Research Centre
- Institute for Human Security
- Institute for Social and Environmental Sustainability
- Institute for Social Participation
- La Trobe Institute for Molecular Science
- Michael J. Osborne Institute for Advanced Study
- Centre for Dialogue
- Research Centre for Linguistic Typology
- Innovative Universities European Union Centre

See the following pages of this guide for information on faculty-based research centres and institutes.

Key to course tables

The following key applies to the course tables in the following pages.

Campus

The location of the course.

B	Melbourne (Bundoora) campus
BE	Bendigo campus
A-W	Albury-Wodonga campus
C	Melbourne (City) campus
MIL	Mildura campus
SHEP	Shepparton campus

Semester starts

- 1 = Semester 1 (1 March)
- 2 = Semester 2 (26 July)

To view the Academic Calendar please go to:

latrobe.edu.au/international/calendar

English language requirements

See page 15 of this brochure for information. For details on other accepted, standard English language requirements, please see:

latrobe.edu.au/international/apply/how-to/english

Notes

- Where disciplines appear in italics after the degree title they represent the specialisation/majors available within the degree. Where disciplines appear in the same font as the degree title (not in italics) the discipline/s form part of the degree title - this is what will appear on your graduation certificate or testamur.
- Research areas may vary depending on the campus of study.

“My research thesis is exploring the mythological events of the Classic Maya Era Day that are said to have occurred in the year 3114 B.C.E. The reward for this type of work is more work! You can’t think about doing anything else.”



Carl Callaway – United States of America
PhD Candidate in Archaeology



Humanities, Social Sciences and Communications

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences houses several clusters of innovative research and expertise, which is reflected in our reputation for research excellence in a wide-ranging number of disciplines.

La Trobe University has a significant number of specialised research centres and institutes. Our academics work closely with a number of research centres, some of which are based within the Faculty. Research activities also include national and international collaborations with other universities, research centres, governments and industry.

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences has an active and supportive research culture, which includes staff and postgraduate seminars as well as some funding to support research and travel needs. Postgraduates may apply for financial support for field trips, conferences and overseas research-related activities. Many postgraduate students have published their work and have gone on to establish their own academic careers, both in Australia and overseas.

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COURSE	COURSE DURATION	2010 ANNUAL TUITION FEE (A\$)	CAMPUS	SEMESTER STARTS	ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS (IELTS) OR APPROVED EQUIVALENT	INDICATIVE RESEARCH AREAS
Master of Arts <i>(Humanities and Social Sciences)</i>	2 years	18 690	B, BE, A-W, MIL, SHEP	Anytime	6.5	<p>Albury-Wodonga campus: English; history; politics; social sciences; sociology.</p> <p>Bendigo campus: International development; history; English; politics; regional sociology; religious studies; sociology; visual arts; women's studies.</p> <p>Melbourne (Bundoora) campus: Aboriginal studies; anthropology; archaeology; art history; Asian studies; Australian studies; Chinese; cinema studies; creative arts; English; European studies; gender, sexuality and diversity studies; Greek studies; history; Indonesian; international development; international relations; Italian; journalism; Japanese; linguistics; media studies; peace studies; philosophy; politics; religion and spirituality studies; sociology; Spanish; theatre and drama.</p> <p>Mildura and Shepparton campuses: Research areas that are offered will be based on availability of supervisors.</p>
Master of Visual Arts	2 years	18 690	BE, MIL	Anytime	6.5	<p>Specific discipline offerings within Visual Arts and Design include ceramics, painting/drawing, graphic design, multimedia, painting, photography, photojournalism and printmaking.</p>
Doctor of Philosophy <i>(Humanities and Social Sciences)</i>	4 years	18 690	B, BE, A-W, MIL, SHEP	Anytime	6.5	<p>Albury-Wodonga campus: English; history; politics; social sciences; sociology.</p> <p>Bendigo campus: International development; history; literature; politics; regional sociology; religious studies; sociology; visual arts; women's studies.</p> <p>Melbourne (Bundoora) campus: Aboriginal studies; anthropology; archaeology; art history; Asian studies; Australian studies; Chinese; cinema studies; creative arts; English; European studies; gender, sexuality and diversity studies; Greek studies; history; Indonesian; international development; international relations; Italian; journalism; Japanese; linguistics; media studies; peace studies; philosophy; politics; religion and spirituality studies; sociology; Spanish; theatre and drama.</p> <p>Mildura and Shepparton campuses: Research areas that are offered will be based on availability of supervisors.</p>

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Business, Law and Management

The Faculty of Law and Management has a sound track record in research, fostering significant research activities and industry links across numerous fields. In a 2006 survey, conducted by the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, La Trobe ranked third in Victoria within the disciplines of business and economics.

Research students may undertake research within any of the Schools of the Faculty (School of Accounting, School of Economics and Finance, School of Law, School of Management, Graduate School of Management and Regional School of Business).

All research students are eligible to apply for roles such as tutors or research assistants, for up to 20 hours of work per week.

Research centres

- Business Systems and Knowledge Modelling Lab
- Centre for Sustainable Regional Communities, Bendigo
- Public Sector Governance and Accountability Research Centre (PSGARC)
- Research Centre for Computers, Communication and Social Innovation (RECCS)

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Master of Arts (<i>Law and Management</i>)	2 years	19 400	B, BE	Anytime	6.5	Any discipline within the Faculty of Law and Management.
Master of Business	2 years	19 400	B, BE, A-W	Anytime	6.5	Human resource management; management; management information systems; marketing; organisational behaviour; sport and leisure management; and tourism.
Master of Commerce	2 years	19 400	B, BE	Anytime	6.5	Corporate reporting; governance and accounting policy; public sector accounting; asset pricing and financial markets; corporate finance; and accounting.
Master of Economics	2 years	19 400	B, BE	Anytime	6.5	Macroeconomic policy; economic growth; monetary policy; labour market policy; globalisation and economic development; financial economics; asset pricing and financial markets; corporate finance and governance.
Master of Laws	2 years	19 400	B	Anytime	6.5	Asian Law; corporate governance; labour law and commercial law.
Doctor of Juridical Science	4 years	19 400	B	Anytime	6.5	Law
Doctor of Philosophy (<i>Law and Management</i>)	4 years	19 400	B, BE	Anytime	6.5	Business: corporate social responsibility; management and organisational behaviour; marketing and policy; organisational change; performance management; sustainable regional communities; macroeconomic policy; globalisation and economic development; employment relations; financial economics; industrial organisation and business strategy; adventure tourism; environmental tourism; tourism and destination branding; media and tourism; tourism and hospitality; business and managerial psychology; and innovation and knowledge. Law: access to justice; legal services and the legal profession; constitutional and administrative law; corporations law; securities regulation and corporate governance; commercial law; banking law and income taxation; labour law; utilities regulation; disability law; health and medical law; international, comparative, and Asian law; Indigenous law; refugee law; mediation; negotiation; and complaints handling and systems design.

Please see p.3 for a key on campus and semester starts, and further information on fees and courses.

IT and Engineering

Information Technology and Engineering have a long standing history of successful partnering with industry as well as research institutes and centres, and a wide variety of research interests.

Information Technology and Engineering are strong emerging research fields within the University, and are successfully partnered with research centres and institutes as well as the Central Victorian Innovation Park. We pride ourselves on our strong associations with industry partners, thus producing industry-ready graduates. Computing and electronic engineering also have strong links with the La Trobe University Research and Development Park, and in particular, the Centre for Technology Infusion, home to Australia's first campus-based Microsoft Centre.

Key features of research study options within computing and engineering include a broad range of topics in computing, electronic engineering and civil engineering, at the leading edges of research; the development of the critical analysis and writing skills central to the research process; and the opportunity to join a significant group of alumni working internationally in their fields.

Research institutes and centres in which we participate

- Biosciences Research Centre
- La Trobe Institute for Molecular Science
- Centre for Technology Infusion
- Centre for Materials and Surface Science
- ARC Centre of Excellence for Mathematics and Statistics of Complex Systems
- Cooperative Research Centre for Advanced Automotive Technology

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Master of Applied Science (<i>Science, Computing and Engineering</i>)	2 years	21 170	BE	Anytime	6.5	Applications of artificial intelligence; gender issues in IT; perceptions and social issues in computing and information; teaching and learning threshold concepts in IT; development of information systems; job skills in IT; music information retrieval; ERP systems; acoustics; agricultural instrumentation; and materials characterisation using electronic microscopy techniques.
Master of Engineering	2 years	21 170	B, BE	Anytime	6.5	Melbourne (Bundoora) campus: Biomedical engineering; communications systems; control systems; digital signal processing; microelectronics, photonics; telecommunications; and semiconductor materials and devices. Bendigo campus: Concrete structures; cartography; environmental engineering; environmental geomorphology; environmental impact assessment; extractive metallurgy of gold; finite elements; geomechanics; hydrology and water resources; numerical methods in structural engineering; transition metal metallurgy; properties and processing of materials; and transportation engineering.
Master of Science (<i>IT and Engineering</i>)	2 years	21 170	B, BE	Anytime	6.5	Computer science and computer engineering; electronics; physics; and statistical science.
Doctor of Philosophy	4 years	21 170	B, BE	Anytime	6.5	Computer systems engineering; concrete structures; biomedical engineering; environmental engineering; electronic engineering; geomechanics; hydrology and water resources; finite element and numerical methods in structural engineering; optical engineering; properties and processing of materials; and telecommunication engineering.
Doctor of Philosophy	4 years	21 170	B, BE	Anytime	6.5	Civil engineering; computer science and computer engineering; electronic engineering; information systems; and physics.

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Education

The Faculty of Education is recognised as a leader in the education of teachers and other educational professionals in Australia. As an active community of learners, we are dedicated to teaching and scholarship that encourages the development and application of knowledge and ideas through research, teaching and outreach activities.

Research students within the Faculty can experience diverse programs, expert supervision and scholarship, and a friendly, supportive environment while being confident of a widely-recognised track record of success.

Research clusters include: Adult learning; applied linguistics and TESOL; cross-cultural communication; educational leadership and management; e-learning pedagogies; ICTs; experiential and holistic education; innovative curriculum and effective classrooms; mathematics and science education; outdoor and environmental education; vocational education and training.

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“My research is on the use of ICT (such as podcasts and Skype) in teaching English as a foreign language (TEFL) particularly in the areas of teaching interactive listening comprehension at a university level and identifying the listening strategies which students adopt when they communicate to native English speakers. My supervisor is always willing to help, and provides me with guidance, and the students I study with make my time here enjoyable. After completing my research degree, I hope to return to Thailand to develop ICT-based modules for teaching English at my university.”



Penkhae Wongsuriya - Thailand
PhD Candidate

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Master of Applied Linguistics	2 years	19 840	B	Anytime	6.5	Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL); LOTE teaching; intercultural communication; literacy education; and second language acquisition.
Master of Arts in Education	2 years	19 840	B, A-W	Anytime	6.5	Adult education; applied linguistics; health and human services education; and intercultural communication.
Master of Education	2 years	19 840	B, BE, A-W	Anytime	6.5	Teacher education; applied linguistics; TESOL; educational leadership and management; intercultural studies; science and mathematics education; special education; student welfare and guidance; and outdoor and environmental vocational education and training.
Master of Outdoor Education and Environment	2 years	19 840	BE	Semester 1 (March)	6.5	Understanding and shaping human experience of region and place; outdoor environmental education; and professional issues in outdoor education and nature guiding.
Doctor of Education (Professional Doctorate)	4 years	19 840	B, A-W	Semester 1 and 2 (March and July)	6.5	Adult learning; applied linguistics; cross-cultural communication; innovative curriculum and effective classrooms; e-learning pedagogies; leadership and management; international education and globalisation; science and mathematics education; policy research and evaluation; psychology and educational practice; student advocacy and well-being; and holistic education.
Doctor of Philosophy (Education)	4 years	19 840	B, BE, A-W	Anytime	6.5	Adult learning; applied linguistics; cross-cultural communication; innovative curriculum and effective classrooms; e-learning pedagogies; leadership and management; international education and globalisation; science and mathematics education; policy research and evaluation; psychology and educational practice; student advocacy and well-being; and holistic education.
Doctor of Philosophy (Outdoor Education and Environment)	4 years	19 840	BE	Anytime	6.5	Understanding and shaping human experience of region and place; outdoor environmental education; and professional issues in outdoor education and nature guiding.

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Health Sciences and Social Work

The Faculty of Health Sciences at La Trobe University is a strong national and international performer in important applied research in the health sciences and offers a vibrant and diverse research environment.

The Faculty's research is concerned with making a difference—in lived health experiences and in the social and structural factors that affect decision-making across all levels in Australia, the Asia-Pacific, and the world.

The Faculty hosts expert multi-disciplinary research teams that address major public health issues, such as perinatal and child outcomes, reproduction, cross-cultural issues and sexual health. La Trobe University is a leader in allied health research affecting athletes and people with disabilities. There is a state-of-the-art movement analysis laboratory (the largest of its type in the southern hemisphere), which incorporates 3D motion analysis, muscle function assessment (electromyography) and balance assessment technology. Our work is strongly characterised by active engagement with end users, including community organisations, health services providers and government organisations.

Research into issues related to counselling, psychotherapy and social work is conducted across the Faculty, but concentrated mainly within the Division of Allied Health – through the Bouverie Centre, a state-wide integrated clinical, academic and consultation agency specialising in family approaches in mental health service provision, and through the School of Social Work and Social Policy.

Research institutes and centres

- Australian Centre for Evidence-based Aged Care
- Australian Institute for Primary Care
- Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society
- The Bouverie Centre
- Centre for Ergonomics and Human Factors
- Mother and Child Health Research Centre
- Musculoskeletal Research Centre
- Palliative Care Unit

For more information on the Faculty of Health Science's research priorities and activities, please visit

🌐 latrobe.edu.au/health/research



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Master of Applied Science	2 years	22 680	B, BE, C, A-W	Semester 1 and 2 (March and July)	6.5	Health system reform and delivery; mother and child health; sex, health and society; human communication sciences; musculoskeletal research; nursing and midwifery; rehabilitation and injury prevention physiotherapy; occupational therapy; orthoptics; podiatry; prosthetics and orthotics.
Master of Arts (Health Sciences)	2 years	18 140	B	Semester 1 and 2 (March and July)	6.5	Education; Deaf studies and language studies.
Master of Nursing	2 years	23 360	B, BE	Semester 1 and 2 (March and July)	6.5	Ageing cancer and palliative care nursing; community nursing; mental health nursing; and midwifery.
Master of Social Work	2 years	22 680	B, BE	Semester 1 (March)	6.5	Social work practice; social policy; intellectual disability; ageing; child and family welfare; health; and mental health.
Doctor of Clinical Science (Counselling and Psychotherapy) (Professional Doctorate)	4 years	22 890	B, C	Semester 1 (March)	6.5	Counselling and psychotherapy process and outcomes; clinical supervision process and outcomes; counselling and psychotherapy workforce; policy and service delivery; mental health; relational violence; positive psychology; spirituality and health; quantitative and qualitative research methods; conflict management; decision-making principles and processes in family law; child-focused and child inclusive dispute management processes; policy responses to family transition.
Doctor of Counselling Psychology	3.5 years	23 850	B	Semester 1 (March)	6.5	Counselling Psychology
Doctor of Nursing (Professional Doctorate)	4 years	22 040	B	Semester 1 (March)	6.5	Ageing cancer and palliative care nursing; community nursing; mental health nursing; and midwifery.
Doctor of Philosophy (Health Sciences)	4 years	22 890	B, BE, A-W	Anytime	6.5	Health system reform and delivery; mother and child health; sex, health and society; human communication sciences; musculoskeletal research; nursing and midwifery; physiotherapy; occupational therapy; orthoptics; podiatry; prosthetics and orthotics; and rehabilitation and injury prevention.
Doctor of Physiotherapy (Professional Doctorate)	4 years	22 890	B	Semester 1 and 2 (March and July)	6.5	Disabilities; healthy ageing; falls prevention; stroke rehabilitation; gait analysis in neurological and orthopaedic conditions; cardiorespiratory physiotherapy; pulmonary rehabilitation; anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction; knee replacement surgery; treatment of cervicogenic headache and whiplash; shoulder electromyography; fracture rehabilitation; rehabilitation for lower back pain; outcomes measurement in physiotherapy; bio-psychosocial approach to pain; and clinical education.
Doctor of Public Health (Professional Doctorate)	4 years	22 890	B, C	Semester 1 and 2 (March and July)	6.5	For information on research areas please refer to: latrobe.edu.au/publichealth/Research/research_home
Doctor of Social Work (Professional Doctorate)	4 years	22 890	B, A-W	Semester 1 and 2 (March and July)	6.5	Social work practice; social policy; intellectual disability; ageing; child and family welfare; health and mental health.

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Sciences and Psychology

The Faculty of Science, Technology and Engineering has a proud history of successful partnering with business and specialist research centres, achieving valuable research and consultancy outcomes, and producing industry-ready graduates.

Areas of research in which the Faculty makes a strong contribution include:

- Molecular Science
- Agribioscience and the Environment
- Human Behaviour and Thought

Research centres and institutes in which we participate

- Biosciences Research Centre
- La Trobe Institute for Molecular Science
- Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre
- Graeme Clark Centre for Bionic Ear and Neurosensory Research
- The Murray Darling Freshwater Research Centre
- ARC Centre of Excellence for Coherent X-Ray Science
- Centre for Materials and Surface Science

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Master of Agricultural Science	2 years	21 170	B	Anytime	6.5	Nutrition; microbiology/biochemistry; parasitology; crop and pasture nutrition; soil science; and viticultural science. For further information about agricultural science research interests see: latrobe.edu.au/agriculture
Master of Applied Science (Physical Science) (Science, Technology and Engineering)	2 years	21 170	B, BE	Anytime	6.5	Biochemistry; chemistry; Earth sciences; environmental science; mathematics; microbiology; physics; physiology; tumour biology; pharmacology; and zoology.
Master of Science	2 years	21 170	B, BE	Anytime	6.5	Melbourne (Bundoora) campus: Biochemistry; botany; chemistry; environmental management and ecology; environmental science; genetics; mathematics; microbiology; physics; psychology; statistical science; and zoology. Bendigo campus: Geoconservation assessment; geomorphology and environmental management; mountain and coastal geomorphology of Victoria; geoconservation assessment of proposed development sites (coalmine extension, wind farms); approximation theory/numerical analysis; combinatorics and graph theory; foundations of geometry and space-time; applied statistics; and spatial modelling analysis.
Doctor of Clinical Neuropsychology (Professional Doctorate)	3.5 years	21 170	B	Semester 1 (March)	6.5	Clinical neuropsychology.
Doctor of Clinical Psychology (Professional Doctorate)	3.5 years	21 170	B	Semester 1 (March)	6.5	Clinical psychology.
Doctor of Philosophy	4 years	21 170	B, BE, A-W	Anytime	6.5	Agricultural science; behavioural science; chemistry; environmental management and ecology; genetics; mathematics; microbiology; statistical science; and zoology. Melbourne (Bundoora) campus: botany, computer science and statistical science. Bendigo campus: pharmacy and physiology. Albury-Wodonga campus: biochemistry and environmental science

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Our locations

La Trobe University delivers courses to international students at three main campuses across Victoria – in the cities of Melbourne, Bendigo and Albury-Wodonga, and also at Mildura and Shepparton.

Melbourne

Melbourne has something for everyone. Regarded as the cultural capital of Australia, Melbourne was voted the world's most livable city for three years (London-based Economist Intelligence Unit 2002-2004). Travelling in and around Melbourne is easy with the public transport network including buses, trams and trains.

Melbourne is renowned for its leading contribution to the arts. The city hosts various international film, arts and comedy festivals, as well as regular music performances, art exhibitions, opera, theatre programs and community festivals. The city holds major international sporting events including the Australian Tennis Championship Open, the Melbourne Cup, and Formula One Grand Prix. Melbourne is also the home of Australian Rules Football and the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

With a population of approximately 3.7 million people, originating from 153 different countries, Melbourne is famous for its multiculturalism. This is displayed in the diversity of the food and multicultural events in the city. Areas in Melbourne specialise in food and goods from different parts of the world, including China, India, Italy, the Middle East and Vietnam.

- 📍 visitmelbourne.com
- 📍 studymelbourne.vic.gov.au

Bendigo

Beautifully-restored Victorian buildings line the wide streets of Bendigo, the site of one of Australia's most exciting gold rushes in 1851. Located in the geographic centre of Victoria, Bendigo is surrounded by a mixture of agricultural enterprises including wineries, orchards, grazing and cropping properties. Today, there are new discoveries to be made in the thriving regional city: arts, culture, sports, food, wine and heritage attractions. All major forms of transport services – rail, road and air – link Bendigo directly to Melbourne and other major regions of Victoria.

- 📍 bendigotourism.com



Albury-Wodonga

La Trobe University's Albury-Wodonga campus is located in Victoria in the city of Wodonga, with the city of Albury just across the Murray River in the state of New South Wales. Together, Albury and Wodonga make up the largest rural regional centre in Australia with a combined population of approximately 105 000. Albury-Wodonga has a central shopping district, art galleries, theatres and a variety of restaurants, cafes and clubs, as well as sporting and leisure facilities. The spectacular environment also provides opportunities for canoeing in the Murray River, skiing and snow boarding in nearby ski resorts, and hiking in national parks. The two cities of Albury and Wodonga can be reached from Melbourne and Sydney by car, rail and air.

- 📍 alburywodongaaustralia.com.au

Enjoy the Melbourne lifestyle near campus!

Melbourne offers an array of shopping areas, cafes and restaurants. Preston, Northcote, Brunswick, Carlton and Fitzroy are popular precincts located between the Melbourne (Bundoora) campus and the city centre, and allow easy access to both La Trobe University and the city by bus or tram. Each precinct or suburb has its own restaurant and café culture, galleries, nightlife and unique shops and boutiques of local and Australian designers.

The Preston Market is popular with students for grocery shopping - affordable fresh fruit, vegetables, fish, meat and bread are available. There are also two major shopping centres near the Melbourne (Bundoora) campus: Northland and Greensborough.

Opposite the University is Bundoora Park, a 180 hectare (444 acres) nature park surrounding Mount Cooper, the highest point in metropolitan Melbourne. The park includes a golf course, free barbecues, children's playgrounds, native wetlands and woodland areas, a museum and a fauna park.



Our campuses

All our campuses offer strong campus communities and excellent accommodation choices.

Melbourne (Bundoora) campus

Distance to Melbourne (city): 14km (8.7 miles)

Melbourne (Bundoora) campus student population: more than 17 000

La Trobe's largest campus and one of the most attractive university campuses in Australia, the Melbourne (Bundoora) campus covers 232 hectares (573 acres) of stunning parkland with its own waterways and a wildlife sanctuary.

The Melbourne (Bundoora) campus is a complete community with on-campus accommodation and a full range of services including a bookshop, hairdresser, travel agent, jewelry store, printing services, weekly market, optometrist, banks, bakery, post office, theatre, cinema, convenience store and child care facilities. Restaurants and cafes on campus provide a range of food including modern Australian, European, Chinese, Japanese, Indian, vegetarian and halal.

The on-campus learning facilities are excellent, with up-to-date lecture theatres, wireless internet facilities, an impressive library, research laboratories and the La Trobe University Research and Development Park and Microsoft Centre.

Travel between central Melbourne and the campus is easy and takes about 20-30 minutes by bus or car or 50 minutes by tram.

Bendigo campus

Distance to Melbourne (city): 150km (93 miles)

Bendigo campus student population: 3 900

The Bendigo campus is the University's second largest campus. It is situated on 33 hectares of attractive bushland, three kilometres from the Bendigo city centre and a 1.5 to 2 hour drive from Melbourne.

The Bendigo campus is a great place to meet people and establish new friendships. The size of the campus makes it easy to find your way around, get to know people and feel part of the university community.

Staff and students at the Bendigo campus have access to a full range of services and facilities. Buses run between the University, city, train station and other locations on a regular basis.



Albury-Wodonga campus

Distance to Melbourne (city): 300km (186 miles)

Distance to Canberra: 350km (218 miles)

Distance to Sydney: 560km (348 miles)

Albury-Wodonga campus student population: 900

La Trobe University's Albury-Wodonga campus is a major regional campus. Many students attending the campus find that its smaller size and close-knit community provide opportunities to develop lasting friendships with other students. It also offers international students more personalised attention and a safe, supportive environment for developing English language proficiency and for academic study.

The Albury-Wodonga campus offers a Student Association Building with a games area, cafe and gym. New sports grounds and an Environmental Science complex were recently completed.

Learning facilities at the Albury-Wodonga campus are modern and offer state-of-the-art lecture theatres, sophisticated practice laboratories in the Health Sciences building and well-equipped computer facilities and wireless access. The Learning Innovation and Resource Nexus space (LIRNspace) provides a range of software and online learning materials. The campus is serviced by a local bus to the city centre on weekdays.

Accommodation

There is a wide variety of on-campus, off-campus accommodation and temporary accommodation available to suit your particular needs, including single room accommodation, board in exchange, full board, share accommodation and private rental.

For further information about on-campus, off-campus and temporary accommodation please visit:

👉 latrobe.edu.au/accommodation

Airport reception

At La Trobe University, we can arrange for you to be picked up from the airport or railway station.

For more information on airport pick up please visit:

👉 latrobe.edu.au/international/predeparture/leaving

Average temperatures for all campuses

Average summer temperature: 15°C - 27°C (59°F - 80°F)

Average winter temperature: 9°C - 15°C (48°F - 59°F)

Services and facilities

International student support services

La Trobe University provides many specialised support services to help students adjust to living in Australia. We understand the difficulties international students might face in adjusting to a new culture and landscape, making new friends and studying successfully, all at the same time. Our staff will ensure that you don't have to cope with this all on your own. Services provided include:

- Assistance with visa, health insurance and temporary accommodation arrangements and pre-departure information
- A free airport or railway reception service
- A Welcome Festival Orientation program and an Arrival Guide
- Advice and support on personal, financial or cultural issues, transition to life in Australia and study at La Trobe University
- Specialised information for sponsored students and students with families
- Social activities and programs varying from campus to campus e.g. day trips, a Weekend Homestay and a language and cultural exchange program (LACE program)
- At the end of each semester, international students who are completing their studies are invited to attend the READY, SET, GO! Workshops. These workshops are split into two streams: the Staying in Australia stream and the Returning Home stream.

📍 latrobe.edu.au/international/life/supportservices

Religious facilities

Chaplaincy

All campuses provide chaplains. Representing the Christian denominations, the chaplains offer support and nurturing to all visitors to the Chaplaincy and can assist people with understanding and exploring their faith. The La Trobe Chaplaincy can help students to contact and join local churches and meetings, clubs and groups on-campus. The Chaplaincy can also refer students to people of their own religious faith or give information on where to worship.

Muslim prayer facilities

All campuses provide Muslim prayer facilities. The Melbourne (Bundoora) campus has separate prayer rooms, ablution facilities for men and women and congregational prayers conducted on Friday lunchtimes. Regular prayer meetings are conducted in the Bendigo campus prayer room and a room for prayer is available on request at the Albury-Wodonga campus. Information packs for newly-arrived Muslim students are available from La Trobe International.

Child care

Child care facilities providing both full-time and sessional care are available.

- Melbourne (Bundoora):
📍 latrobe.edu.au/child
- Bendigo: Books and Blocks Childcare (private-run facility)
📍 booksandblockschildcare.com.au
- Albury-Wodonga:
📍 latrobe.edu.au/aw/facilities

Medical services

First aid for minor medical procedures is available on all campuses and there are medical centres on or within easy reach of La Trobe's main campuses.

Counselling

La Trobe University recognises that personal, interpersonal and environmental factors affect learning. Counselling provides students with a safe place to explore and address their problems. Common study-related issues include loss of motivation, examination anxiety and concerns about class presentations. Personal, family or relationship issues may also affect learning. The counselling service is free, by appointment, and confidential.

📍 latrobe.edu.au/counselling

Equality and Diversity Centre

The principal role of the La Trobe Equality and Diversity Centre (EDC) is to promote full and equal participation for all students and staff of La Trobe University and to foster an environment free of discrimination and harassment. Support can be provided to students who have a disability, mental health issue or a medical condition. Services can also be provided for Deaf students and students with a hearing impairment. The range of services provided varies according to the needs of each student following evaluation with the Disability Liaison Officer on your campus.

📍 latrobe.edu.au/equality

Study support

Sponsored student support

La Trobe University currently supports over 450 sponsored students from around 90 sponsoring bodies.

The University offers excellent facilities and services to all its international students. It also provides the following services to registered sponsored students and their sponsors:

- A designated team to liaise between sponsor, student and the University
- Assistance to students to fulfil the requirements of their sponsorship agreements
- One-on-one advice to students on academic, budgeting and personal issues
- Regular contact with students and Faculty staff to monitor academic progress
- Academic results and progress reports as requested by sponsors
- Third-party billing for registered sponsors
- Coordination of sponsor visits to La Trobe University campuses
- Communication services for students for sponsorship related matters, including use of the office fax, telephone and express mail.

For enquiries or information on sponsored students or how to become a registered sponsor, please email: sponsoredprograms@latrobe.edu.au

Library facilities

The University Library is the gateway to scholarly information for all staff and students at La Trobe. It is a central meeting place for students and a busy hub of campus life. The Library operates as one service across all campuses, housing a collection of more than 2 million books, journals, international newspapers and audiovisual resources. More than the same amount of information is provided through electronic databases, e-books and other online resources.

Campus libraries provide a wide range of services including computer workstations, wireless internet access, student training sessions on research and information skills, and friendly professional librarians to help find the best resources.

The Borchardt Library at the Melbourne (Bundoora) campus houses collections in one of the largest buildings, covering three levels and providing more than 300 computer workstations as well as printing, copying and group or quiet study areas.

The Heyward Library at the Bendigo campus and the David Mann Library at the Albury-Wodonga campus each house extensive collections of materials relating to courses at the campus and offer access to electronic and print resources of the La Trobe University Library network. Facilities and services include printing, copying, study areas, inter-library loans and a document delivery service. Library services can also be accessed at the Mildura, Shepparton and Melbourne (City) campuses.

latrobe.edu.au/library

The Library has created new web pages to help international students settle into their studies at La Trobe and learn how to use the Library effectively.

The pages include useful links to key Library services and resources for students who are studying on-campus, off-campus and off-shore.

lib.latrobe.edu.au/international

IT services and resources

La Trobe University has computer services to support teaching and research activities, including on-campus networking facilities for electronic communication. Facilities are kept up to date and many forms of training and support are provided to make the most of the service. Once you have enrolled at La Trobe, you will be provided with a free email account for the duration of your enrolment.

Students have free access to computer-based training in IT skills through a globally-recognised competency standard endorsed by the Australian Computer Society.

At La Trobe University, many lectures are captured into audio or audio/video streams so they can be reviewed by students in their own time.

latrobe.edu.au/ict

Academic language and learning support

All La Trobe University campuses work with international students to develop their English language skills and their understanding of academic conventions through individual consultations, small group workshops and online resources. English language elective subjects are a unique opportunity for international students to receive credit while developing their academic language skills.

For more information about these subjects and to find out how you can get academic language and learning support go to:

latrobe.edu.au/learning

Academic expectations and learning styles

Learning styles and study methods in Australia can be different to what students are used to, for example, the number of contact hours, the student and teacher relationship or the methods of assessment. To find out more about what to expect from the Australian study experience visit:

latrobe.edu.au/international/life/supportservices/learning

latrobe.edu.au/learning

For information about assessment, modes of delivery, contact hours, credit points, and academic standards and conduct, please refer to the online handbook:

latrobe.edu.au/handbook

Admission requirements

Academic entry requirements

Master by Research

Applicants must have completed an Australian Bachelor's degree with Honours at H1 or H2A level, or approved international equivalent. Applicants with Honours at H2B level, or equivalent, may be considered in some instances.

Professional Doctorate

Applicants must have completed an Australian Master's degree or Bachelor's degree with Honours at H1 or H2A level, or approved international equivalent, plus at least three years of relevant professional experience. Applicants are also required to provide evidence of research expertise of a substantial nature.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Applicants must have completed an Australian Master's degree or Bachelor's degree with Honours at H1 or H2A level, or approved international equivalent. Applicants are also required to provide evidence of prior research expertise of a substantial nature.

English language requirements

International students applying for postgraduate programs must provide evidence of their English language proficiency. The IELTS requirements listed in the course tables are a guide only. Other tests and courses are also accepted by La Trobe University.

The table below outlines the standard English language requirements. Some courses may require a higher level of English proficiency, please refer to individual course descriptions at:

latrobe.edu.au/coursefinder

Scholarships

There are a number of scholarships available to international students undertaking research at La Trobe University including the La Trobe University Postgraduate Research Scholarships (LTUPRS), the La Trobe University Fee Remission Research Scholarship (LTUFRRS) and a limited number of Endeavour International Postgraduate Research Scholarships (EIPRS).

Further information is available at the following website:

latrobe.edu.au/international/fees/scholarships

Please note that if you are applying for any of these scholarships your application must be received by 30 September each year to undertake study in the following year. LTUPRS, LTUFRRS and EIPRS recipients must be ready to commence no later than 30 June in the year following their application, otherwise the scholarship may be withdrawn.

Because of the high level of competition for the LTUPRS, LTUFRRS and EIPRS, La Trobe recommends students investigate the possibility of scholarships from other sources such as AusAID or other sponsoring bodies in their home country.

ausaid.gov.au

Standard English Language Requirements

IELTS Academic	Minimum score of 6.5 with no individual band score less than 6.0
TOEFL* Computer Based	Minimum score of 233 (minimum score of 5 in essay writing)
TOEFL* Paper Based	Minimum score of 575 (minimum score of 5 in the Test of Written English)
TOEFL* Internet-based	Minimum score of 88 with no individual score less than 22
La Trobe University International College (CRICOS Provider 00070G)	Completion of English for Further Studies Advanced Stage 5B Certificate at postgraduate (EFS5 (70%) PG1) level
English as the Language of Instruction	English as the language of instruction in secondary and/or tertiary studies may be accepted

* If you are having your TOEFL results sent directly to La Trobe University, please note that our TOEFL institution code is 9785.

Please note You must have satisfied any of the above requirements within the two years before enrolling at La Trobe.

Fees and costs

Tuition fees

Annual tuition fees vary from course to course and are listed in the Table of Courses. All tuition fees are shown in Australian dollars and are for students commencing in the 2010 academic year only. Tuition fees do not include the cost of text books, health insurance or living expenses such as food, accommodation, transport and medical costs.

Please note The University reserves the right to vary fees on an annual basis. Fees will not normally rise above 7 per cent, per annum. Should the University decide to increase its fees, that increase will take effect on 1 January of the following year.

Tuition fee refund policy

Under the University's Refund Policy, La Trobe University may refund tuition fees (in whole or in part) where:

- The University can no longer provide the course being offered;
- The University ceases to provide the course after it starts but before it is completed;
- The Australian Government refuses to grant a student an initial student visa before the commencement of his or her course;
- The University withdraws an offer of a place;
- A student withdraws from his or her course prior to commencement or completion (the amount of refund, if any, will depend on when the withdrawal occurs in relation to the start of the course). If a student gives a minimum of twenty working days written notice prior to the commencement date of the course, 90 per cent of tuition fees will be refunded. If a student gives written notice after the census date for each subject they are enrolled in, no fees will be refunded. If a commencing student gives less than twenty working days written notice prior to the commencement date of the course, but gives notice on or prior to the census date of each subject, 50 per cent of tuition fees will be refunded.
- A student who received a packaged offer returns home after completing the pre-University course or transfers to another institution or simply fails to enrol in the degree course; or
- There are exceptional circumstances that compel a student to withdraw from a course after the commencement date, such as illness or disability, death of a close family member, political or civil unrest or natural disaster in the student's home country.

Please note there are also conditions for deferment, suspension and cancellation of enrolment. Visit: latrobe.edu.au/policy. Also, the above is a summary only – for further information you should refer to the University's Refund Policy, which can be viewed online at: latrobe.edu.au/international/fees/tuition

Additional and Health care costs

Some courses may incur additional costs such as laboratory coats, field trips, art materials etc. These are listed in the individual course descriptions in the handbook latrobe.edu.au/handbook

Please refer to latrobe.edu.au/international/living/healthcare for overseas health care costs.

Cross-institutional enrolment fees

Students who wish to study a subject at another Australian university to count towards their La Trobe degree should note that the tuition fee for this subject (unit) will be paid to the other institution and may be different to the tuition fee payable at La Trobe.

How to apply

Apply Online

Please submit your application online only if you have made prior contact with a potential supervisor, and have received confirmation that supervision is available.

To apply online, please visit:

latrobe.edu.au/international/apply/how-to/research

Through our Student Portal you can now submit your application, follow its progress, receive and accept your offer and request accommodation and airport pickup services. Applicants can also use the Student Portal to gain information about agents in their country of residence, and access a calendar of upcoming student information events in Australia and around the world.

If you are currently undertaking a research program at your home institution and would like to undertake some of your research at La Trobe University, you may apply as a Study Abroad student for either one or two semesters. For more information please visit:

latrobe.edu.au/international/edabroad/studyabroad

Please follow the steps below to apply for a Master by Research, Professional Doctorate or Doctor of Philosophy.

1. Select a research area and program that interests you

The course tables in this brochure list the available programs and sample research areas. For further information on La Trobe's research strengths, please refer to individual faculty websites, and in particular, School or Department websites:

latrobe.edu.au/faculties

2. Check the minimum academic entry requirements

The minimum entry requirements are listed on the previous page and at latrobe.edu.au/international/apply

3. Check that you meet the English language proficiency requirements

The standard English language requirements are listed on the previous page. Some courses have higher English language requirements and these are listed in individual course descriptions at latrobe.edu.au/coursefinder

If you have not satisfied these requirements you can still apply to study at La Trobe University as the University may make you a conditional offer. This means that you will be offered a place at the University which will be reserved while you improve your English skills. Students who successfully complete the English for Further Studies Advanced Stage 5B Certificate at PG (postgraduate) level, offered by the La Trobe University International College, may enter directly into most of the University's postgraduate courses without sitting any further English tests: latrobe.edu.au/language/courses/elicos

4. Make contact with a potential supervisor

It is necessary to identify a potential academic supervisor at La Trobe University before your application can be fully processed. Please consult Faculty, School or Departmental websites to see if you can identify a potential supervisor:

latrobe.edu.au/faculties

If you experience difficulties locating a prospective supervisor, and meet all other entrance requirements, we invite you to complete an application form with all supporting documents and we will try to identify a supervisor on your behalf.

Please note: Your application will not be processed until supervision has been confirmed.

5. Complete the application form

Fill all required sections of the application form at the end of this brochure and attach all relevant documentation.

For assistance with your application, you can email ltiresearch@latrobe.edu.au or you may prefer to contact one of La Trobe University's many overseas representatives:

☛ latrobe.edu.au/international/contact

For guidelines on writing a research proposal, please visit:

☛ latrobe.edu.au/international/apply/how-to/research

6. Send your application form to La Trobe International

Please apply online, or scan and send your application with supporting documents to ltiresearch@latrobe.edu.au and include:

- Completed application form
- Scanned original or certified copies of all supporting documents
- Details of payment of A\$80 non-refundable application fee.

If you are unable to apply online or scan and send your application by email, please forward your application and all supporting documents to the contact address indicated on the last page of the application form. Receipt of your application will be acknowledged by email.

7. Send the Academic Referee Report forms to your nominated referees

Nominate two referees who are familiar with your recent academic achievements and send the referees the Academic Referee Reports available at:

☛ latrobe.edu.au/international/apply/how-to/research

To avoid delays with your application, please ask your referees to complete the forms and return them directly to La Trobe International at ltiresearch@latrobe.edu.au

8. Your application will be assessed

La Trobe International will check that your application is complete and forward it to the Faculty and Higher Degrees Committee for assessment. This process will take approximately six to eight working weeks after all supporting documentation (including referee reports) have been received.

If you have applied for an EIRPS, LTUPRS or LTUFRRS you will be notified of the outcome in December or January, of the following year, by the Research and Graduate Studies Office (RGSO). Acceptance of Offer and Confirmation of Enrolment cannot be confirmed until the University has received evidence that your scholarship application has been successful.

Closing dates for applications

Please note that if you are also applying for an Endeavour International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (EIPRS), the La Trobe University Postgraduate Research Scholarship (LTUPRS) or the La Trobe University Fee Remission Research Scholarship (LTUFRRS), your application must be received by 30 September to undertake study the following year.

For further information visit:

☛ latrobe.edu.au/international/fees/scholarships

Accepting your offer and planning your arrival

If your application is successful you will receive a letter of offer, with information on how to accept your offer.

You should send your signed acceptance forms, together with the total deposit sum indicated in your letter of offer, your Overseas Student Health Cover, and, if required, your pre-visa assessment (PVA) as early as possible to La Trobe International.

If your fees are paid by a sponsor (i.e. government or organisation) you must attach a letter of guarantee written on your sponsor's official letterhead and addressed to La Trobe University.

After you have accepted your offer, La Trobe University will send you an electronic confirmation of enrolment (eCOE). You need the eCOE to apply for your student visa.

La Trobe International will also send you pre-departure information to help with your planning. Our pre-departure information contains valuable details about studying and living in Australia, including information on temporary accommodation and airport reception. This guide is available online at:

☛ latrobe.edu.au/international/predeparture/leaving/guide

Please refer to

☛ latrobe.edu.au/international/fees/tuition

for full details on La Trobe University's Refund Policy and Privacy Statement for international students.

Arriving at La Trobe University

The Language and Academic Skills Unit runs an *Orientation to Research* program for all research students who have English as an additional language.

The program provides:

- Academic orientation
- An examination of the similarities and differences in research expectations between your own culture and the Australian culture
- Further development of your English language skills
- Encouragement to establish dialogue between you, your supervisor and the Language and Academic Skills lecturer
- Assistance to begin writing your research proposal
- Oral presentation skills.

Please visit ☛ latrobe.edu.au/learning or contact Julianne East j.east@latrobe.edu.au for further information.

Student visas

It is your responsibility to ensure you obtain a valid passport and visa before you enter Australia for study purposes. Only those who fall under Assessment Level 1 can be granted their initial student visa while in Australia. Visa assessment levels are determined by country of citizenship. Most students must obtain a student visa before coming to Australia.

Please note that as a condition of a student visa you are required to complete your course in the minimum time, as stated on your electronic-Confirmation of Enrolment. The University requires you to be enrolled in a full-time load, unless:

- there are “compelling or compassionate circumstances”,
- you have problems with academic progress or,
- you undertake subjects at times other than Semester 1 or 2, which count towards your course credits, e.g. during Summer School.

Important note: In some countries the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) requires students to provide a minimum IELTS score as part of the student visa application process. More information is available from the DIAC website: immi.gov.au

Please contact your nearest Australian Diplomatic Mission (Embassy, High Commission or Consulate General) for more information: immi.gov.au

Assistance with visa applications is also available from La Trobe University’s representatives: latrobe.edu.au/international/contact

Please note The University is unable to provide advice concerning immigration matters.

Health insurance (Overseas Student Health Cover)

As a condition of a student visa, all international students must have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) before they accept their offer. OSHC provides medical and hospital cover for international students and their dependants while in Australia. La Trobe University currently has an agreement with OSHC Worldcare, a private health fund, for the provision of OSHC. La Trobe University’s policy is that students purchase health cover for the duration of their course. This one-off payment saves students needing to renew their OSHC each year and avoids any price increases during that period. For current OSHC rates please visit: oshcworldcare.com.au

Please note Commencing students not using OSHC Worldcare must make payment arrangements with that provider directly. If you choose to use a provider other than OSHC Worldcare you must provide proof of OSHC to La Trobe International and the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) before your student visa is issued. A list of OSHC providers is available from the Department of Health and Ageing via:

latrobe.edu.au/international/predeparture/visa

Note for Norwegian and Swedish students

OSHC is not required for Norwegian students, as they are covered by the Norwegian National Insurance Scheme. Swedish students whose insurance is provided by CSN International do not need to take out OSHC; however, Swedish students not covered by the Swedish National Board of Student Aid must purchase OSHC.

Employment for student visa holders

Student visas issued by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) prior to 26 April, 2008 were issued with condition 8101-no work, and students holding these visas will need to apply for Permission To Work at a current cost of \$A70 (2009 fee, indicative only). All visas issued after this date automatically have work permission (condition 8105-work limitation). Student visa holders can work a maximum of 20 hours per week, during gazetted University study periods, or unlimited hours during official University vacations. This includes any employment, volunteer work or work placement. The exception to this is where a placement or internship is a registered part of your course.

Research students holding an international student visa are not permitted to commence work until the official commencement of their studies at the University. Dependant spouses of research students are permitted to work unlimited hours but are also prohibited from commencing work until the primary student visa holder has commenced their course of study. NOTE: If you are studying a package of courses, your family members can only work up to 20 hours per week until you commence your Masters or PhD studies, when they can then work unlimited hours.

However, your partner can also study in Australia for up to 3 months. If they wish to study for more than 3 months they will have to apply separately for their own student visa and will then be subject to the work limitations of the visa granted to them. The application can be made in Australia.

Please note In some university courses, study demands allow little time for employment. Part-time work and vacation work may not always be available and students should not depend on these forms of income to cover living expenses or tuition fees.

Students with school-aged children

If you have school-aged dependants accompanying you to Australia, it is a visa requirement that you enrol them in primary or secondary school and pay school fees, unless you are the recipient of an Australian government scholarship.

Useful websites

Further Course information:

For further faculty, course and subject (unit) information please visit our Handbook:

▶ latrobe.edu.au/handbook

To view online course guides, flyers and other publications please visit:

▶ latrobe.edu.au/international/publications

Get connected online with La Trobe University's current students, alumni and staff!

La Trobe University Facebook Group:

▶ facebook.com/latrobe

La Trobe on YouTube:

▶ youtube.com/user/latrobemarketing

International student profiles:

▶ latrobe.edu.au/international/why-latrobe

La Trobe Times, online newspaper

Be a part of our online community newspaper and you will have the opportunity to enter competitions, win prizes and share your thoughts and ideas through our student blog.

▶ latrobe.edu.au/international-news

The ESOS Act:

Education Services For Overseas Students (ESOS) Australia provides the world's most rigorous protection for international students through the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000. The ESOS Act requires those institutions providing education to international students to meet nationally consistent standards in their education delivery, facilities and services. The Australian Government publication *The ESOS framework - providing quality education and protecting your rights* provides a useful summary of the ESOS framework, for students and staff. Please visit: ▶ aei.gov.au/AEI/ESOS/Default.htm

Five good reasons to study at La Trobe University

- 1** You will be studying at a University with an outstanding reputation and industry networks
- 2** We prepare you for graduate success
- 3** You will receive an exciting, high-quality learning experience
- 4** We are committed to giving you a global education
- 5** You will feel a sense of belonging to our campus communities



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Course and subject information is also published in the University Handbook, see: ▶ latrobe.edu.au/handbook

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Email international@latrobe.edu.au

Online Enquiry latrobe.edu.au/international/contact

La Trobe University Overseas Representatives

La Trobe University has a worldwide network of representatives
who can assist you with applying to study at La Trobe.
See: latrobe.edu.au/international/contact

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