

Budgeting for Overseas Study

When preparing for overseas study, it is important for you to consider how much it will cost so you can budget accordingly. In general, we estimate that you should have access to minimum \$5,000. However, it is important to note that this is an estimate only and your actual expenses will vary significantly depending on program, destination, and other lifestyle factors.

Please use the following table as a starting point for your research and submit it with your application.

| Estimates expenses | Australian Dollars | Estimated funds available | Australian Dollars |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Return airfares | | Personal savings | |
| Visa* (if needed) | | IEIS or other grant | |
| Vaccinations (if needed) | | OS-HELP (if eligible) | |
| Insurance (if needed) | | Centrelink (if eligible) | |
| Accommodation** | | Other funding | |
| Program and/or registration fees | | | |
| Meals | | | |
| Local transport | | | |
| Domestic travel (inc. holidays) | | | |
| Textbooks (if needed) | | | |
| Emergency funds | | | |
| Other costs | | | |
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| Total expenses: | | Total funds available: | |

*Some countries require you to apply for a visa in-person at their embassy or consulate. Please view the host country's immigration website for details as it will advise where the nearest location is. For some countries, you will need to fly to Sydney or Canberra so need to include these costs.

**Many countries will quote accommodation and other living expenses per month, rather than weekly.

Finding information

To find the above information, it is likely that you will need to check a few places such as:

- host country's immigration website (e.g. USA: <https://www.uscis.gov/>)
- host country's government website for international students (e.g. <https://au.usembassy.gov/education-culture/study-usa/>)

If you are traveling with a Third-Party Provider, they may be able to provide you with a rough estimate on what living expenses will be like during their program.