

INFORMATION

for future international students

A large, curved building facade with a grid of windows, partially obscured by a red-tinted foreground. The building has a modern, industrial aesthetic with a mix of wood and metal textures. The foreground is a solid red color with a slight gradient, creating a sense of depth and focus on the text.

BUILD YOUR FUTURE

Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology
Melbourne, Australia
Established 1887

 **RMIT**
UNIVERSITY

RMIT IS A GLOBAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AND DESIGN, WITH A REPUTATION FOR DEVELOPING SOME OF THE MOST EMPLOYABLE GRADUATES.

QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

- » 5 Star rating for excellence in higher education
- » 5 Star rating in the categories of:
 - Employability
 - Teaching
 - Infrastructure
 - Internationalization
 - Engineering & Technology
- » 6th in the world for the international profile of students
- » 21st in the world for the international profile of academic staff
- » 51st in the world for graduate employability



FAST FACTS

- » **Established:** 1887
- » **Total student population:** 73 900
- » **International student population:** 29 000+
- » **International onshore students:** 11 000+
- » **Campus locations:**
 - Melbourne, Australia (three campuses)
 - Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi, Vietnam
- » **Qualification levels:** Foundation studies, English language, diplomas, undergraduate and postgraduate degrees

RMIT is one of Australia's most respected educational institutions in the world.

RMIT offers the advantages of:

- » internationally recognised programs
- » state-of-the-art technology and facilities
- » international study exchanges across 31 countries
- » opportunities for work-integrated learning.

Internationally recognised qualifications

RMIT is highly regarded by local and international employers. With hundreds of institutional and industry partnerships around the world, RMIT's programs are aligned to the world economy. Graduates have secured positions with highly influential companies such as IBM, Airbus, Nestlé, KPMG and many more.

Global connections and industry experience

Imagine working with BMW, Ernst and Young or Microsoft before you've even graduated!

RMIT prides itself on its extensive range of work-integrated-learning (WIL) opportunities with over half of RMIT programs incorporating international or local work placements of varying lengths.

The RMIT International Experience and Research Program (RIIERP) enables students to carry out vocational training and research projects at world-leading businesses and institutions in Europe, Asia and the USA.

Graduate employability

RMIT was ranked in the world's top 60 universities for graduate employability by 5000 global employers in the 2011 QS World University Rankings. RMIT boasts employment rates above the national average due to the industry focus of its programs:

- » Programs developed by expert industry panels
- » Work-experience opportunities and emphasis on practical learning
- » Courses taught by world-class academics and renowned industry leaders
- » A career advisory service dedicated to improving your employability.

Melbourne

Are you ready to experience one of the most liveable cities on earth? From festivals and sport, galleries and theatres, to cafés and restaurants around every corner, Melbourne's urban charm and style will captivate you.

Characterised by its maze of hidden laneways and eclectic eateries, art and fashion, there's simply no better place to combine a world-class study experience with the laid-back café culture of the city.

www.melbourne.vic.gov.au



Federation Square

Global passport – Exchange and Education Abroad

There's nothing more enriching than experiencing another culture.

While studying at RMIT, take the opportunity to do a semester or two of your program in another country or undertake a short study tour.

Global experience will make your CV shine and be one of the best academic and personal experiences of your life:

- » choose from 120+ institutions in 31 countries including RMIT Vietnam
- » receive study credit towards your program without extending its length.

For more information visit

www.rmit.edu.au/globalpassport/educationabroad

STUDY AT RMIT

RMIT offers more than 470 TAFE and higher education programs to international students.

Study options include:

- » Architecture, Building and Planning
- » Art
- » Business
- » Community Services and Social Sciences
- » Computer Science and IT
- » Creative Media
- » Education and Training
- » Engineering and Related Technologies
- » Environment
- » Fashion and Textiles
- » Health and Medical Sciences
- » Mathematical and Geospatial Sciences
- » Media and Communications
- » Property, Construction and Project Management
- » Science

Pathways

RMIT's pathway options mean that students have more than one way of reaching the qualification they want. For example, by undertaking a related TAFE diploma, students can receive credit for up to a year towards their degree program.

Foundation Studies

RMIT International College helps international students to prepare and qualify for study in Australia. Programs are designed to provide guaranteed pathways to the wide range of degree programs at RMIT University.

www.rmit.edu.au/internationalcollege

Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) international students

RMIT offers the Victorian Certificate of Education which is awarded after the completion of Year 12 and enables entry into tertiary level study. Application deadlines do exist, so please refer to the website for information.

www.rmit.edu.au/international/vtacinfo

Teaching methods

Classes are taught in English in a combination of lecture, seminar, tutorial, workshop, studio, practical and laboratory sessions. Students learn core information in lectures, followed by small group discussions in seminars and tutorials.

Assessment

Assessment is ongoing throughout the semester and may include examinations, essays, reports, oral class presentations, group projects, research projects, laboratory projects and practical assignments.

English, academic and work prerequisites

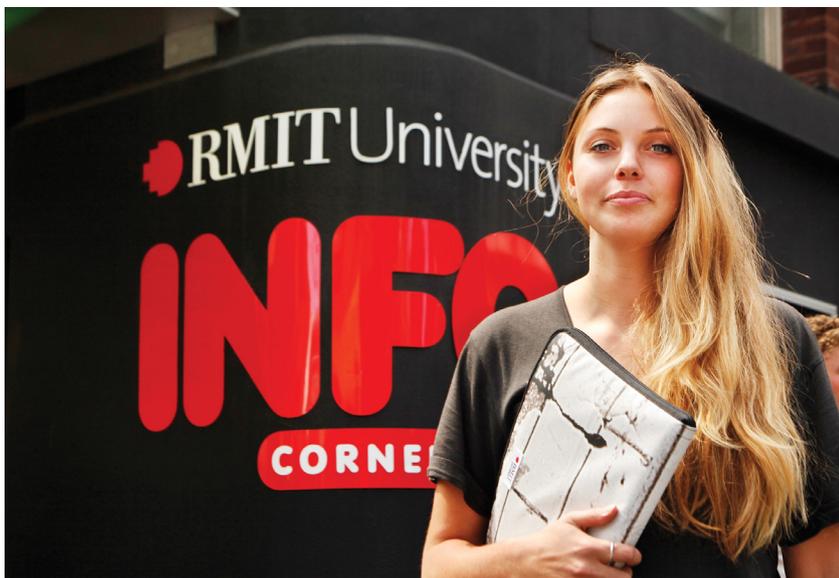
Applications are assessed on English language and academic prerequisites. In the case of only academic requirements being met, the applicant may need to complete an English language program at RMIT English Worldwide (REW) prior to commencing formal studies.

Country specific academic requirements can be viewed at: www.rmit.edu.au/international/entryrequirements

Employment

International students studying in Australia on a student visa are able to work in Australia for up to 20 hours per week during study semesters and full-time during semester breaks.

www.rmit.edu.au/international/work



RMIT City campus

How to apply

Complete the International Student Application Form.

www.rmit.edu.au/international/apply

Application deadlines

There are no application deadlines, however RMIT recommends that students apply several months in advance due to program popularity. Students must also allow ample time for visa and travel arrangements.

LEVELS OF STUDY

English language

RMIT English Worldwide (REW) programs are designed for students who need to meet the English language requirements of their selected programs. Students who successfully complete an appropriate level of the EAP program will be eligible for entry into RMIT programs.

www.rmitenglishworldwide.com

Pre-university

Both Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and foundation studies programs prepare students for entry into Technical and Further Education (TAFE) or higher education programs at RMIT.

www.rmit.edu.au/internationalcollege

Certificate and diplomas

These practical qualifications are undertaken at TAFE level and can lead to entry into degree programs with study credit of up to two years.

Associate degree

An associate degree is a two-year qualification that can be undertaken after Year 12 or following a Certificate III or IV. It offers a guaranteed pathway into a relevant bachelor degree. The degrees are broad-based and graduates develop employment-related skills relevant to the discipline.

Bachelor degree

A bachelor degree is a higher education qualification studied over three to five years. Double degrees and honours programs are also available.

Advanced standing

RMIT has existing arrangements with many international partner institutions, which enable students who complete an equivalent program in their home country to receive study exemptions into a related program at RMIT.

Postgraduate coursework

Postgraduate degrees by coursework are undertaken after the successful completion of a bachelor degree and/or relevant work experience. They enable the development of highly specialised skills and knowledge. Usually range from six to 18 months to complete full time.

Postgraduate research

Postgraduate degrees by research are undertaken after the successful completion of a bachelor degree and/or relevant work experience. They involve an extended and intense period of study that leads to a PhD qualification.

The quality of RMIT University research has been highlighted by "above world standard"* in the following disciplines:

- » Architecture
- » Communication and Media Studies
- » Human Movement and Sports Science (well above world standard)
- » Mechanical Engineering
- » Pharmacology and Pharmaceutical Sciences
- » Urban and Regional Planning

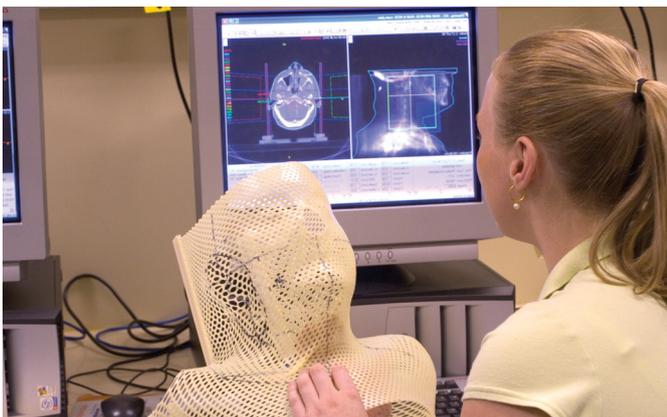
*Excellence in Research Australia (ERA) exercise.

www.rmit.edu.au/international/research

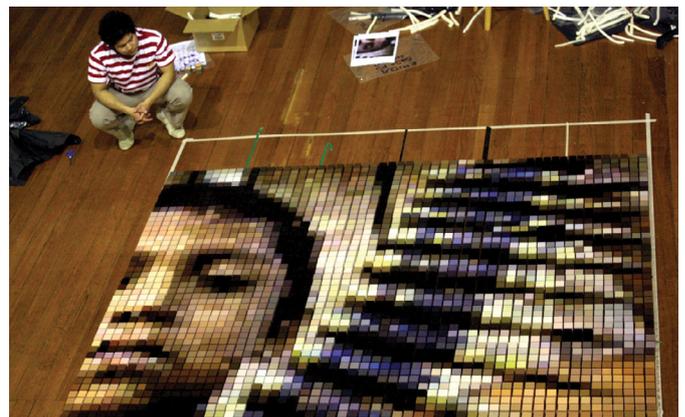
Study abroad

Live and study in Australia for six months or one year: with a great selection of courses to choose from, students can also earn credit exemptions.

www.rmit.edu.au/international/studyabroad



Student of Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiations)



Julian Clavijo – Master of Arts (Art in Public Space)

CAMPUS LIFE

EACH OF RMIT'S THREE CAMPUSES OFFER IT'S OWN UNIQUE AND AUTHENTIC PERSPECTIVE OF MELBOURNE.

UNLIKE OTHER UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES, RMIT ISN'T CLOSED OFF OR SURROUNDED BY WALLS. CAMPUS LIFE IS MELBOURNE LIFE.

City campus

RMIT's main campus is located in the heart of Melbourne surrounded by the best of what the city has to offer, from bars, pubs and cafés to parks, markets and the State Library of Victoria. RMIT's recent AU\$600 million refurbishments and new landmark buildings stand to reinforce its global reputation as a leader in design and architecture.

Brunswick campus

Located on the thriving outskirts of the city, Brunswick is popular with Melbourne's up-and-coming artists, fashion designers and musicians. The area is lined with one-off boutiques, thrift stores and student-filled cafés. Fittingly, the campus is home to many of RMIT's design-related programs including fashion, graphic arts, textile design and technology, merchandising and product development and printing.

Bundoora campus

The leafy suburb of Bundoora houses many of RMIT's engineering, health and medical sciences programs. RMIT's state-of-the-art facilities are surrounded by greenery and large open spaces that provide students with a relaxing environment. The campus features a purpose-built health and medical science laboratory and new sporting facilities, including FIFA approved soccer pitch, football oval, athletics track and tennis and netball courts.

Offshore branch campuses

RMIT International University Vietnam

RMIT International University Vietnam is Vietnam's first and only fully owned university. Established in 2001, RMIT Vietnam delivers internationally-recognised degrees from campuses in both Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City.

www.rmit.edu.vn



RMIT Link Sport and Recreation

Clubs and societies

There is a lot more to university life than just study. Life at RMIT is filled with on and off campus events, over 100 clubs, student run media, sport competitions and more. You will be offered a range of support services and orientation activities to help you transition to RMIT and Melbourne.

www.rmit.edu.au/students/getinvolved



RMIT City campus



Brunswick campus



Bundoora campus



RMIT International University Vietnam

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student services

Student support

- » Arrival services
- » Accommodation advice
- » International Student Information and Support
- » Disability Liaison Unit
- » Childcare

Student media

- » RMIT University News (Openline)
- » Student News Bulletin (The Fly)
- » Student newspaper (Catalyst)
- » Student television (RMITV)
- » FM student radio (SYN)

Health and wellbeing

- » Fitness centre
- » Chaplaincy
- » Counselling

Spiritual

- » Spiritual Centre
- » Prayer rooms across RMIT

Study resources

- » English language support
- » Study Skills workshops
- » RMIT University Library
- » Study and Learning Centre
- » IT facilities

100+ clubs and societies to choose from!

www.rmit.edu.au/isis

Students with families

If a student wishes to bring their spouse or children to Australia, they will need to prove that they can support them financially (including the payment of annual school fees). Full-time education is compulsory for all children in Victoria from the age of five to 15 years.

www.immi.gov.au

Cost of living

Many of you will be living away from home for the first time and will need to learn how to manage a budget. Living costs may vary according to your circumstances, the type of accommodation you choose, the location, number of tenants and your lifestyle. Listed below are estimates of living costs for one year of study (excluding tuition fees).

Living costs	Single student living in shared accommodation per week	Hint
Rent*	AU\$150–AU\$250 City/Brunswick AU\$110–AU\$150 Bundoora	The campus you attend and the type of accommodation you are living in will affect the price.
Electricity, gas and water	AU\$30–AU\$45	Different utility providers charge different rates.
Phone (fixed line)	AU\$10–AU\$15 (fixed only)	Mobile phone bills will vary depending on the plan you have.
Internet	AU\$0 if pre-paid arrangement	The internet may be included in your accommodation costs depending on your accommodation type or it may be part of your mobile phone plan.
Food	AU\$80–AU\$100	Discount supermarkets and local markets can reduce your food bill.
Transport costs	Public transport: AU\$30–AU\$50 Car: AU\$100+	Based on a full fare weekly ticket. The car costs include registration, insurance, fuel, parking and maintenance.
Recreation/entertainment	AU\$50–AU\$100	These expenses are highly variable and depend on the choice and frequency of entertainment or hobby.
The typical cost of living can range from AU\$18 000 to AU\$26 000 per annum.		

* Accommodation costs based on advertised share housing available in January 2010. All amounts mentioned are 2011/2012 estimates only.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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