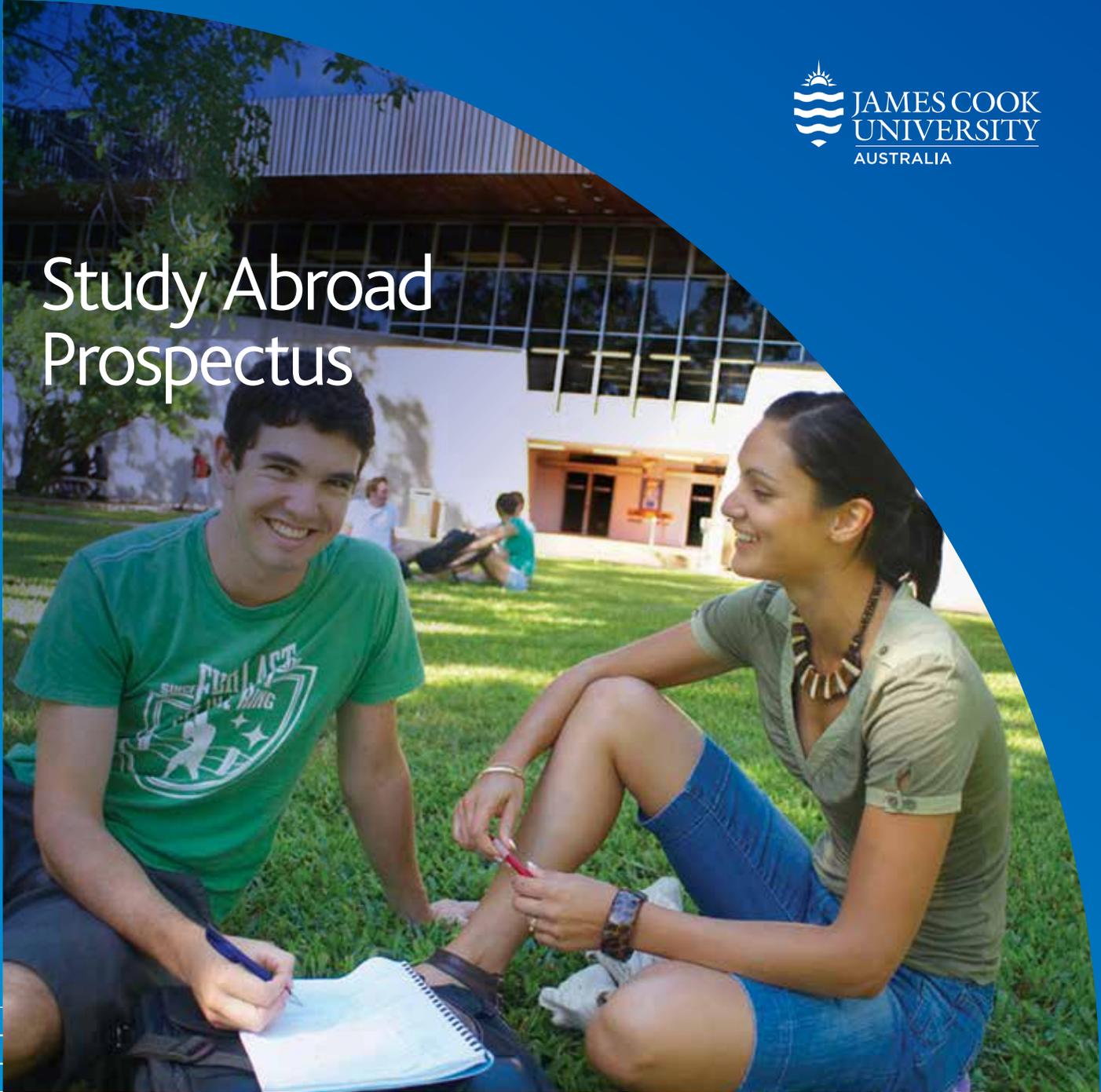
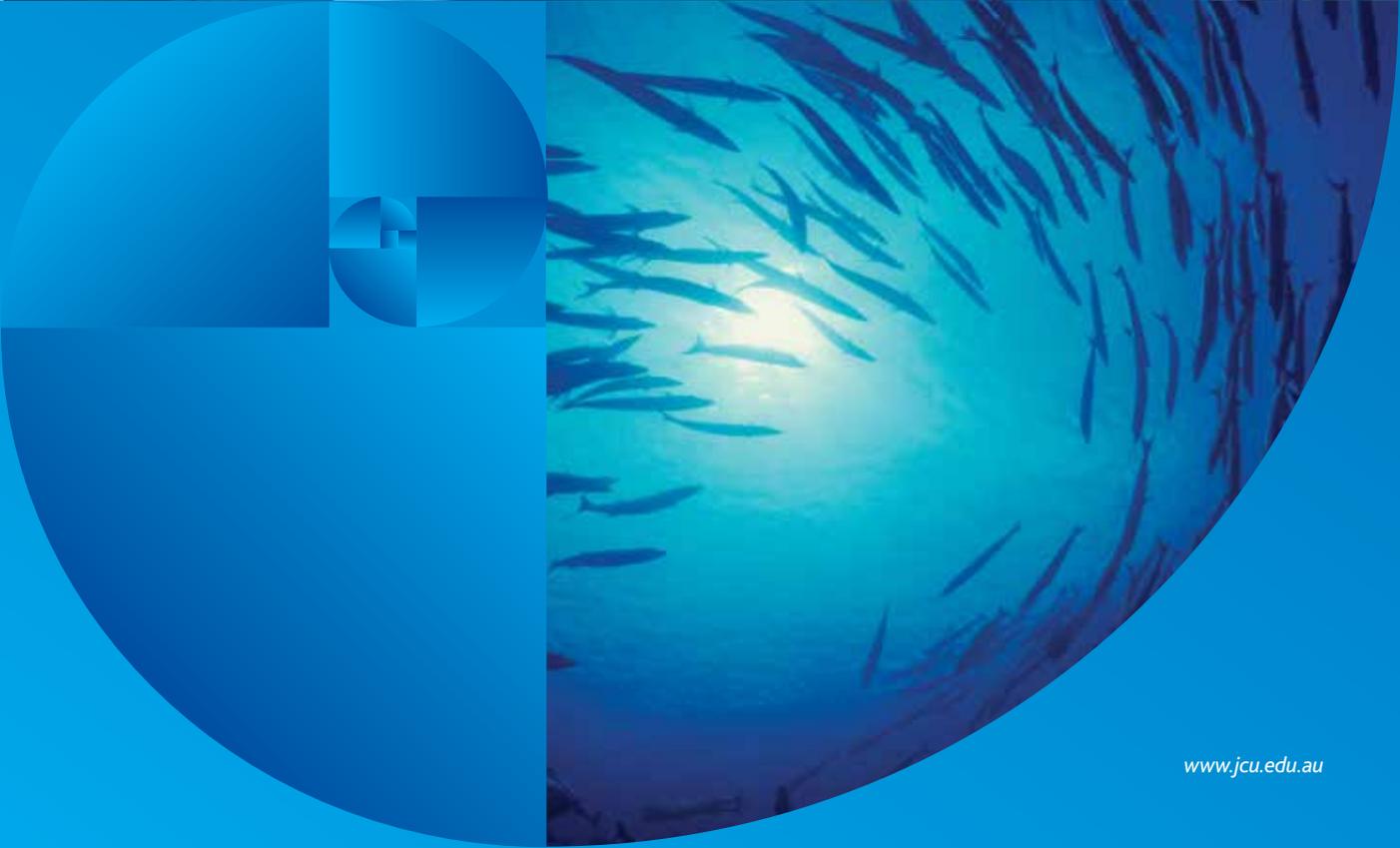


Study Abroad Prospectus



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Our tropical campuses



James Cook University

A brighter future

Ranked in the top 4% of universities, worldwide, James Cook University (JCU) is Australia's leading university for the tropics. Offering excellence in teaching and research, JCU is a vibrant university operating across two countries and three tropical campuses, with locations in the North Queensland cities of Cairns and Townsville and in the city-state of Singapore.*



Internationally recognised

In 2012, JCU was placed in the top 4% grouping of more than 14,000 universities in the world.* In Asia and the Pacific, we are placed in the top 100.



A comprehensive university

Total student enrolments are over 20,000 and growing, including over 6,000 international students from 100 countries. Study Abroad students can choose subjects from more than 300 programs available on offer.



The power of place

JCU's tropical location sets it apart from any other university in the world. Our campuses in Cairns and Townsville are close to the Great Barrier Reef and the rainforests of the Wet Tropics. With a 'living laboratory' at your doorstep, JCU's tropical location gives you a unique opportunity to bring your studies to life.



Supportive study environment

JCU strives to create a student centred learning environment. With friendly campuses, smaller class sizes, accessible teaching staff and excellent support services, JCU students receive the personal attention they need to achieve their best.

*Institute of Higher Education, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Academic Ranking of World Universities 2012. This ranking system is widely acknowledged as a leading global indicator of university status.



Cairns Esplanade



ATFI Building

Cairns

Over two million visitors come each year to enjoy the spectacular natural attractions and activities on offer, which include scuba diving and snorkelling on the Great Barrier Reef, exploring ancient rainforests, rivers and waterfalls, national parks, Port Douglas and Mission Beach.

The City

Cairns is one of Australia's most popular tourist destinations. Cairns' diverse population of around 170,000 enjoys a cosmopolitan lifestyle with many cafés, restaurants, markets and nightclubs.

The close proximity of Cairns to natural attractions like the Great Barrier Reef and the Daintree Rainforest give rise to a thriving business in international visitors. Students looking for part-time work during their studies in Cairns will find a variety of part-time jobs available in tourism, hospitality, retail sales and business administration, with many employers valuing part-time workers with foreign language skills.

www.cityofcairns.qld.gov.au
www.cairnsgreatbarrierreef.org.au

The Campus

The James Cook University Cairns campus combines a spectacular natural setting with modern and innovative teaching facilities. The campus is located at the foot of rainforest-covered mountains, 15 kilometres (approximately 9 miles) north of the city centre and near the popular northern beaches suburbs. The campus is served by regular buses to the city centre and the nearby Smithfield shopping centre and residential areas.

With over 4,000 students enrolled, including more than 400 international students, the campus offers the latest teaching and learning facilities with new developments including a new \$30 million, state-of-the-art teaching facility for dentistry and a similar signature facility for the Cairns Institute.

The Cairns campus offers a range of activities and facilities for students including

- student eatery, café and bar
- bookshop
- sporting facilities
- JCU Pathway College
- amphitheatre
- Student Association Office

Students enjoy small classes and a friendly campus atmosphere. Modern student accommodation is also situated near the campus.



The Strand beachfront

JCU's School of Creative Arts

Townsville

Townsville is a thriving coastal city and port with a population of over 180,000, making it Australia's largest tropical city. Situated in the dry tropics, most days are sunny, with an average daytime temperature of between 25°C-30°C (77°F-86°F).

The City

Townsville is a major industrial city for north-eastern Australia. Its varied and fast growing economy means that there are many employment opportunities in the city, both for JCU graduates and for students seeking part-time work to help finance their study. The city is uniquely located within easy reach of two World-Heritage listed natural wonders – the coral reefs of the Great Barrier Reef and the rainforests of the Wet Tropics Region. The resort regions of Mission Beach and the Whitsunday islands are also within easy reach, and to the west are the savannahs and gulf country of the outback. Students have a wealth of sporting, cultural and entertainment options available.

www.townsville.qld.gov.au
www.townsvilleenterprise.com.au

The Campus

James Cook University's largest campus, with over 13,000 students including approximately 1,500 enrolled international students, is located in a peaceful 386-hectare setting of natural bush and parkland full of native Australian flora and fauna. The campus is nestled in the residential suburb of Douglas, close to the Ross River, 13 kilometres (8 miles) from the city centre.

The Townsville campus offers a range of facilities and services for students including

- retail stores and bookshop
- cafes and food and drink outlets
- gym, sporting facilities and swimming pool
- accommodation service
- counselling and career services
- main JCU library
- student mall with dining options
- post office and hairdresser

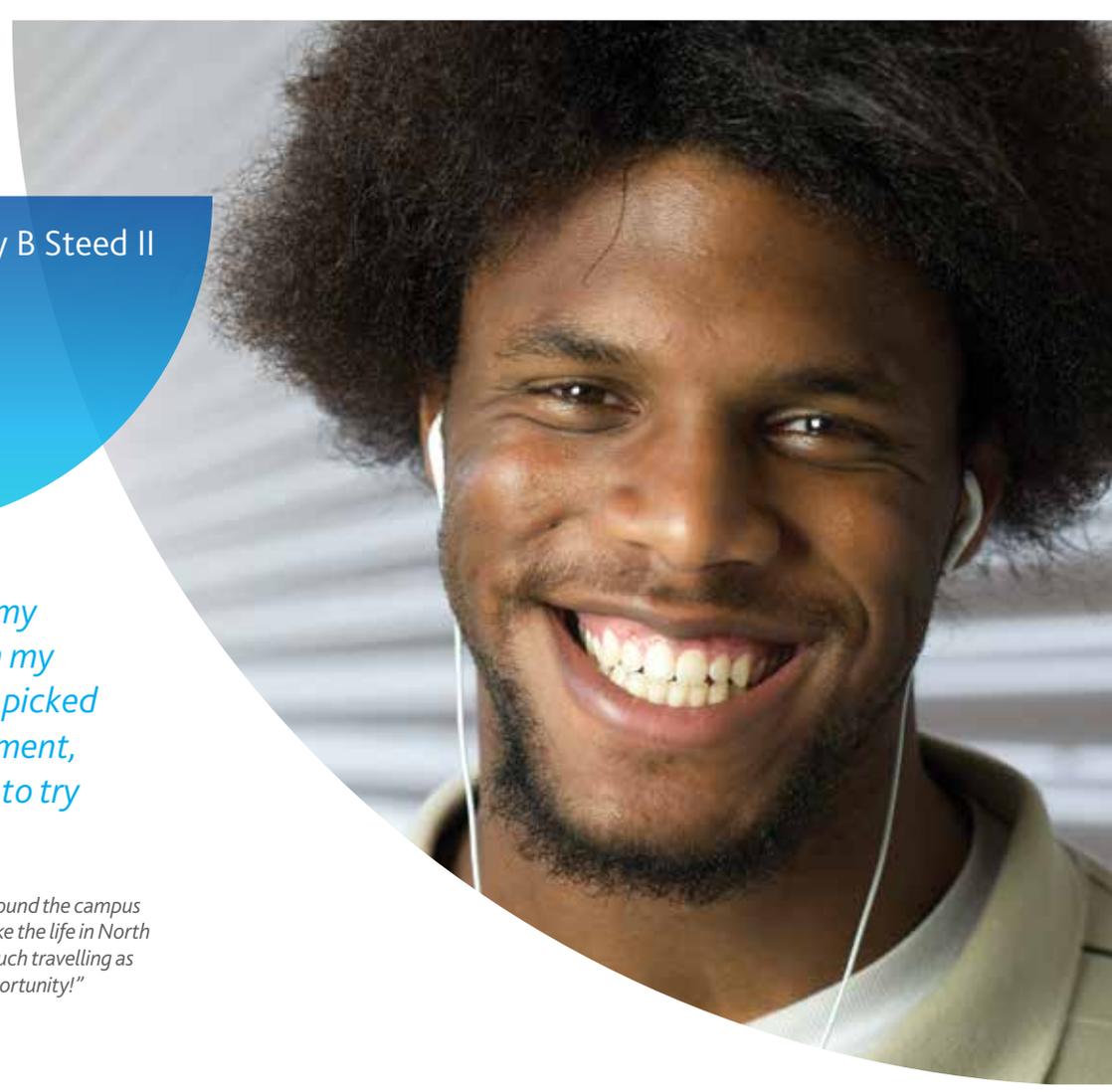
Students from diverse backgrounds live on campus in colleges and halls of residence, with free parking available in several areas of the university and free Wi-Fi access across most of the campus. Students have the convenience of a Medical Centre opposite the campus and next to Townsville Hospital. New developments are underway as part of JCU's Discovery Rise project.



Gitte Henriksen

"My home university in Denmark cooperates with many Australian universities but it was the location of Townsville that made me choose JCU."

I love the warm temperatures in Townsville and the wildlife around the campus. What I think I enjoy the most though is how helpful Australians are in general. I'm very impressed with JCU and how the professors make the lectures both serious and fun at the same time. There is a very open feeling at the classes and I like that a lot."



Jeffrey B Steed II

"I heard about JCU through my study abroad program from my home university in the US. I picked JCU because of the environment, warm climate and I wanted to try something new."

Everyone is so welcoming and I love walking around the campus and seeing all the different types of wildlife. I like the life in North Queensland and there is plenty to do – do as much travelling as possible and don't miss out on such a great opportunity!"



New Student Centre on the Townsville Campus

Connect with us  facebook.com/james.cook.university.international

A natural choice for study

North Queensland attractions and activities

Significant for James Cook University students is the university's unique natural location. JCU's main campus cities of Townsville and Cairns are located in tropical north Queensland. Few places on earth can boast such unique natural attractions, within two world heritage listed sites – the Great Barrier Reef and the superb tropical rainforests of the Wet Tropics region. Students studying in North Queensland also enjoy easy access to historic outback regions and diverse flora and fauna.

10 Unforgettable Cairns and Surrounds Experiences

1. Take an underwater adventure and snorkel or dive the World Heritage Listed Great Barrier Reef
2. Experience the roar of the rapids white-water rafting on the Tully River, Australia's best rafting destination
3. Skydive over Dunk Island or try an ocean kayak at Mission Beach
4. Tour through the ancient volcanic Tropical Tablelands region, for a swim in beautiful crater lakes and visit picturesque waterfalls
5. Experience the fabulous Cairns nightlife, from shopping at the daily Cairns Night Markets and eating and partying at funky bars and cafes
6. Glide just meters above rainforest canopy before descending through rainforest layers on the famous Kuranda Skyrail
7. Take a guided night walk, horse ride or swim in a tropical rockpool in Cape Tribulation, of World Heritage Listed Daintree Rainforest
8. Explore Paronella Park, where Spanish immigrant Jose Paronella built a magnificent rainforest castle
9. Immerse yourself in the world's oldest living culture and learn about Aboriginal culture at the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park
10. Take a boat cruise on Hartley's Lagoon to see crocodiles in their natural environment

10 Unforgettable Townsville and Surrounds Experiences

1. Take a stroll down The Strand and enjoy the magnificent views across Cleveland Bay to Magnetic Island
2. Navigate your way around Magnetic Island on a Mini Moke
3. Walk in the clouds at Paluma Range, through the rainforest tracks and cool off in the clear waters of Little or Big Crystal Creeks
4. Test your endurance and head up the Goat Track on Castle Hill for a 360 degree panoramic view of the city
5. Try North Queensland's internationally acclaimed home grown brew, Townsville Bitter at The Brewery
6. Experience the atmosphere of a National Rugby League Cowboys home game at 1300SMILES stadium
7. Put your dancing shoes on and rave all night at the famous full moon parties at Base Backpackers, Magnetic Island
8. Meet the outback Ghost of Gold Heritage Trail, Charters Towers or stay overnight in a 'haunted hotel room' in Ravenswood
9. Get up close and personal with Australian wildlife at Billabong Sanctuary, North Queensland's interactive wildlife sanctuary
10. Take an incredible dive to the historic Yongala Wreck and explore the abundant marine life.



Living in North Queensland

Townsville and Cairns offer a range of housing options for students. Purpose-built student accommodation is available on campus in Townsville in halls of residence or colleges. In Cairns, privately owned and operated student residences are available near the campus.

James Cook University's Accommodation Service helps students with on-campus accommodation in halls of residence and colleges, as well as in private rental or shared accommodation (off-campus).

On-campus

Students living on campus have a choice of fully catered or self-catered accommodation in single and twin-shared rooms and townhouses

in Townsville and a fully catered student lodge linked to the campus by a pedestrian walkway/bicycle path in Cairns. On-campus accommodation is not guaranteed.

Off-campus

For students who prefer off-campus accommodation, the Accommodation Service maintains a register of houses, units, apartments, shared accommodation, home

stay and caretaker arrangements. A wide range of quality housing is available for rent near the Townsville and Cairns campuses, and students may find that renting privately is an affordable alternative to living on campus.

For information about accommodation or boarding options at JCU visit

www.jcu.edu.au/accommodation

Keila Axler

"I remember glancing up from my measurements one dive, realising a massive beautiful little sergeant major fish had surrounded me, and thinking, I can't believe I'm in class right now."

I chose to study in Australia because of its proximity to both the Great Barrier Reef and Daintree Rainforest. This is the key reason for choosing to supplement my education in the US with a semester at James Cook University, a leading research university that emphasises hands-on teaching and real-world applications through field studies in both tropical and marine ecosystems. JCU also provided me with incredible learning opportunities including a field trip to Orpheus Island Research Station and I got to design my own project and a scientific dive to gather data."



The Study Abroad Program

Each semester, JCU welcomes study abroad students from all over the world. The Study Abroad Program at JCU offers you the opportunity to study on campus in tropical North Queensland, Australia for one or two semesters and receive credit for your studies at your home institution.



Why study abroad at JCU?

Comprehensive choice of internationally recognised subjects across a wide range of study areas

Unrivalled access to some of the world's most beautiful regions through hands-on fieldwork

Friendly campuses, smaller class sizes, accessible teaching staff, and excellent support services

A chance to meet and study alongside individuals from around the world and gain a new perspective



Study Areas

As a study abroad student you can enrol in any subject from any study area at JCU, subject to meeting pre-requisites and other requirements. Areas of study include

- Accounting
- Agriculture
- Anthropology
- Aquaculture
- Archaeology
- Asia-Pacific Community Development
- Australian Studies
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Biomedical Sciences
- Botany
- Business
- Chemistry
- Communication
- Computer Science
- Creative Media
- Criminology
- Cultural Heritage Studies
- Digital Media
- Digital Visual Arts
- Earth Sciences
- Ecology
- Economics
- Education
- Engineering
- English
- Environmental Science
- French
- Geography
- Geology
- German
- Graphic Design
- History
- Indigenous Australian Studies
- International Business
- Japanese
- Journalism
- Law
- Management
- Marine Biology
- Marketing
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Microbiology
- Music
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy
- Pharmacology
- Physics
- Physiology
- Politics and International Relations
- Psychology
- Public Relations
- Rainforest Science
- Social Science
- Sociology
- Speech Pathology
- Sport and Exercise Science
- Sports and Events Management
- Sustainability
- Theatre
- Tropical Biology
- Tourism
- Visual Arts
- Zoology



Selecting your subjects

As a Study Abroad student you can enrol in most subjects from any Faculty at JCU (subject to meeting pre-requisites and other requirements). Study Abroad students are encouraged to submit a list of subjects in which they would like to enrol at time of application.

Searching for JCU subjects

To choose your subjects and determine which semester and campus each subject is offered, please visit <https://secure.jcu.edu.au/app/studyfinder/index.cfm>

All JCU subjects have a subject code. Each subject code consists of six characters. For example:

BZ1004:03 – The Diversity of Animal Life

BZ = discipline area (Tropical Biology)

1 = year level (First year subject)

004 = together with year level, subject number

If you see the subject code appear with additional numbers at the end, for example BZ1004:03, the: 03 indicates the number of credit points the subject is worth. So, BZ1004:03 = First year Tropical Biology

subject worth three credit points.

Useful info

- At JCU most individual subjects have a value of 3 credit points.
- A normal, full-time study load for a Teaching Period is four subjects (or 12 credit points).
- Enrolments of more than four subjects (or more than 12 credit points) in any given Teaching Period will attract additional pro-rata tuition fees.
- The minimum allowable enrolment for study abroad students at JCU is three subjects (or 9 credit points) in any Teaching Period.
- To gain credit for specific subjects at your home university, you will need to liaise with your academic advisor to make sure that the subjects you wish to study at JCU will transfer back as official credit.

Once you have decided to accept your offer to JCU you must number all subjects in order of preference and return your Subjects page. You will be enrolled into your top 4 subjects prior to your arrival at JCU. Further information on subject selection advice will be provided during the International Welcome Sessions.

Did you know

As a study abroad student at JCU you do not have to select subjects from the same study area. You can choose subjects from different areas of study.

Popular subjects offering field trips

James Cook University offers Study Abroad students an exciting opportunity to gain practical experience. Pre-requisites for each subject are listed where required. Students are responsible for the associated field trip costs as listed below. All costs are in Australian dollars and are estimates and subject to change.

BZ2450:03

Biodiversity of Tropical Australia

Teaching Period 2, Townsville and Cairns

The subject provides students with an introduction to the plants, animals, and ecosystems of tropical Australia, with an emphasis on the Wet Tropics bioregion of northern Queensland. The field trips are designed to enhance students' understanding of key concepts taught during lectures.

Cairns

Field Trip 1: Flecker Botanical Gardens and Centenary Lakes Boardwalk

This three-hour field trip is designed to help students familiarise themselves with the local flora.

Cost: No charge to students

Field Trip 2: Atherton Tableland and Undara

This is a two-and-a-half day excursion commencing Friday afternoon and ending Sunday. Students visit a variety of different rainforest and savanna habitats and go spotlighting for rainforest mammals and birds.

Cost: Approximately \$55

Field Trip 3: Bush Foods Tutorial at Red Ochre Grill Restaurant

This field trip is held at the end of the semester and runs for about 2 hours on a weekday. Students get an opportunity to taste tropical Australian bush foods, which are discussed during the lectures.

Cost: Approximately \$20

Townsville

Townsville field trips include four day trips to rainforests, tropical shores and wetlands.

Cost: No cost to students

BZ2705:03

Australian Vertebrate Fauna

Teaching Period 1, Townsville and Cairns

This subject examines the biogeography, evolution and contemporary diversity of terrestrial vertebrates and mammals in Australia. Topics include geological and climate history of Australia; biogeographic regions of Australia, origins and evolution of the vertebrate fauna; behaviour, breeding and life histories of vertebrates in relation to the Australian environment. This subject includes

a weekend field trip to an outback setting.

Pre-requisites: Introductory zoology course

Cost: Approximately \$250

BZ3210:03

Rainforest Ecosystems

Teaching Period 1, Townsville

This subject covers the ecology of Australian closed forests and associated vegetation, including origins, classification and factors determining distribution and diversity and responses to environmental stresses (including global climate change). The field trip introduces students to rainforest ecosystems, and the basic skills needed to describe and analyse rainforest communities. It also provides the opportunity for students to work on group projects, which form the core of the on-course assessment.

Cost: Approximately \$180 (3 days)

BZ3220:03

Populations and Community Ecology

Teaching Period 2, Townsville

Animals and plants live in populations which make up interacting biological communities. This subject presents the conceptual framework needed to understand the processes that regulate biodiversity and illustrates that framework whenever possible using examples from rainforest populations and communities, which are among the most complex and interesting ecological systems on earth. A four-day field trip to Mt. Zero allows students to observe these systems and the animals and plants inhabiting them first hand, as well as learning useful techniques for conducting biological field surveys.

Pre-requisites: Introductory zoology course, ecology and statistics

Cost: Approximately \$180 (4 days)

BZ3740:03

Wildlife Ecology and Management

Teaching Period 1, Townsville

This subject introduces the theory and practice of the management of terrestrial vertebrates, with a strong emphasis on wildlife management in Australia, the sustainable

exploitation of vertebrate species and the control of vertebrate pests. Detailed case studies of Australian examples are provided throughout. Topics include theory and practice of harvesting as applied to wildlife populations, biological invasions, prospects for control of vertebrate pests, pest management, habitat management, and population monitoring. Students gain practical experience in the capturing, handling and the formal census of Australian vertebrate fauna in an outback setting. The subject includes a three-and-a-half day field trip to a national park in western Queensland where students learn to survey fauna using mistnets, pittraps, scat surveys, active survey techniques, spotlighting and habitat descriptions.

Pre-requisites: Introductory zoology / ecology course

Cost: Approximately \$250 (3.5 days)

EV2401:03

Australian Landscape Processes and Evolution

Teaching Period 1, Townsville/Cairns

The subject examines patterns and processes of the development of the Australian landscape and its soil mantle, and human interactions with these elements of the natural environment. The subject includes field work on campus, and a 2 day field trip to the diverse landscapes west of Townsville or Cairns.

Cost: Approximately \$50

EV3406:03

Coral Reef Geomorphology

Teaching Period 1, Townsville

This subject examines the geomorphology of coral reefs, covering their evolution and relationships between form and the physical, chemical and biotic processes that operate on coral reefs. The subject includes four days of field-based work conducted at JCU's Orpheus Island Research Station. Students gain hands-on experience, learning about coral reef geomorphology, geomorphological methods, and the growth and evolution of coral reefs. (Limited places available)

Cost: Approximately \$150, including food and accommodation

EV3201:03

Managing Coastal and Marine Environments

Teaching Period 2, Townsville

This subject examines the impacts of human activities on coastal and marine environments. It explores the complex relationships among the ecological and social values of these environments and outlines strategies and tools for their management.

Cost: No cost to students

IA1007:03

Linking Indigenoussness

Teaching Period 1 & 2, Townsville/Cairns

Through field trips that enable students to interact directly with Indigenous Australians in their own 'country', this subject aims to highlight the complex interplay between Indigenous knowledge systems and western systems that are a feature of colonial Australian history. The information provided by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people teaching this subject will link the 'real' to the 're-told' by way of a carefully planned cross-cultural experience. Whilst the intended focus of this subject will be determined by the Indigenous Australians providing the fieldtrip experience, the main focus is on providing students with grounding in Indigenous knowledge issues and concerns that are affecting Indigenous communities today.

Cost: Approximately \$65

MB2050:03

Functional Biology of Marine Organisms

Teaching Period 1, Townsville

This subject deals with the question of biological organisation and design in the marine environment. It aims to provide students with an understanding of how marine organisms respond to the challenges of marine existence through a study of their anatomy and structure and the nature of their habitats. Included in this subject is 4 hours of field work undertaken at 3-Mile Creek in Townsville and at Picnic Bay on Magnetic Island.

Cost: \$30

MB2060:03

Marine Ecology and Environmental Assessment

Teaching Period 2, Townsville

The special life-history features of marine organisms make it necessary for us to understand their demographic behaviour before we can interpret their responses to environmental change. This course introduces students to the methods of quantitative marine ecology in coastal and reef habitats with a particular emphasis on: monitoring and impact assessment; experimental design; population dynamics and processes. The subject includes 4 hours of field work at Rowes Bay.

Cost: No cost to students

MB3160:03

Evolution and Ecology of Reef Fishes

Teaching Period 1, Townsville

The biology of coral reef fishes with an emphasis on species from reefs and adjacent waters of the Great Barrier Reef. The subject covers the ecology, morphology, systematics and evolution of coral reef fishes. Practical work includes a laboratory and field program that introduces functional morphology, ecology and field identification of coral reef fishes. This subject will also provide an introduction to current research programs in tropical reef fishes at JCU. This subject includes a three-day field trip to the university marine research station at Orpheus Island.

Cost: Approximately \$350 to cover food and bench fees

MB3190:03

Coral Reef Ecology

Teaching Period 2, Townsville

A treatment of the major aspects of coral reef biology, including population dynamics, life histories, community structure and diversity, effects of disturbance, competition and predation, and reef management. This subject includes a three-day field trip to the university marine research station at Orpheus Island.

Cost: Approximately \$300 to cover food and bench fees

MB3210:03

Life History and Evolution of Reef Corals

Teaching Period 1, Townsville

An introduction to the biology of corals and processes involved in building and maintaining reefs. An overview of the life histories of sessile, modular organisms, incorporating current research findings (e.g. with respect to sexual/asexual reproduction, larval dispersal, recruitment, growth, lifespan and mortality). A treatment of the functional morphology of corals as an example of a modular organism. An introduction to the taxonomy of reef-building corals. This subject includes a three-day field trip to the university marine research station at Orpheus Island.

Cost: Approximately \$270 to cover food and bench fees

MB3300:03

Coral Reef Ecosystems

Block Mode (Teaching Period 7, 24 June – 2 August) Townsville

This is a field-based intensive subject held at Orpheus Island Research Station in July, focussing on the dominant taxa in reef environments and linkages between them. Emphasis is given to corals, other reef associated invertebrates (e.g. echinoderms and plankton) and fishes. Ecological and physiological aspects of key organisms are explored. Aspects covered include distribution of corals, coral bleaching, coral symbionts and

the health of corals based on photosynthetic activity, predation on corals, the input of plankton to reefs and the role of fishes in reef environments.

Cost: Approximately \$600 to cover food and bench fees

PH2006:03

Physical Oceanography

Teaching Period 2, Townsville

This is a descriptive physical oceanography subject suitable for all students studying the marine environment. It provides a descriptive overview of the physical properties of the oceans of the world but has a special focus on the physical conditions of Australian coastal oceanography. This includes temperature and salinity signatures of water types; water, salt and heat budgets of the oceans; surface properties; and circulation of the oceans. The laboratory sessions cover instruments and methods, culminating in a research project. This subject also includes a field trip on the R/V James Kirby.

Cost: No cost to students

PT1410:03

Photography

Teaching Period 1 and 2, Townsville and Cairns Block Mode (Teaching Period 6, 10 June – 2 August), Townsville

This subject introduces students to the fundamentals, basic theory, and practice of photography. It provides an introduction to photography and the use of 35mm digital SLR cameras and accessories, and is especially useful to students who need a basic level of photographic skills as an adjunct to their major area of study. Students studying journalism, creative arts, earth, biological or medical sciences, anthropology, archaeology, tourism or media related courses would find this a useful subject, as will any student with an interest in improving their photographic skills. A field trip may be arranged as part of this subject if there is sufficient student interest.

Cost: Approximately \$50-70



Need More Info?

Visit www.jcu.edu.au/international/studyabroad/ for a full list of subjects with field trips



Did you know

JCU offers a free arrival and temporary accommodation booking service for all arriving students? To find out more and book these services visit:

www.jcu.edu.au/international/support/beforeyouarrive/accommodation/

Supportive study environment

JCU provides a full range of support services for students to help them make the most of their time at university. Whether you need help with an assignment, finding accommodation, or just need someone to talk to, there are dedicated services on campus to assist you.



James Cook International

James Cook International assists every international student to ensure their stay in Australia and at the University is a pleasant and productive one. Located in the Student Centre on each campus, JCU's international office provides a one-stop shop for all enrolments and enquiries and should be your first point of contact if you need assistance. It provides a range of support services and information for students including:

- preparing for arrival information
- free arrival reception service
- orientation program
- social activities
- assistance securing accommodation
- orientation tours of Townsville or Cairns cities
- assistance in emergencies
- personal well-being and welfare support
- after hours student assistance helpline
- Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) information
- student advice, advocacy and referral
- course admission procedures
- returning home program

www.jcu.edu.au/international

JCU Student Association

The JCU Student Association is directed by elected students and, for a membership fee, provides services and amenities to students. These include: student representation to the University, student welfare issues, entertainment, sports facilities and food outlets on the Cairns and Townsville campuses.

www.jcusa.edu.au

Careers and Employment Services

The JCU Careers and Employment Service provide information and advice on careers, employment and further study to current JCU students and graduates. Free services include

- online job finder, including part-time and vacation jobs
- career advice
- on-campus career fairs
- access to computer-based career guidance programs to help with career choices

www.jcu.edu.au/careers

Retail Services

The Townsville campus has a selection of cafes and student eateries. The Cairns campus has a Refectory (student eatery) and café at the library. JCU Bookshops on the Townsville and Cairns campuses offer student discounts on books and stationery. The Townsville and Cairns campuses have ATMs and agencies for the Uni Credit Union. In Townsville there is a post office and a hairdresser. For Cairns students, a post office, branches of all major banks plus a range of other shopping facilities are located at the Smithfield Centre, about one kilometre (half a mile) from the campus.

Entry requirements

Academic entry requirements

UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	POSTGRADUATE ACADEMIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
<p>Successful completion of one semester (six months) of study at a recognised higher education institution with above average academic record. For e.g. 2.8 on a 4.0 point scale for the USA</p> <p>Students applying straight from high school may be eligible and must provide their high school Certificate (or equivalent)</p> <p>All students with a GPA between 2.5 and 2.7 will also be considered for the study abroad program</p>	<p>Bachelor degree or equivalent</p> <p>Please note, students applying for the postgraduate study abroad program can only study for one semester</p>

Detailed academic entry requirements for specific countries can be found at www.jcu.edu.au/international/studyabroad or email studyabroad@jcu.edu.au

English language requirements

If your native language is not English, you may be required to demonstrate English proficiency by sitting a recognised test of your English language ability. The minimum English language proficiency requirement for the Study Abroad program is

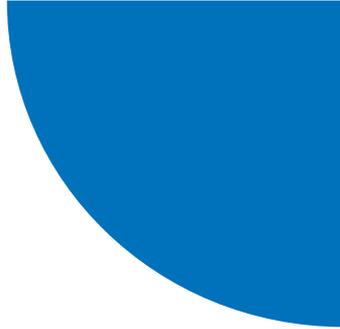
TEST	REQUIRED SCORE
IELTS	6.0 (no component lower than 5.5)
TOEFL (paper based)	550 (with a minimum Test of Written English score of 4.0)
TOEFL (internet based)	79 (minimum writing score of 19)
Pearson (PTE Academic)	57

Emily Ellingson



“JCU has been expanding my horizons with each new lecture.

The lecturers are all very passionate about their work and the classes they teach; this has carried over to the students and has enabled us to be enthusiastic about the material we are learning. The quality of education is very high and I really enjoy attending lectures and simply listening. One of my favourite things about my program is the ability to connect with other international and Australian students. I have met many friends who I will continue to keep in contact with long after this semester!”



Did you know

JCU has partner universities all around the world for students interested in exchange. Students should contact the International Exchange Office at their home institution to find out more.

www.jcu.edu.au/studentexchange/partners

How to apply

Step 1

Complete the Study Abroad application form and attach:

- All certified academic transcripts and certificates
- English language test results (if applicable)

Applications can also be found online at

www.jcu.edu.au/international/studyabroad/applynow

Step 2

Send your completed Study Abroad application form with all supporting documentation, to James Cook International or lodge your application with one of JCU's authorised overseas representatives.

www.jcu.edu.au/international/apply/jcurepresentatives

Step 3

Once you have received your Offer, please complete and sign the Acceptance and Payment Agreement and return it with your subject preferences (numbered in order of preference) to James Cook International along with any payment as set out in your Offer letter.

Application Deadlines

- 1 February for Teaching Period 1 (Semester 1)
- 1 July for Teaching Period 2 (Semester 2)

Late applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Student Visa

It is essential that you apply for an Australian student visa before arriving in Australia. To apply you need to contact your nearest Australian Embassy, Consulate or High Commission. Their locations worldwide are listed at **www.dfat.gov.au/missions**

You can also contact the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC). The DIAC website contains comprehensive information about applying for visas, student work rights and restrictions, health requirements, and FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) about student visas.

www.immi.gov.au/immigration.htm

Fees and important information

2014 Study Dates (Townsville and Cairns)

Teaching Period One 2014 (Semester One)

Arrival service	10 – 16 February
Orientation	17 – 21 February
Classes begin	24 February
Mid-semester recess	14 – 18 April
Classes end	30 May
Exam period	9 – 20 June

Teaching Period Two 2014 (Semester Two)

Arrival service	14 – 20 July
Orientation	21 – 25 July
Classes begin	28 July
Mid-semester recess	29 September – 3 October
Classes end	31 October
Exam period	10 – 21 November

2014 Tuition and study related fees

Undergraduate Study Abroad Program	\$9,000 per semester*
Postgraduate Study Abroad Program (one semester only)	\$9,800 per semester*
Overseas Student Health Care Cover (single cover)	\$259 for six months / \$605 for one year
Books and Miscellaneous Study Expenses	\$400 per semester (approximately)

All fees are in Australian dollars and additional fees may be charged for subjects that involve practical work or field trips.

*From 2014, the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) is incorporated into the semester and/or annual tuition fee for international fee paying students commencing in the Study Abroad program at JCU. No additional payment is required.

Planning your budget

In addition to your study abroad tuition fees, international students should be aware of the following costs:

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

Students are required to organise private health insurance before coming to study in Australia and are expected to maintain this insurance for the duration of their visa.

Norwegian, Swedish and Belgian citizens do not require OSHC. OSHC is only available to student visa holders. Students who arrive in Australia without a student visa will not have access to OSHC until their student visa

is granted. JCU organises OSHC membership for students who will be applying for a student visa. Fees vary depending on the length of your student visa and are subject to change.

Student Services and Amenities Fee

The Student Services and Amenities fee provides students access to services that enhance your student experience through student life, student representation and advocacy.

Books and miscellaneous study expenses

Approximately A\$400 is required per teaching period/semester for books. Other study costs,

depending on the course, may include: field trip costs, lab equipment, stationery, subject handbooks and calculator. It is also suggested that the costs for a computer/laptop be factored into your overall costs.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Financial aid and scholarship opportunities are limited and generally not available from Australian sources. Students are advised to explore what funding options (i.e. loans, grants, subsidies, sponsorships, scholarships and other awards or benefits) are available from sources within their home country.

Approximate total living costs

The following provides a guide to the approximate cost of living in Townsville and Cairns.

Expense	Living off-campus approximate cost (A\$)	Living on-campus approximate cost (A\$)
Rent (share only)	\$100–\$130	\$195–\$300
Food	\$75	MINIMAL
Electricity	\$20	INCLUDED
Transport/Travel	\$30–40	\$10–\$15
Miscellaneous	\$70	\$70
TOTAL PER WEEK	\$295–\$335	\$275–\$385
TOTAL PER YEAR	\$5,900–7,100	\$5,500–\$7,700

All costs are in Australian dollars and are subject to change.
Rent is based on sharing a privately rented house.



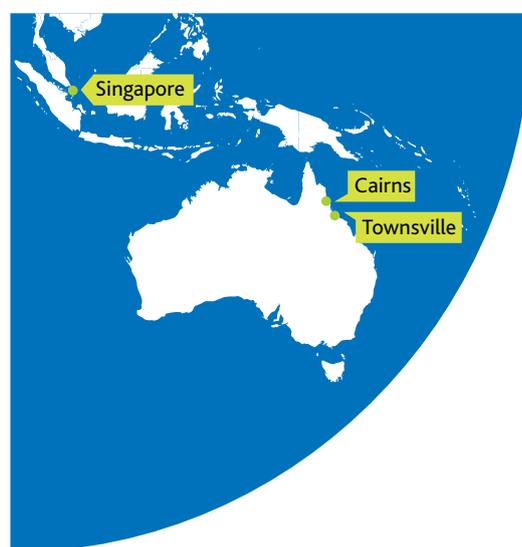
Getting to JCU

Cairns

Cairns has Australia's fifth busiest international airport. There are direct flights from Japan (four cities), Hong Kong, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Micronesia, Bali and Singapore, with more routes planned for the future. Numerous airlines fly from Sydney and Brisbane into Cairns daily.

Townsville

Three airlines fly from Brisbane to Townsville several times a day. Students can also fly directly to Cairns and then take the 50-minute shuttle flight to Townsville. Students at the Townsville campus are strongly recommended to fly into Townsville, as it is a 4-hour drive from Cairns and a 16-hour drive from Brisbane. There are also regular, direct flights from Sydney and Melbourne into Townsville.



ESOS Act and Tuition Protection Service

As a provider of education services to international students in Australia, James Cook University is required to comply with the Education Services for Overseas Students Act (ESOS Act) and the National Code of Practice for Registration Authorities and Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students (The National Code). The ESOS legislation and National Code specify minimum standards for the delivery of courses to students in Australia studying on a student visa and regulate what information must be given to existing and prospective international students, what support must be provided to existing students, what records are kept and what information is to be given to government agencies about international students. For more information visit the Australian Education International website and follow the links to ESOS at www.aei.gov.au.

JCU's Tuition Fee Policy for International Students applies to overseas students who do not commence their studies with JCU, or withdraw before their course is completed. The Policy sets out the circumstances in which a student is entitled to a refund as required under the ESOS Act, and can be found at www.jcu.edu.au/policy/student/finance/JCUDEV_005357.html.

The Tuition Protection Service (TPS) is a placement and refund service for international students studying on a student visa which also operates under the ESOS Act. The TPS replaces the Tuition Assurance Scheme and the ESOS Assurance Fund. On the rare occasions that a provider is unable to deliver a course an international student has paid for and does not meet their legal obligations to make alternative course replacements or provide a refund, the TPS will assist students to find an alternative place or, if this is not possible, provide a refund of any unspent tuition fees. For further information visit <https://tps.gov.au/Information/Students/How>.

Deferral, temporary suspension or cancellation of enrolment

The ESOS National Code and student visa conditions contain restrictions on when you, or JCU, can defer, suspend or cancel your enrolment. You may only defer commencement of your study or take a leave of absence once you have commenced when there are compassionate or compelling reasons for doing so. A "compassionate or compelling reason" is something which is beyond your control and which has, or will have, an impact on your academic progress or wellbeing. The University may temporarily suspend a student temporarily, enforcing a break from study, in certain circumstances. For details visit www.jcu.edu.au/international/public/groups/everyone/documents/policy/jcuprd_034357.pdf.

Application for Admission to the Study Abroad Program

For Study Abroad and Exchange Students - Undergraduate or Postgraduate Level

PERSONAL DETAILS					
Family Name					Title e.g. Mr/Mrs/Dr
Given Names					Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Permanent address in home country					
Telephone number in home country					
Fax number in home country					
Address (where we can contact you about your application). If applying through an agent, please put the agent's details here.					
Country in which you are submitting this application					
Telephone		Mobile/Cell Phone		Fax	
Email (Where we can contact you about your application)					
Date of Birth	Day	Month	Year		
Citizenship			Country of Birth		
Do you hold a current Australian visa? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please give category of visa					
Do you have a disability, psychological or medical condition which may affect your studies? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>					
If yes, attach supporting documents					
Will you be bringing family members on a dependant student visa? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>					

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY					
English is the main language spoken in my home Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>					
If no, please indicate language					
<input type="checkbox"/> I will have / or have taken an	<input type="checkbox"/> IELTS test	<input type="checkbox"/> TOEFL test	within the past two years (please tick appropriate box)		
<small>JCU TOEFL Code is 9811</small>					
on	Day	Month	Year	Please attach original documentation	
<input type="checkbox"/> I have undertaken studies (secondary/high school/university) for a minimum of two years in which the language of instruction was English. Please attach documentary evidence.					

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM					
Program Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Study Abroad	<input type="checkbox"/> Exchange	Level	<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate	<input type="checkbox"/> Postgraduate
Duration of Program	<input type="checkbox"/> One Teaching Period/Semester	<input type="checkbox"/> Two Teaching Periods/Semesters (only available for undergraduate study abroad)			
I wish to study at	<input type="checkbox"/> Townsville	<input type="checkbox"/> Cairns	PLEASE NOTE – NOT ALL SUBJECTS AVAILABLE ON BOTH CAMPUSES		
I would like to start my studies in Teaching Period	<input type="checkbox"/> One (February)	<input type="checkbox"/> Two (July)	Year		

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

NAME OF SCHOOL OR INSTITUTION	NAME OF QUALIFICATION OR COURSE	YEARS ATTENDED (MONTH/YEAR TO MONTH/YEAR)	COURSE COMPLETED (YES/NO)

Please attach certified copies of transcripts of all academic records. (A certified copy means a stamped photocopy signed by a public notary or institution representative or authorised JCU agent as being a true and accurate record of the original document). All documents must be translated into English by the issuing institution or by an official translating service.

SUBJECT APPROVALS

Please list a maximum of 6 subjects (one Teaching Period/Semester) or 12 subjects (two Teaching Periods/Semesters) and the corresponding subject code that you would like to enrol in at JCU, in order of preference. For JCU subjects within a specific study area please view the 'Subject Search' at www.jcu.edu.au/courses.
Note: Entry to subject codes 2000-5000 may be restricted to students who have previously completed studies in the same academic area.

SUBJECT NAME	SUBJECT CODE
Example: Rainforest and Ecosystems	BZ3210:03

DECLARATION (all applicants must complete)

I declare that the information I have supplied on the application form is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and correct. I acknowledge that my application for admission is subject to acceptance by JCU which has power to impose conditions. I further acknowledge that in the event my application for admission as a student at JCU is accepted, and in consideration of provision of educational resources by JCU, I will be bound by the provisions of JCU's relevant student handbooks, statutes, rules and policies as are in force from time to time, and will be subject to the lawful instructions of officers of JCU.

STREAMLINED VISA PROCESSING

I make this declaration in relation to my application for my preferred course/s at James Cook University (JCU). I understand that JCU is a participant in the Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship's (DIAC) Streamlined Visa Processing (SVP) and that the University will rely on this declaration in relation to any offer of enrolment in the Course which is made to me.

I declare that:

- I am a Genuine Temporary Entrant and a Genuine Student*;
- studying the Course is my primary purpose for coming to Australia;
- I understand that if I am granted an Australian student visa, I will have to comply with the conditions on that visa;
- I believe that I am academically qualified for the Course have applied for and have, or will have, the English proficiency level required to commence the Course;
- I have calculated the cost of my course, am aware of the current exchange rate between the currency of my home country and the Australian dollar and understand that the exchange rate will vary from time to time;
- I have genuine access to the total funds required**, while in Australia, to cover all tuition fees, travel (including return airfare), living costs and overseas health cover for myself and my dependents (if any) for the duration of the Course; and
- If I have ever been refused a visa for entry into Australia, I have advised JCU and provided a copy of the visa refusal notification from DIAC and any other relevant documentation.

* For the definition of Genuine Temporary Entrant and Genuine students under the SVP visit: The Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE) Requirement

www.immi.gov.au/students/_pdf/2011-genuine-temporary-entrant.pdf

**For financial requirements for obtaining a student visa under the SVP visit: DIAC Financial requirements: Travel, tuition and living expenses

www.immi.gov.au/students/students/573-0/financial.htm

PRIVACY

Personal information supplied on this form will be handled in accordance with JCU's Privacy Policy (available at www.jcu.edu.au).

I acknowledge that this information may be provided to other areas of JCU and to third parties for administrative and legislative purposes (under the ESOS Act 2000 and the National Code), including but not limited to the JCU Student Association; JCU's educational representatives and business partners; Australian Commonwealth and State agencies; other academic institutions to verify my previous qualifications; the TPS Director of the Tuition Protection Service; and my Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) provider.

Signature

Date

Please send all completed forms to the following JCU location, or to one of JCU's approved agents, listed online at www.jcu.edu.au/international/apply/jcurepresentatives

Townsville and Cairns campuses

International Admissions
James Cook International
Townsville QLD 4811
Australia
Phone: +61 7 4781 5601
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Email: iscadmissions@jcu.edu.au

This application form can be downloaded from:
www.jcu.edu.au/international/studyabroad/applynow/

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