



Other considerations for the ANU School of Art International Exchange Program

Finances and Funding

It's important to know how much money your exchange is going to cost and how you will pay for it. Depending on where you go the overall cost could vary significantly and you should ensure you are well-researched on this before you commit to an exchange.

When budgeting consider both the length of time you intend to spend overseas and the differing costs of living in different countries or regions.

Tuition fees

These are paid to ANU just as you would do in a regular semester, including the student services and amenities fee (SSAF). Tuition between ANU and partner institutions are waived as part of a bilateral agreement. Please note, some universities may require you to pay an ancillary student union fee (similar to SSAF) to them even though you're paying the SSAF at home.

Airfares and travel costs

These include flights to and from your exchange destination, as well as costs once you're in the country. This will form a major part of your expenses and it pays to shop around – including booking ahead whenever practical.

Insurance

The good news is by default you'll be covered by ANU Travel Insurance while you're away on exchange. But you may also need to purchase additional cover by the university partner you're going to, especially if the level of cover they expect is different to that provided by the ANU insurance. Additionally, if your travel period exceeds the allowable limits then you will need to purchase additional cover. Remember the golden rule – if you can't afford travel insurance, you can't afford to travel.

Accommodation

Costs for accommodation will vary depending on whether you live on or off campus and what type of housing option you accept. Partner websites will usually have pretty comprehensive housing information that you can read up on in advance of your exchange, including detailed cost breakdowns of weekly tariffs and one-off fees.

Food

If your meals aren't being covered as part of your housing costs, you'll need to budget for this separately. And remember that even if your food is covered as part of your accommodation agreement, you'll need to factor in more if you go away on weekends and holiday breaks.

Other day to day costs

There can be a range of other costs you might incur during your exchange period, including related to entertainment and socialising, transport, clothes, materials etc. Think about what you spend at home on these sorts of items and consider that you'll be likely to spend just as much – or perhaps even more – while you are away on exchange.

Passports and visas

You need to ensure you've got an up to date passport before you travel, and that you've applied for the correct visa. Sometimes this can run to several hundreds of dollars.

How to finance your exchange

As an exchange student, there are several options which you may use to fund your exchange.

OS-HELP loans

Commonwealth-supported students may be eligible to apply for a Commonwealth OS-HELP loan which allows students to defer loan repayments through the taxation system.

Travel grants

Vice-Chancellor Travel Grant funding is made available to exchange students annually. The amount provided to each student will vary from year to year. See our scholarships webpage for more information and opportunities.

If a student is sponsored by another organisation, including the host university, they must declare this source of funding as soon as this information is known. The level of travel grant funding offered may be adjusted accordingly.

ANU Scholarships

It's possible to hold more than one scholarship, bursary or grant at a time, so checking out all of the funding opportunities available to you is a good idea.

You may also be able to source some funding through our partner universities – they provide scholarships and grants to encourage you to choose them as your destination.

School of Art Travelling Scholarships

The School of Art has established four travelling scholarships to assist outgoing students with the cost of international exchange. These scholarships range in value from \$2,500 to \$4,000 and are awarded once each year.

These scholarships do not require a separate application. Students accepted to go on a School of Art exchange will automatically be considered for a School of Art travelling scholarship based on all aspects of their ANU School of Art international exchange application.

Centrelink payments

If you are entitled to Centrelink payments in Australia, you may be eligible to continue receiving these payments while overseas. Refer to the Centrelink website for more information.

Personal savings

Almost all students going on exchange will need to finance some of their costs out of personal savings. It's important to plan ahead - get a casual or part-time job in the year or months leading up to exchange, so you have enough money that you can enjoy your time away without worrying about money.

Whether going on exchange will extend the duration of your degree

Normally an exchange will not add to the time required to complete your degree program. However, under some circumstances the exchange may extend your time to complete your degree program. If this is a problem then you should consult with your ANU academic college/s and reconsider your decision to go on exchange.

While you may complete your study program you may not be able to graduate in the semester of your exchange due to the time of receiving and crediting results to your ANU program.

Managing any disabilities while on exchange

If you are registered with ANU Access and Inclusion or have any issues which may impact on an exchange experience in a foreign country, you should advise the ANU School of Art and ANU Global Programs of these facts. It is important that we have this information so that we can support you to complete a successful exchange.

Application process

Intending applicants must attend a compulsory School of Art exchange information session. If you do not attend one of the compulsory information sessions, you will not be eligible to apply in the current round.

After attending an information session, you will be eligible to [commence an application](#). You can view program brochures and content without logging in, but to apply for any of the programs available you will need to register an account through the Login/Register page. Help and advice on using the system is available under [How To Use This System](#).

Applicants must research participating art schools, locate appropriate disciplines, and discuss proposal/s with their Head of Workshop/Program Convenor/Supervisor to obtain approval and advice on suitable institutions.

Applicants should prepare a detailed proposal for their study including a clear statement of their reasons for wishing to undertake the exchange, and seek a letter of support from their Head of Workshop/Program Convenor.

Visual Arts, Digital Arts and Design Arts students are required to prepare a portfolio of recent work to support their application.

During your application year you will complete an ANU School of Art international exchange program application and, if successfully nominated, an application to your selected university. More is discussed in the School of Art exchange information session.

Timeframes

The timeframes of application rounds and briefings are:

1. ANU School of Art exchange information sessions – April and/or May (for Semester 1 exchange of the following year), and September and/or October (for Semester 2 exchange of the following year)
2. Online application submission to ANU School of Art during May to June (for Semester 1 exchange of the following year) or October to December (for Semester 2 exchange of the following year)
3. ANU Global Programs pre-departure briefings – October (for Semester 1 exchange of the following year) or May (for Semester 2 exchange of the same year).