

Australia

English Language & Internship Program

- **Strong English language skills are your passport to a global career**
The University of Queensland (UQ) is consistently ranked in the world's top 100 universities and offers you an exceptional opportunity to experience world-class English language training and to develop the global communication skills you need to fast-track your career.
- **Internationalise your resume with a professional internship**
Undertake real work projects with an Australian company and quickly develop the skills and experience today's employers are looking for.
- **Gain international experience connections**
As an intern in Australia's multicultural workforce you will meet professionals from around the world and make important industry connections.
- **Live and work in subtropical Queensland**
With 300 days of sunshine a year, a growing economy, and a prime location as Australia's gateway to business in the Asia Pacific Queensland's state capital Brisbane is one of Australia's top destinations for international students and interns.

About the English Language & Internship Program

The English Language and Internship Program includes five or ten weeks of intensive English language training at UQ's Institute of Continuing & TESOL Education (ICTE-UQ) in Brisbane, Australia followed by a six-week full-time professional internship placement coordinated by ICTE-UQ partner Australian Internships (AI).

Step 1: Intensive, high quality English language training

ICTE-UQ is an award-winning English language school located in state-of-the-art UQ St Lucia campus facilities. Each year more than 2,000 students from 40 countries around the world study English at ICTE-UQ and learn from qualified and experienced teachers in small classes of 12-18 students.

ICTE-UQ English language courses include 25 hours of face-to-face tuition each week. Course options include:

- General English - English language communication skills for social and work situations
- English for International Business Communication – English language skills in a business context
- Advanced English Communication Skills – Advanced communication skills and fluency development through project work

For more information about ICTE-UQ English language courses visit www.ictе.uq.edu.au/full-time-english-courses

Step 2: Full-time professional internship placement

Australian Internships (AI) specialises in arranging internships for young professionals seeking international experience. You will be placed with a host in a position that matches your education and employment background as well as future career aspirations and undertake professional full-time work projects.

It is important to note that internship placements are training opportunities and not paid positions of employment.

Sample internship fields include marketing & business, political science, law, international relations, finance, government, tourism/travel, natural resources management, science, engineering, architecture and information technology.

It is also possible to choose to do an Internship placement in another city or location in Australia – the perfect way to experience more than one city during your time in Australia!

**Law is different in Europe and Australia (Commonwealth), so we can only offer placements in International Business Law.*



Program Entry Requirements

- Academic/Professional - An education or employment background in the chosen field of their internship placement
- English Language - CEFR 1 or IELTS 5.5 (no individual score less than 5.5)*
- Other - Applicants will also need to meet appropriate visa requirements.

** or equivalent as determined by ICTE-UQ*

Working Holiday Visa

The ICTE-UQ English Language and Internship Program can be undertaken on a 12-month Working Holiday Visa (WHV).

- The working holiday Program provides opportunities for people between 18 and 30 to holiday in Australia and to **supplement their travel funds through incidental employment**.
- The visa allows a stay of up to 12 months from the date of first entry to Australia, regardless of whether or not you spend the whole time in Australia.
- Applicants can complete an internship on the WHV for a **maximum of six months**:

For more information visit www.immi.gov.au

2014 COURSE DATES

Students can commence their English Language and Internship Program on one of the following dates:

6 January 2014
17 February 2014
24 March 2014
5 May 2014
10 June 2014
21 July 2014
25 August 2014
7 October 2014
10 November 2014

Take a tour of ICTE-UQ <http://www.ictc.uq.edu.au/tour>

The University's main campus at St Lucia is set on a magnificent 114-hectare site bounded on all sides by the Brisbane River, seven kilometers from the Brisbane CBD. The campus has expansive landscaped grounds, three lakes, an aquatic centre, tennis courts, eight athletics ovals with a 600-seat grandstand, and facilities for elite rowing. The campus fans out from a 1930s, heritage-listed sandstone Cloister enclosing the Great Court.

UQ is one of Australia's premier teaching, learning and research institutes.

UQ:

- Is a founding member of the Group of Eight (Go8)
- Is one of only three Australian members of Universitas 21
- Has won more Australian Learning and Teaching Council awards than any other Australian university.
- Has established eight globally-recognised research institutes and undertaken more than 2330 research projects with collaborators in over 50 countries.
- More than 45,500 students, including over 11,300 international students from 134 countries, study at UQ and enjoy world-class campus sporting, social and computing facilities.

Students can find almost anything they need on campus including sporting and entertainment facilities, places to eat and shop as well as postal, banking and medical services. As well as being a great place to study, UQ St Lucia is a great place to meet new people, enjoy a range of sporting and cultural activities, and relax in a diverse and welcoming environment.

www.uq.edu.au

ABOUT BRISBANE

Brisbane offers:

- friendly, modern, clean and safe city lifestyle
- a wealth of natural, tourist, sporting and cultural attractions
- easy to use, reliable public transport including bus, train and ferry systems
- a multicultural society, diverse cuisine, customs, museums, art galleries, markets, clubs, bars and live entertainment.
- The beautiful Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast beaches and rainforest hinterlands are just one hour away.

Fast Facts

- State capital of Queensland
- Population: 2.1 million

Weather

Summer 20-30o C (December-February)

Autumn 12-28o C (March-May)

Winter 8-21o C (June-August)

Spring 12-26o C (September-November)

Brisbane has more than 200 days of sunshine every year and the difference between Summer and Winter seasons is not extreme.

Students dress casually and wear jeans/shorts/skirts and a t-shirt/singlet on campus in the summer and jeans and a jumper on campus in the winter. Students who will study in Brisbane during the colder winter months will also need to bring a warm jacket. During your internship you will be expected to dress professionally, appropriate to your industry.

Cost of Living

Brisbane is one of Australia's most affordable cities to live in and visit.

The table below is a guide to the kind of costs that students in Brisbane may encounter. It is based on average student expenses. Actual costs will vary depending on lifestyle and personal choices. It is recommended that you bring between \$100 - \$200 in Australian currency with you for immediate expenses when you arrive. It is not recommended that you bring large amounts of cash with you.

Campus lunch	\$10
Fast food meal	\$5 - \$10
Restaurant meal	\$15 - \$45
Can of soft drink	\$2
Bottle of water	\$2.50
Cup of coffee	\$3.50 - \$4.50
Movie ticket	\$7 - \$15
Concert ticket	\$20 - \$150
Tube of toothpaste	\$3 - \$5
Shampoo	\$5
Local phone call	\$0.50

Find out more about Brisbane

- <http://www.studybrisbane.com.au/Study/About/Download.aspx>
- www.queenslandholidays.com.au/destinations/brisbane/
- www.lonelyplanet.com/australia/queensland/brisbane
- www.totaltravel.com.au/travel/qld/brisbanearea

Public transport in Brisbane

Public transport in Brisbane is safe and clean and includes buses, trains and river ferries (CityCat). The ticketing system is integrated. This means a ticket that is bought on a bus can also be used on a train or CityCat.

Brisbane is divided into 5 travel regions or 'zones'. Ticket prices are based on how many zones you travel for each journey. The UQ St Lucia campus is located in Zone 2.

To view a public transport zone map [click here](#)

Tickets

You can choose to buy a pre-paid electronic touch card (go-card) or a paper ticket.

Go-card

A go-card can store up to AUD \$250 credit. Credit can be used to travel on any Brisbane City Council bus, train or CityCat service.

Go-card is easy to use. Just touch your go-card to an electronic card reader at the **START** and **END** of each bus, train or CityCat service you use. Your fare will be automatically calculated and deducted from your go-card. Go-card allows you to transfer from one service to another within 60 minutes (eg: take one bus to the city and then take a second bus to campus).

Using a Go-card is 30% cheaper than buying paper tickets. Plus, after your ninth Go-card trip in any week (Monday-Sunday) your travel is free. If you are travelling for free, make sure you still use your card to 'touch on' and 'touch off' to a card reader.

Go-cards and extra credit for your card can be purchased at most newsagencies, including UQ Campus News, and [online](#). A go-card costs \$10 to buy and can be 'topped up' with credit as many times as you like.



Paper tickets

You can buy a single trip paper ticket from the bus driver when you board the bus, at all train stations and at some bus stations.

About Activities at ICTE-UQ

Finding out what is happening in and around Brisbane and getting information about how you can meet other students is easy at ICTE-UQ.

The Activities Office has a wide range of things for you to do on campus, in and around Brisbane and in South-East Queensland. Whether you want to book a weekend away on a tropical island or find out where the local weekend markets are in Brisbane, the Activities Office can help.

You can choose to meet other ICTE-UQ students by joining in one of the scheduled Calendar Activities or, you can book your own activities by yourself or with a group friends. ICTE-UQ students can also use all UQ sporting facilities at discount student prices, join UQ student clubs and societies and attend all public lectures and events on campus.

ICTE-UQ offers a range of complimentary information sessions for students, including destination travel advice, personal safety sessions with Queensland Police, rental accommodation in Brisbane, study pathways to UQ and many more.

About Homestay Accommodation Homestay accommodation is a great way to learn about Australian culture and to practice English in a safe, friendly and relaxed environment. We recommend that all students choose to stay in homestay accommodation for at least the first 5 weeks of their course or program.

ICTE-UQ visits all families in their home before they are accepted as hosts and students/program participants are matched with their homestay family by the Institute's experienced Accommodation Officers.

Homestay accommodation includes:

- private bedroom with bed, desk, chair and wardrobe
- access to all family areas of the home
- breakfast and dinner on weekdays
- breakfast, lunch and dinner on weekends
- basic internet access (restrictions such as no large downloads can apply)

Homes are typically located within 10 kilometres of the UQ St Lucia campus. Transport to and from the campus is usually by bus, train or express river catamaran (CityCat) and on average takes between thirty minutes to one hour.

Homestay is available for a minimum of 5 weeks. Students can move in on the Saturday or Sunday before their course commences. If you need help with homestay while you are in Australia the ICTE-UQ Accommodation Officers are available to offer support.

Prior to departure you will be provided with contact details and information on your host family + an electronic guide *'Living in Homestay'* to assist with any questions you may have.

For details of temporary accommodation provider's located off-campus please visit the [Temporary accommodation providers: St Lucia Off Campus](#) page of the UQ Accommodation Services website.

What past ICTE-UQ students have said...

"Getting international experience was the best choice I made and will give me an advantage in my career. I enjoyed learning English at ICTE-UQ - it has world-class facilities, amazing teachers and an incredible multicultural environment.

For my internship I researched new markets and looked for new business opportunities. My colleagues were very supportive and helpful. Perhaps the most important thing I learnt is what I want to achieve and knowing that I can achieve it." **Tommaso Grassi, Italy**

"I am very satisfied with my choice to study at ICTE-UQ because I finally found what I was looking for - a course that focused completely on business English and could give me the skills I need to apply for a job in any business field. The teachers are excellent and very supportive. I would surely recommend this course."

About Brisbane, what I love the most is its very easy going and laid back lifestyle, very similar to the southern Italy lifestyle! I think it's also a very liveable city which can offer a lot to young people and above all too overseas students.

"I love the fact that here (Brisbane), compared to Italy, everything is different and bigger, starting from the wild life (my friends still can't believe me that I have possums fighting every night on my roof!), and distances! Australia is such a huge country that if you want to go somewhere up north (for example Cairns) you have to catch a plane!" **Diana Motta, Italy**

“My internship in Australia broadened my view of the world. It’s given me new ideas, new ways to look at challenges and helped me to think outside the box.

I’m interested in business management. The workplace skills I have gained over the last six weeks, especially the skills and confidence to communicate with people across all areas of an organisation, will give me better opportunities to advance my career in Brazil.”

Penitente, Brazil

“My studies provided me with a good theoretical understanding of civil engineering. My internship is giving me the practical experience.

When I was studying I wasn’t completely sure about what kind of work I wanted to pursue. Being an intern on a real work site is really exciting. Everyday something is changing and the people are great to work with. Now I know this is the kind of work I want to do and I feel ready to do it.”

Santos, Brazil

“This has been the best six months of my life! It has been challenging, but the people I have met, the things I have learnt and what I have achieved have made my view of the world bigger.

This program has improved my English language skills, given me confidence and really helped me to decide what I want for my future. I would definitely encourage other students to apply for an ICTE-UQ English language and internship program.”

Shiori Satoh, Japan

Need more information

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