



Australian
National
University

Undergraduate Domestic Student Guide 2025

Your place is here

Welcome to ANU, from across Australia and all corners of the earth. Our place is your place.

Our campus is an experience, a place to belong, to live, learn and discover you. Your time with us will introduce you to enriching courses and lifelong friends, and see you living and collaborating with other passionate and talented people.

Gaining an internationally recognised degree at The Australian National University (ANU) is an amazing opportunity to dig deeper and make a difference.

Picture yourself at ANU – in Australia's national capital, Canberra. We can't wait to meet you.

The Australian National University (ANU) acknowledges, celebrates and pays respect to the Ngambri and Ngunnawal people of the Canberra region and to all First Nations Australians on whose traditional lands we live, meet and work.

An inspiring community

17,000+ students from 100 countries

6 Nobel laureates

#1 in 13 academic disciplines in Australia¹

#1 most employable graduates in Australia²

#1 most international university³

5 stars for student-to-staff ratio and staff qualifications⁴

#34 in the world⁵

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5 reasons why ANU is for you

1

We're Australia's most international university³

Tackle complex problems alongside global experts who write the textbooks and students from all over the world. With our unique internship and international learning opportunities you can also build the skills and experience to join Australia's #1 most employable graduates.²

2

Small, interactive classes taught by world-leading academics

Connecting with talented lecturers, tutors and classmates – and the amazing resources at ANU – is easy. Our student-teacher ratios are among the best in Australian universities and our research, learning facilities and industry links are second to none.

3

Flexible, internationally recognised degrees

Choose from 50 single degrees across a wide range of disciplines or combine your passions with your career interests and consider a flexible double degree. At ANU, you can design your double degree from over 600 possible combinations.

4

Early offer with automatic scholarship consideration

ANU makes offers for admission, scholarships and guaranteed accommodation to Year 12 students in early September. Apply directly for free between March and May and go back to making the most out of your last year at school.

5

Supportive community to help you settle in

Our students come from diverse backgrounds – and some are the first in their family to go to university. Our wide range of academic, career and wellbeing resources help you adjust to university and thrive in your career after graduation.

Welcome to Canberra

Vibrant, fun and multicultural, Canberra is an amazing combination of cosmopolitan delights and country warmth. Getting around is easy, and there are heaps of jobs here for students and things to see and do. Say hello to Australia's coolest city.

Touristy treasures

Canberra's attractions are renowned and oh-so-unique. Discover the workings of our government at Parliament House or explore art, history and culture at the War Memorial, the National Gallery and the National Museum. You can even talk to the animals at the National Zoo & Aquarium or end a summer's day watching a film under the stars at the Botanic Gardens.

After-dark action

As the sun descends on another vibey day in Canberra, the fun doesn't diminish. This city is brimming with PM pursuits, from live music venues and themed bars to world-class theatres and night-time festivals. Too much noise? Soak up the serenity in the early AM with a hike up Mount Ainslie.

Foodie feasts

As a multicultural city, it's not surprising that Canberra offers a smorgasbord of hunger-busting international choices. From Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese and Japanese to Turkish, Italian, Mexican and Australian pub grub, get ready to take your tastebuds on a world tour!

Fantastic festivals

Canberra has a range of awesome festivals celebrating the city's four distinct seasons. In spring, there's flower-filled Floriade. In summer, there's the car-loving Summernats and the Canberra Comedy Festival. In autumn, the illuminating Enlighten Festival. And in winter, the Truffle Festival. That's year-round festival frolicking for the taking!

Super-fun shopping

If you love shopping, then you'll find ample ways to spend your coin in Canberra, with lots of boutiques, small retailers and op shops selling everything from fashion and gifts to homewares and vintage treasures. Plus, the city has its fair share of mega retail centres offering one-stop-shop opportunities and bargains.

Awe-inspiring adventures

Snow, sea, sand, surf and scenery – outdoor adventures abound in Canberra. Close by, you'll find Jamala Wildlife Lodge and the National Arboretum. Further afield, there's the Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve and Canberra's wine region, the Snowy Mountains and the glorious beaches of the New South Wales south coast.

A city to love

#1 highest average income and lowest unemployment in Australia

Why Study in Canberra 2022

#1 most sustainable city in Australia

The World's Most Sustainable Cities 2021

25% of people speak a language other than English

Multicultural Canberra 2022

#3 smartest city in the world

IMD Smart City Index 2023



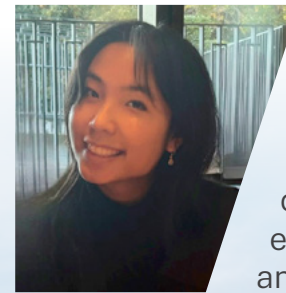


“Canberra is a wonderful place to create positive change if you’re a passionate activist. Coming from a low-SES background, I was really fortunate to be a recipient of the life-changing C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship when

I applied to ANU. As a queer, young woman of colour and a youth and health equity activist, the scholarship also allowed me to continue advocating for my communities.”

Angelina Inthavong

Bachelor of Health Science



“Living on campus was a big drawcard for my choosing ANU. As an interstate student coming from Melbourne, it was the easiest way to meet new people and build a community away from home. The residential advisers and social leaders at Fenner Hall were incredibly welcoming and kind. There were also many social activities on offer that it was honestly hard not to make friends!”

Sabrina Tse

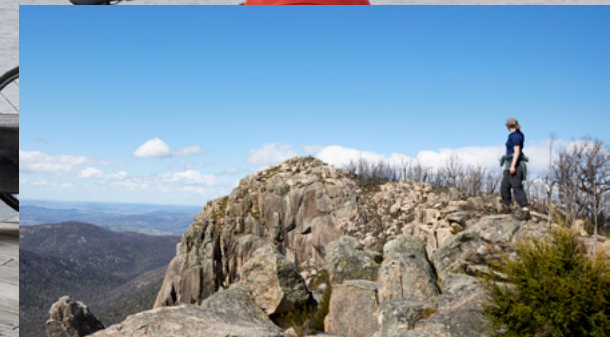
Bachelor of International Security Studies/Bachelor of Arts



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Space to learn and grow

Learn in innovative spaces, gain new skills and accreditations – and take part in practical career-focused activities that can help you stand out from the crowd long before you graduate.

Small classes taught by world-leading academics

With a student-teacher ratio of 11:1, you'll work alongside renowned academics who are leaders in their fields. Driving your learning in lectures and tutorials will be the latest research and challenges to dig deeper, ask the hard questions and try new approaches to solving today's big problems.

Creative learning spaces

Imagine working in a recording studio, arguing a case in a contemporary courtroom, looking through the SkyMapper survey telescope or coding Gadi, the southern hemisphere's fastest supercomputer. At ANU, you'll learn in lecture halls, laboratories and other spaces specifically designed for exploration and collaboration.

Academic skills

Building on the skills you gained at school will make sure you thrive at university. ANU supplies workshops and one-on-one sessions on academic writing, research techniques, communication strategies, referencing, academic integrity, and how to prepare for exams. Just tell us what you need and we'll provide it.

Practical internships

As part of your degree, you can choose to enrol in internship courses that can see you work with business, government, the cultural sector and communities. Our internships explore subjects as diverse as art collection management, archaeology, engineering, computing, public health, policy and diplomacy, as well as business, economics, law, science and strategy.

Public policy experiences

Unique to ANU are a range of national and international internship programs that can see you working during your semester breaks alongside politicians and aides in places like the ACT Legislative Assembly, Parliament House, the United States Congress or in Taiwanese government departments or agencies.

Professional accreditation

Before you can work in some jobs, you'll need to meet the professional requirements of their peak bodies, such as Engineers Australia, the Australian Computer Society and CPA Australia. ANU builds work-integrated learning components into your degree that will help you earn this accreditation.

Elite athletes' program

You'll get extra support at ANU to help you meet your academic and sporting commitments if you are recognised as an elite athlete by the Australian Sports Commission's AIS Personal Excellence program.

Email: access.inclusion@anu.edu.au
Phone: 02 6125 5036

Centre for Indigenous students

Request a tour of the meeting place that supplies academic support, pastoral care and advice on internships and scholarships to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at ANU.

Email: tjabal.centre@anu.edu.au
Phone: 02 6125 4038

Support for students living with disability

We will support you to take part fully in your degree program. If you are a carer, have a medical condition or are living with disability, we'll provide you with advice about supports and adjustments.

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Phone: 02 6125 5036

For information on how ANU will support your career and wellbeing, go to pages 10 and 12.



“I’ve done work placements planting trees in Bredbo with NGOs and field trips to Kioloa. I’ve also completed 12 internship units at the Australian

Academy of Science and I’m currently doing a research project in the Senate as part of the Australian National Internship Program (ANIP). This has been beyond valuable to me.”

Ashy Kinsella

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science



“I was placed in the Youth Law Centre within Legal Aid for twelve days over the semester as a paralegal and worked with a team of other students to help

young people experiencing legal issues. This hands-on practical legal experience was great.”

Helen Tong

Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Arts

A campus made for you

Make our campus your playground, whether it's time to study or put your books away for the day. It's beautiful, vibrant and safe and offers everything you need to get the most out of university life.

Find a space to study

Focus on your studies in the many comfy spots dotted around campus – from the lounge and breakout zones in the Student Centre or Marie Reay Teaching Centre – to rooms with whiteboards and screens that make collaborating easy.

When you need to soak up some sun, settle yourself on the bean bags outdoors on the Kambri lawn or in the amphitheatre overlooking Sullivan's Creek.

Meet, eat and shop

You won't need to travel far for food and study supplies. Conveniently on the ANU campus are cafes, bars, a retro games room and a bookshop, pharmacy and supermarket. They serve everything from basic groceries, prescription medicines, stationery supplies and textbooks to coffee and food from around the world.

Stay fit and healthy

Build your physical and mental fitness at our two gyms, four ovals and swimming pool or by booking the indoor courts and fitness spaces at the ANU Sports Centre. Like Canberra, the University is bike-friendly and has some beautiful walking trails.

Pick up an e-scooter or bicycle between classes or bring your own with you.

Join a club or society

ANU offers heaps of opportunities to pursue your hobbies and interests with other students. Whether you're interested in the arts, languages, advocacy, physics or sport, there's a student-run social, academic or cultural club or society for you. Joining is super easy. Find the club for you: anusa.com.au/life/clublist/

Run for election

You could advocate on behalf of all students to the University executive and help supply the free and confidential legal, welfare services and social events that the ANU Students Association (ANUSA) provides. Learn more on page 12.

Get involved in events

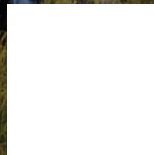
At the start of every semester, during Orientation Week, Kambri – the hub of student life at ANU – comes alive! The calendar of events includes markets, workshops, tours and competitions. Throughout the semester, you can also take part in social events, from concerts and movie nights to theatre and live music performances.





Take a campus tour

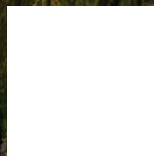
Get a taste of the ANU experience by booking a tour of campus with one of our student ambassadors.



Book a tour of ANU

Your safety

The ANU Security team and the free ANUOK app work together to make sure our campus is a safe environment for you. Reach them quickly by downloading the ANUOK app when you arrive.



Download the ANUOK app



“As I wasn't living on campus, I found clubs and societies a great way to meet people and feel more involved in campus life. I loved serving on committees for the Australia-China Youth Association and the ANU College of Asia & the Pacific's students' association. It was fun to hang out with friends with similar interests, and I learned a lot and gained valuable experience from organising events.”

Kira Atkins

Bachelor of International Security Studies
(Year in Asia)



“I enjoyed rowing in high school, so joining the ANU Boat Club was a no-brainer. Through it, I made some of my best friends in a matter of months, and represented the University. I've also volunteered with the Rural Medical Society and spent half a day with high school students in Bega providing practical demonstrations and discussing what health careers can look like to spark their interest.”

Mack Stalker

Bachelor of Health Science

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

A room of your own

A study offer from ANU guarantees you a place in a student residence. With several options, you're sure to find a room to call your home away from home.*

Supportive community

Living in a student residence will help you build your independence, make new friends and settle into university life. On tap will be residential advisers who provide wellbeing support 24/7 and tutors who can help you with your studies, plus an exciting calendar of social, sporting and community-building events.

Classes within easy reach

Just about everything you need will be relatively close to your residence by foot, bicycle or public transport: lecture halls, cafes, bars, bike paths, gyms, supermarkets and libraries. Canberra and campus are easy to get around, so the activities of ANU clubs and societies and the Kambri student hub are always close. Roll out of bed and make your way to class!

* Eligibility criteria apply

City on your doorstep

A short walk away from the ANU campus is the Canberra Centre, with its big-name and independent clothes, food, gift and phone shops. The Dendy and Palace cinemas, a games arcade, banks and several grocers are also close by, along with bars, cafes, restaurants and the buzzing nightlife of Braddon.

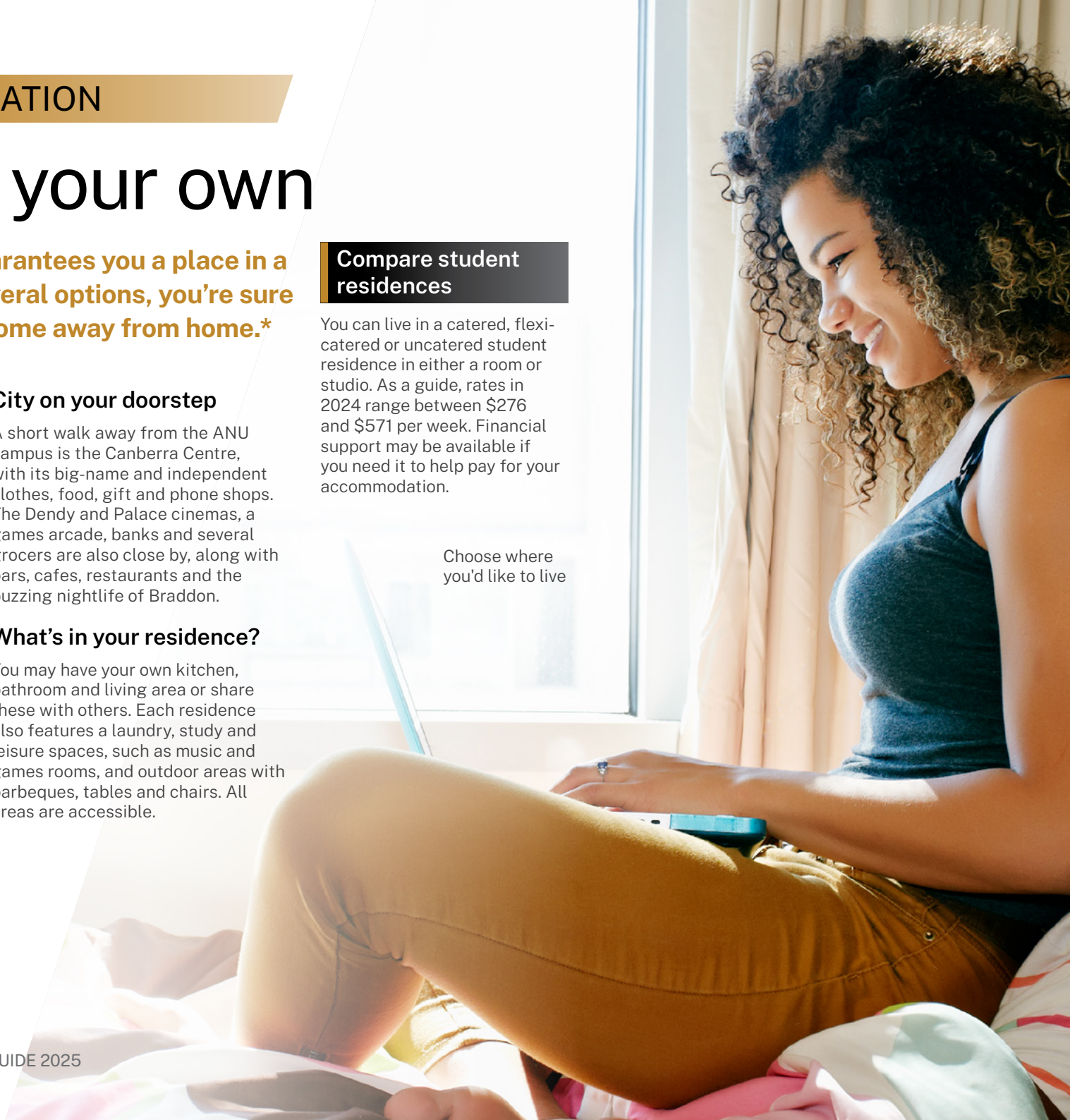
What's in your residence?

You may have your own kitchen, bathroom and living area or share these with others. Each residence also features a laundry, study and leisure spaces, such as music and games rooms, and outdoor areas with barbeques, tables and chairs. All areas are accessible.

Compare student residences

You can live in a catered, flexi-catered or uncatered student residence in either a room or studio. As a guide, rates in 2024 range between \$276 and \$571 per week. Financial support may be available if you need it to help pay for your accommodation.

Choose where you'd like to live





Accommodation guarantee

In your first year, we guarantee you a room in an approved student residence.

Here's how to apply:

Direct applicants

Tick 'yes' on the accommodation page in the application portal and list your preferences. If you receive an admission offer in September or December/January, you'll get an accommodation offer at the same time.

UAC applicants

Apply for a room through the ANU accommodation portal from September. Your accommodation offer will be issued to you after you accept your offer to ANU.

How to apply for accommodation as a non-direct applicant



“I've lived at Burton and Garran Hall. Everyone was friendly and kind, and always up for a chat. The social events were fun and I made wonderful memories

there. I loved how quickly I could get to class. Getting to my job in Civic was also a nice walk through campus, which is lovely on a sunny day.”

Kishaya Lye

Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Arts



“Living on campus at Wamburun Hall is a great experience. It is one of the most diverse residences on campus, filled with students from around Australia and the

world. With a capacity of 500 residents, there are so many new people to meet and friendships to create. Wamburun is also walking distance from classes and shops. Campus living is an unforgettable experience.”

Ben Leung

Bachelor of Laws (Honours)

Let's talk about your career

The ANU Careers and Employability team provides one-on-one practical advice and will point you to resources that can help you complete a job application and increase your impact at interview.

Job application advice

Our team of career consultants can help you with advice about selection criteria questions, performing at interviews or updating your resume. During your appointment with them, they may also give you some job searching strategies.

Career planning

We can help you explore the potential careers your degree prepares you for and discuss some of the things you can do to increase your employability, such as taking part in career development workshops and programs.

Volunteering

Getting involved as a volunteer in the community can help you meet people and gain new skills. The ANU+ program recognises involvement in volunteering activities and taking part in it will show employers that you're willing to gain a deeper understanding of yourself and your community.

Expos and employer visits

Each year, ANU will invite you to events that will connect you with prospective employers. Our Career Connect fair, usually held in Semester 2, brings together employers from various disciplines and industries so you can learn from them about recruitment processes while building your professional networks.

CareerHub

This is the University's central online career development and employability tool. It features a noticeboard that can connect you with internships, part-time jobs, graduate employment programs and career-related resources and events, including workshops and instructive videos.



"When you choose a degree you love, you will work every day until you graduate. Nothing will taste sweeter than nailing an essay or feeling knowledgeable at a dinner table. I chose criminology at ANU because I wanted to understand how to make our systems and societies fairer and safer for everyone."

Adelaide Bragias

Bachelor of Criminology (Honours)





"After getting excited about what a career in geographic information systems (GIS) looks like, I found an Esri Australia internship on an ANU Research School of Earth Sciences forum. I got to design and execute satellite and soil carbon data analysis with Esri's software and began building a professional network. Plus, the quality of the work in my portfolio helped me find a job in spatial analysis for forest carbon modelling."

Terence Johnson
Bachelor of Science

Your wellbeing is everything

Whenever you need medical care, counselling, legal advice or cultural or spiritual support, you can find it right here on campus. Best of all, these services are free.

First-year program

If you're from a rural or remote location, low-income or refugee background or the first in your family to attend university, the First-Year Experience program is for you. It will help you build your connection to the University, your teachers and fellow students through events, activities, support services and much more.

Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre

A meeting place for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, the Tjabal centre can provide you with academic support, pastoral care and advice on internships and scholarships. This home away from home is also a space to gather, study and heat up your lunch and can help you to achieve your academic and career goals.

Medical clinic

The ANU Medical Centre's general practice (GP) clinic supplies free medical services to students. When you're on campus, you can make an appointment or walk-in to see a doctor or nurse for a health check-up, immunisations, minor wound management and more.

Counselling

ANU Counselling is a free, confidential and non-diagnostic service that can support your mental health and wellbeing while you're studying. You can access one-on-one counselling sessions or take part in free group programs and seminars.

Sexual harassment and violence support

The ANU Respectful Relationships unit provides sexual harassment and violence education programs and support.

Spiritual support

When you need spiritual support, our team of multifaith chaplains can help. They represent the Anglican, Catholic and Baptist churches and the Muslim, Hindu, Jewish, Baha'i faiths, as well as the Humanist tradition.

Students' association

You will automatically become a member of the ANU Students' Association (ANUSA). As well as being able to join in the fun stuff, like 200-plus clubs and societies, you'll have access to free legal advice and supportive welfare programs.

24/7 crisis line

As an ANU student, you can phone this crisis service if you need relief from emotional distress, help managing immediate threats to your safety or when you want to learn about pathways to longer-term support services.

Mentoring

SET4ANU is a free mentoring program designed to help new students transition to life at ANU. Signing up to the program will match you with a later-year student volunteer who will help ease you through your first few weeks here.





“ANU understands the challenges students face when transitioning to university. To ease the process, it offers the First Year Experience program, which was a valuable resource for me. It helps newcomers feel part of a supportive community, especially during their first semester away from home.”

Sanuga Wijesuriya

Bachelor of Engineering
(Research and Development) (Honours)

Supportive and enriching scholarships

Our 200-plus scholarships provide space and support for the things that matter during university, like being able to focus on your studies, pay your rent and travel home in the holidays. Some scholarships also give you a community.

ANU offers scholarships for most situations. If you apply directly for an early offer between March and May, tick the scholarship box in the application portal and we'll automatically consider you for some.

Our scholarships recognise academic achievement, financial hardship, leadership, rural and regional status, barriers to higher education and athletic performance.

For 4–5 years, a scholarship can help you with a range of study-related costs, including student accommodation, travel and other expenses.¹

The Tuckwell Scholarship

\$24,700 a year

Australia's most transformational undergraduate scholarship program, the Tuckwell Scholarship supports

up to 25 school leavers each year. As well as enrichment opportunities, it provides an exclusive alumni network.

Even though you will need to apply for this scholarship separately, make sure you let us know you're interested in it by ticking the Tuckwell box in the direct application portal.

Send your application to ANU in March to make sure you have time to apply for the Tuckwell scholarship, as it closes in early April.

Kambri Indigenous Undergraduate Scholarship

Up to \$30,000 a year

A flexible package of benefits, the Kambri scholarship can include a stipend for living and educational expenses, payments for student accommodation and an allowance for trips home.

Bright Horizons Scholarship

Up to \$28,000 a year for 5 years

This scholarship for students from disadvantaged backgrounds is all about making university accessible. You're eligible if you're experiencing financial or family difficulties, a long-term medical condition or disability or you hold a permanent humanitarian visa. ANU will automatically assess you for the scholarship when you apply.

Changing Futures Scholarship

\$8,000 a year

If you've faced challenges during high school, this scholarship could help you pursue university at ANU.

Explore all scholarships

Search a scholarship by name or explore all ANU domestic undergraduate scholarships. We'll automatically consider you for some if you apply directly as a Year 12 school leaver.

[Browse scholarships](#)



¹ Award values may change.



“The Tuckwell Scholarship was always about much more than finances; it is a whole program of enrichment. There is a group of 25 recipients each year and we are really close as a cohort. Tuckwell has opened so many doors for me.”

Matthew Jacob

Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics



“Without the level of help provided by the Kambri Scholarship, I would not have been able to attend ANU or make the move to Canberra from Tasmania. It has influenced every aspect of my student journey and allowed me to dedicate time to my studies by reducing stress about financial burdens, for me and my family. The Tjabal Centre at ANU has been an endless source of support, too, with academic planning, organising transport home for breaks, and much more.”

Emma Spinks

Palawa woman of lutruwita (Tasmania)
Bachelor of Political Studies

Learning by adventure

During your time at ANU, you can study overseas at some of the world's top universities while earning credit towards your degree.

With opportunities to practice a language, learn a new culture and explore different perspectives, the global programs of our 180 partners in 39 countries will build your knowledge, life skills and networks – and look amazing on your resume.

You can study abroad for two weeks, during your summer study break or for a whole semester or year.

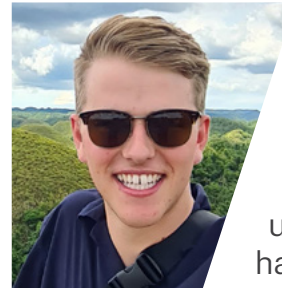
Where will you go?

There's nothing like learning by adventure! Choose where you'd like to go.

- Austria
- Belgium
- Brazil
- Brunei
- Canada
- Chile
- China
- Colombia
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- French Polynesia
- Germany

- Hong Kong
- India
- Indonesia
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Japan
- Mexico
- Myanmar
- The Netherlands
- New Caledonia
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- Sweden
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- Thailand
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- United Kingdom
- United States

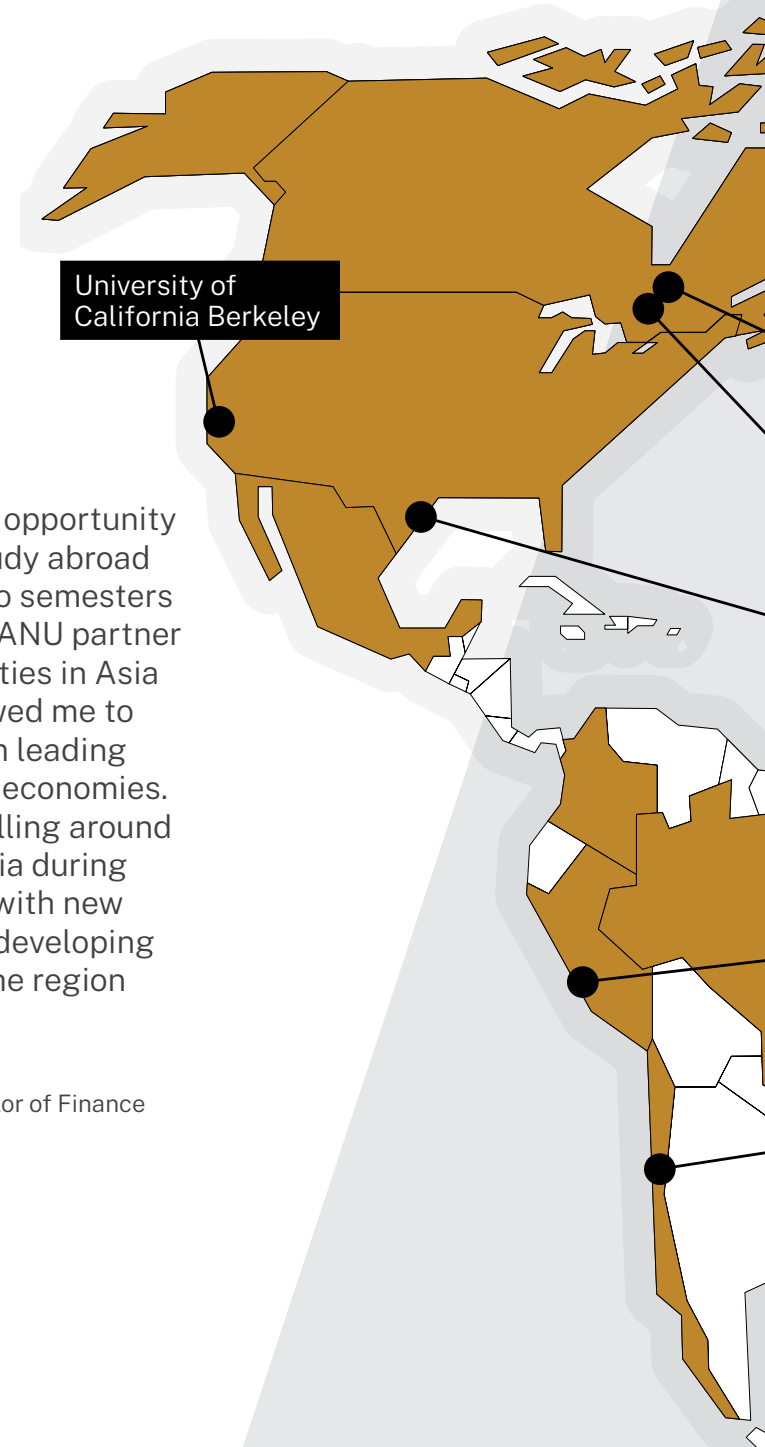
Discover exchange destinations

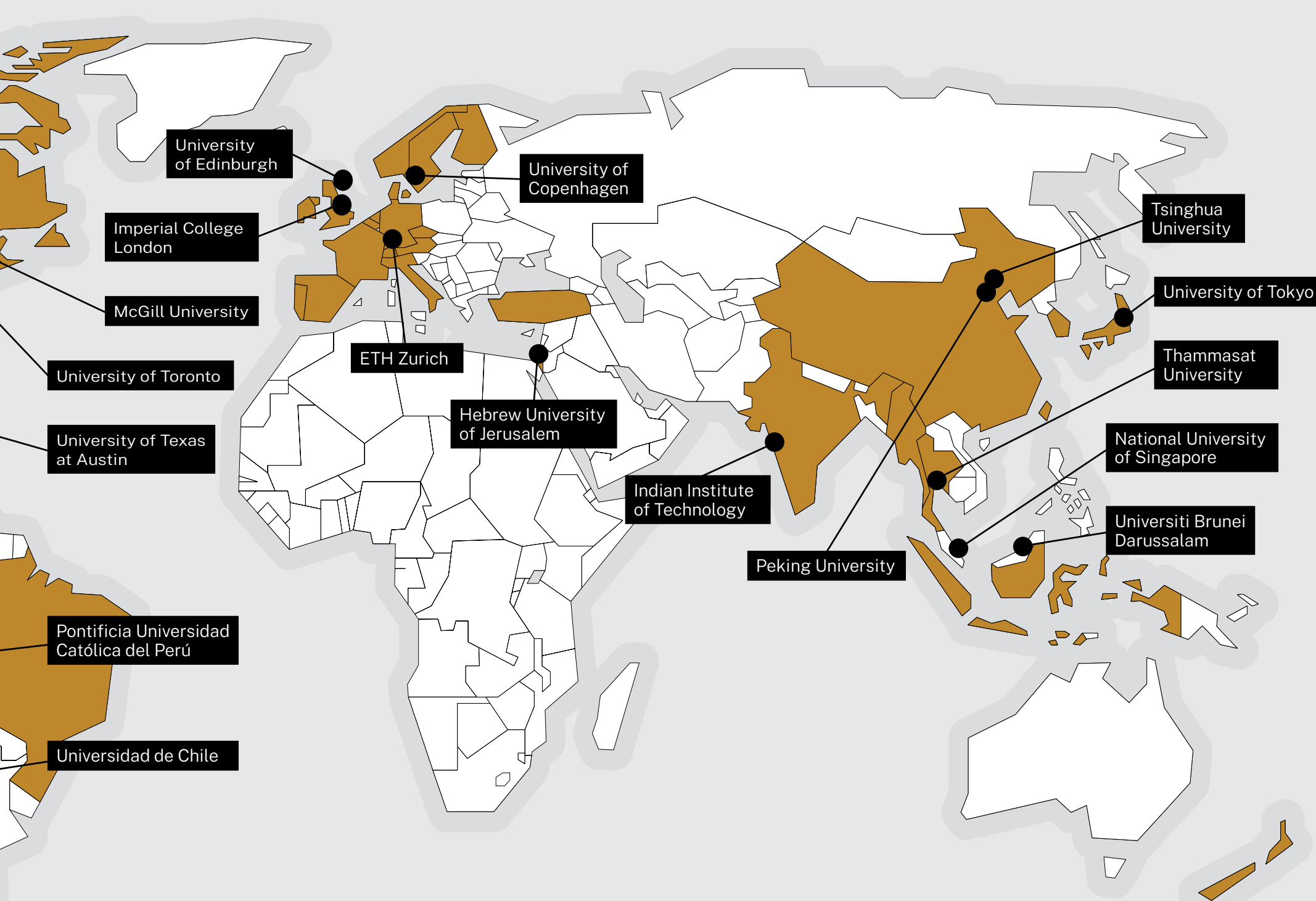


“The opportunity to study abroad for two semesters at two ANU partner universities in Asia has allowed me to learn from leading academics about local economies. My highlight was travelling around Southeast and East Asia during weekends and breaks with new friends, exploring and developing my understanding of the region we live in.”

Sam Watson

Bachelor of Economics/Bachelor of Finance





University of Edinburgh

University of Copenhagen

Imperial College London

Tsinghua University

McGill University

University of Tokyo

University of Toronto

ETH Zurich

Thammasat University

University of Texas at Austin

Hebrew University of Jerusalem

National University of Singapore

Indian Institute of Technology

Universiti Brunei Darussalam

Peking University

Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

Universidad de Chile

In their words

Four ANU students reveal their impressions of Canberra, accommodation, scholarships and the learning experiences – and why they chose to study here.



Josie Bates • Singleton, NSW
Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)/
Bachelor of Economics



Bel Humphreys • Maitland, NSW
Wiradjuri person descendant of the Wambuil
Bachelor of International Relations



Sanuga Wijesuriya • Perth, WA
Bachelor of Engineering (Research and
Development) (Honours)



Riley Guyatt • Brisbane, QLD
Bachelor of Environment and Sustainability
(Honours)

Why I chose ANU

Sanuga: There is prestige in studying at ANU. It commits to fostering innovation and critical thinking, ensuring you get an education that stands out globally.

Josie: The flexible double degree options and the simple and convenient direct application process helped make my decision to study at ANU easy. When I was offered a scholarship, that cemented why ANU was the place for me.

Bel: ANU was perfect for someone who needed help figuring out what they wanted to do. A friend from the school year above came to the Uni and her excitement was so infectious. I applied and got an early offer. It definitely made me feel a lot calmer. Having accommodation sorted early too was also very, very reassuring.

What I like about Canberra

Riley: The best thing about moving from Brisbane to Canberra has been the amazing parks and reserves within and around the city. There are many beautiful areas to explore, from the botanic gardens and arboretum to the mountains and even just the parks in every suburb. It is such a green city and embodies the name 'bush capital', making it a great place to live (especially as an environmental science student)!

Bel: Being in the capital, studying politics, it doesn't really get better than that—especially when I started to get really interested in international politics, diplomacy and stuff. I've had so many good internship experiences that I wouldn't have had at home

in Maitland or even in Sydney. I'm usually just hanging out with friends or exploring something I've just found online, and I'm like, 'Everyone, we have to go to Gold Creek! There's a weird psychic there and I want to know what they say,' or something silly like that.

Living in a student residence

Josie: Living on campus at John XXIII College I have been constantly busy and have had people around me to get a coffee, play sport, eat in the communal dining room or study with. The strong sense of community has helped me adjust to living away from home.

Getting a scholarship

Riley: I received a Tuckwell Scholarship. It was amazing to get that time at the end of school to dream and plan the life I would live at ANU with the financial security of a scholarship. The friendships I have made through Tuckwell are relationships I will cherish long after I graduate from ANU. I have also had great opportunities to develop my skills through organising events and activities for other students in the program and building some non-academic skills (e.g. mental health first aid, resume writing and networking) in events offered by the program.

Josie: I was awarded an equity-based scholarship for rural women in engineering from the ANU College of Engineering, Computing and Cybernetics (CECC). It was great for initially meeting people in my courses.

Sanuga: Considering my financial situation, it was highly improbable that I could have managed to relocate to Canberra independently. So, I was very fortunate that ANU gave

me the Australian National and the Australian Excellence scholarships when I applied directly. The financial support has been instrumental in shaping my experience; it gives me more time to study and explore various extracurricular activities.

My uni life

Riley: My volunteering experiences have been some of the most enriching, personally and professionally. There are some things that I have done regularly since starting at ANU, such as helping out with a walking group at the Botanic Gardens, and others that I have just done once or twice, such as tree plantings and the Canberra Writers' Festival. Volunteering has allowed me to make new friends of all generations, build useful skills (e.g. event planning and public speaking) that will aid me in my future career, and feel like I am making a meaningful contribution to my community.

Bel: Coming to ANU, I was surprised by how diverse the people were and I found a sense of community here. Even those not from my background are nice people who empathise, but I have also found people who can relate and be like, 'Yeah, I get it'. I lived on campus for years. Part of it was just the convenience of the location because, I mean, I could go on Facebook and see an event that was on campus and go; I didn't have to think about it. I'd leave my room and it'd be a five-minute walk. Having everyone around you, students who get where you're at, builds good culture and connections. As a First Nations student, I also found a community at the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre that was a godsend and my haven. That is

probably another reason I came to ANU: the Indigenous support is almost unparalleled.

The ANU learning experience

Riley: A third-year biodiversity conservation course I took included a work experience placement. I did mine at the National Seed Bank. It was great to be part of a working lab outside the university, and it taught me a lot about the type of research work that might be available further along in my career. I had previously studied one of the species in this project, *E. mannifera*, during a summer internship at the end of my second year. I trekked around research sites, looked at the species' availability and nutritional suitability for koalas, and analysed samples in the lab to determine their nutritional composition. The experience has certainly been helpful on my resume as I look for hands-on environmental roles.

Sanuga: When I arrived, I was convinced I would never consider an electronics major. After enrolling in some courses, I am confident that the electronics and telecommunications majors are perfect for me. I attribute this shift to the University's ability to inspire and guide students in unexpected ways. My lecturers are a significant source of inspiration and I'm grateful for their mentorship.

Read more inspiring stories

Visit our 'First to know' blog

Degrees that challenge and inspire

From art, robotics and astronomy to neuroscience, health and music, there's a single or flexible double degree for you at ANU. Your future career starts here.

Choose from 50 single degrees

If you have a career in mind and know what you want to study, a single, structured degree that takes 3–4 years to complete could be the right choice for you.

Our single degrees can be flexible too—so if you want to explore a few interests or keep your career options open to a range of possibilities, you can choose from a wide range of majors and minors and create a study program that's unique to you.

Single degrees at ANU explore a range of interests:

- Arts, society and culture
- Business and commerce
- Engineering, computing and cybernetics
- Health, medicine and psychology
- Law and legal studies
- Natural, physical and environmental sciences

Design your own flexible double degree

A fabulous way to combine your interests and stand out in the job market, a flexible double degree takes 4–5 years to complete and will see you graduate with two bachelor's degrees.

Build your own flexible double degree from more than 600 possible options. Here are some suggestions:

- Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Music
- Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Genetics
- Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Design
- Bachelor of Asian Studies/Bachelor of Environment and Sustainability
- Bachelor of Applied Data Analytics/Bachelor of Criminology

Study a research degree

If you want to develop highly transferable skills that work across disciplines and industries, one of our undergraduate research degrees could be for you.

Challenging and rigorous, these study programs are for high-achieving students and take four years to complete. They come with one-on-one guidance, exclusive placements in research organisations and opportunities to travel.

ANU offers these undergraduate research degrees:

- Bachelor of Advanced Computing (Research and Development) (Honours)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Research and Development) (Honours)
- Bachelor of Finance, Economics and Statistics (Honours)
- Bachelor of Philosophy (Advanced) (Honours)

Explore a vertical double degree in science

You can combine some undergraduate degrees in science with some coursework master's degrees and enter the workforce with two internationally recognised qualifications.

Some combinations include:

- Bachelor of Science and Master of Environment
- Bachelor of Biotechnology and Master of Science in Agricultural Innovation
- Bachelor of Environment and Sustainability and Master of Science Communication
- Bachelor of Genetics and Master of Science in Quantitative Biology and Bioinformatics
- Bachelor of Health Sciences and Master of Public Health

Explore flexible degrees

From 80 to 98

This is the range of ANU selection ranks. Suppose you apply directly as a Year 12 school leaver. We'll calculate your rank based on your Year 11 or Year 12 results (whichever is better) and any adjustment factors after we receive your application. If you apply through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC), we'll use your Year 12 results or other eligible qualifications to calculate your selection rank. Learn more about adjustment factors on page 25.



Find your degree

Browse our single degree programs or build your own double degree. You'll also find ATAR and IB scores here and any prerequisites you'll need to meet before applying to ANU.

[Search programs and courses](#)

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“At other university open days all the prospective engineering students were male and the lecturers seemed to focus on the technical side of problems at the expense of the human side. Open Day events at the ANU College of Engineering, Computing and Cybernetics (CECC) had more gender diversity and described a nontypical engineering degree. They really highlighted an interdisciplinary focus and humanitarian engineering.”

Louise Bardwell

Bachelor of Engineering (R&D, Hons)/Bachelor of Arts (Pacific Studies) graduate



“I found ANU really changed and shaped who I was as a musician for the better. I think I’ve really grown, not just from what I learned here, but also from all the people I met. Enjoy uni and keep pushing for what you’re passionate about.”

Olivia Faletese

Bachelor of Music graduate and bassist for indie dance-pop band, Archie

Admission requirements

Before you start your application, check that you meet our admission requirements for undergraduate study. Ticking these off your list will make the process a smoother one for you.

Year 10 and 11 students

Use our Year 12 school leavers' admission requirements, selection ranks and the prerequisites of our degrees to guide you to the subjects you choose for your final years of school. Also, look at our co-curricular or service requirement now; this can guide your involvement in school and community activities.



Year 12 school leavers

Check your eligibility to apply directly to ANU.

Citizenship

- I am an Australian or New Zealand citizen, Australian permanent resident or holder of an Australian humanitarian visa.

Schooling

- I am currently in Year 12 at high school or my final year of the International Baccalaureate.

Qualifications

- I have or will have completed a Year 12 or International Baccalaureate certificate and am on track to receive a tertiary admission rank at the end of the year.

Co-curricular or service requirement

- I have been involved in activities outside the classroom, such as volunteering, part-time work, caring for a family member or playing a sport.

Adjustment factors

ANU offers adjustment factors that could boost your selection rank if you're eligible for them. Learn more about these on page 25.

ANU degrees require selection ranks ranging between 80 and 99.

How to apply

As a Year 12 school leaver you can apply directly to ANU between March and May for free. Learn more on page 24.

Co-curricular or service requirement (CCS)

You will need to meet the co-curricular or service (CCS) requirement in the application portal to show us you have the skills to succeed at university.

If you've participated in one of the following activities, you will meet the requirement. You will need to supply documentation that supports your involvement in activities outside the classroom.

- Academic and extension activities: summer academic and exchange programs
- Community and service activities: volunteering, membership of a club, the student council or caring for a family member



- Creative and performance activities: art, writing, being a member of a production or performing on your own
- Gold or silver Duke of Edinburgh award
- Educational and scholastic activities: team or individual competitions or challenges, youth forums, public speaking, debating
- Paid employment or work experience
- Individual or team sport, games and online gaming activities, including coaching and umpiring
- Other activities not listed here, which we can assess on a case-by-case basis

The CCS is a threshold requirement. It must be met, but will not impact your selection rank or be used to rank you against other applicants.

Use the CCS calculator

Find out if your activities meet the co-curricular and service requirement.

[Go to calculator](#)

Finding university terms confusing?
Go to the glossary on page 27.

Non-school leavers

Check your eligibility to apply to ANU as a non-school leaver.

Citizenship

- I am an Australian citizen, permanent resident or humanitarian visa holder or New Zealand citizen.

Schooling

- I completed school prior to 2024.

Qualifications

I have completed one of the following:

- a high school qualification
- a VET qualification at AQF level 5 or higher (diploma or above)
- a university entry scheme
- at least one year of full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) study of a bachelor degree.

How to apply

Apply through the Universities Admission Centre (UAC) later in the year. You may have to pay an application fee. Learn more on page 24.

Explore entry schemes

If you are a mature-age student and do not have an assessable qualification, choose a pathway entry scheme to prepare you for full-time university study.

[Find an entry scheme](#)



Find your degree

Browse our single degree programs or build your own double degree. You'll also find ATAR and IB scores here and any prerequisites you'll need to meet before you apply to ANU.

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How to apply

There are two ways you can apply to study at ANU. The way that's right for you depends on whether you're a Year 12 school leaver or someone who left school a while ago.

Year 12 school leavers

You can apply directly to ANU. Your application form will cover scholarships, student accommodation and admission and could see you get an offer for the most eligible degree on your list of preferences as early as September.

We will assess your application using your Year 11 or Year 12 results, whichever are better.

Apply directly to ANU

Login to the ANU application portal. It's free! You can log out and go back to it at any time before the deadline.

Direct applications for early offers open in March and close in May every year.

Login to the ANU application portal



Application dates for 2025*

Applications open
1 March 2024

Applications close
13 May 2024

Early offer release date
2 September 2024

Early offer acceptance deadline
2 October 2024

Final offer acceptance deadline
(dependent on ATAR release date)
January 2025

Application dates for 2026*

Applications open
28 February 2025

Applications close
May 2025

Early offer release date
September 2025

Early offer acceptance deadline
October 2025

Final offer acceptance deadline
(dependent on ATAR release date)
January 2026

Find the latest application dates

Interested in the Tuckwell Scholarship?

Let us know this by ticking the Tuckwell box in the direct application portal. You will need to submit your application to ANU in March. Learn more on page 14 and at tuckwell.anu.edu.au

Year 12 school leavers & non-school leavers

Apply for admission to ANU through the Universities Admission Centre (UAC) later in the year. If you're a Year 12 student, though, you only need to apply via UAC if you missed out on applying directly between March and May.

Would you like a room in a student residence? We can guarantee you one if you apply on time and are eligible. Do this separately through ANU rather than UAC. Learn more on page 9.

*All dates are subject to change.

Direct applicants



Step-by-step video

Learn how to complete each step in the ANU application portal.

Walk through the direct application form

Apply through UAC

UAC applications usually open after direct applications close.

You can list up to five degrees on the UAC application form and they can be from a range of universities.

If you're a Year 12 school leaver, you must also meet the ANU co-curricular and service requirement (see page 22 for details).

Interested in a scholarship? Browse the undergraduate domestic ones on the ANU website to find some that suit you. You'll discover how to apply for them too. Learn more about scholarships on page 14.

UAC will use your most recent qualification to assess your application during its November/December or January/February offer rounds.

Visit uac.edu.au for application dates and fees. UAC applications close in February.

All applicants

Adjustment factors to boost your selection rank

Our adjustment factors recognise circumstances that could affect your success in high school. These may include severe family disruption, natural disasters, illness, disability, school location and caring responsibilities. Adjustment factors also recognise elite athletes and high achievement in some subjects.

Whether you apply to ANU directly or through UAC, we'll consider you for subject-based and equity adjustment factors.

If you are going to apply through UAC, though, you need to complete their separate equity application form for us to consider you for these adjustments.

If you're eligible, your selection rank could be boosted by a maximum of 15 points.

Explore adjustment factors

Your adjustments could be made of:

- up to 10 equity-based adjustments, and
- up to 5 elite athlete adjustments, or
- up to 5 subject-based or performance-based adjustments (AMEB Grade 8).



"I applied directly and received an early offer from ANU based on my Year 11 results. I was so relieved that I had a place in my desired degree before sitting my exams. I approached 'ATAR day' with less anxiety."

Charlotte McLeod

Bachelor of International Relations/Bachelor of Arts

YOUR APPLICATION

What happens next?

Discover some of the things that will happen once you've sent your application to ANU or UAC.

How will you assess my application?

We will calculate your selection rank using your academic qualifications and any adjustment factors. After that, we will compare your rank and then assess the number of degree places available before making you an offer or placing you on our waiting list.

If I apply directly and get an early offer...

You will receive this in September. It will be conditional on you completing Year 12 and getting an ATAR, but not on the ATAR score itself. We will finalise this offer in December and ask you to accept it again.

If I apply directly and don't get an early offer...

We will place you on our waiting list and reconsider your application based on your Year 12 results during our December/January offer round.

Can I change my mind?

You'll have an opportunity to change your degree preferences in your application before your final offer.

You can also choose to defer your offer of a place at ANU for six months or a year. You may not be able to defer a student accommodation or scholarship offer but will remain eligible for the accommodation guarantee when you start university.

You can request to transfer to another student residence mid year if you have an exceptional reason and documentation that supports it.

Will accepting my ANU offer stop me accepting offers from other universities?

No, it won't, but you will only be able to enrol in a degree at one university. We recommend you wait until January before you enrol with any university –that is, after you have received all potential offers.

When will I need to pay for my student accommodation?

The date of the first payment will depend on the date of your final ANU offer, so look out for it and then add the payment deadline to your calendar.



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"We hear how the scientific community has found evidence of something but been unable to get people to pay attention. We also hear about needing more people in STEM. I just wanted to focus on chemistry, but I heard the term 'science communication'

and thought, 'What's that?'. I enrolled in one of the courses and found myself realising how important science communication is."

Isha Singhal

Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Economics

Glossary of university terms

A

Adjustment factors

Extra points that may be used in combination with an applicant's Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) to create their selection rank. Adjustments will not change your ATAR, only your selection rank for a particular program or programs.

Alumni

A group of graduates or former students.

ATAR

The Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank that supplies a national comparative ranking to show how you have performed in Year 12 relative to your age cohort in the year you graduated.

Award

The qualification conferred upon you after you have successfully completed your academic program. The undergraduate awards at ANU include bachelor and honours degrees.

B

Bachelor degree

An undergraduate award of three or more years of full-time or equivalent part-time study.

C

College

The term by which ANU refers to its academic faculties.

Commonwealth-supported student

Domestic students who are recipients of a Commonwealth HELP loan.

Course

A basic component or 'subject' of an academic degree program that is identified by a course name (e.g. Anthropology of Environmental Disasters) and course number (e.g. BIAN2064).

D

Direct applicant

Prospective students who have applied directly to ANU early in the year rather than through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) or another admissions centre.

Domestic student

Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or holders of an Australian permanent visa. If you're a holder of an Australian permanent visa or a New Zealand citizen, you must live in Australia for the duration of your studies to be eligible for enrolment as a Commonwealth-supported student.

E

Early offer

An offer made in September to prospective undergraduate domestic students who have applied directly to the University between March and May using their Year 11 results.

F

Flexible double degree

Combines two degrees of the same level. Elements of the two awards are undertaken simultaneously, so that completing a double degree takes less time than completing two single degrees. Graduates who complete a flexible double degree are awarded two degrees.

Flexible learning environment

A means of encouraging student engagement in learning activities that may include:

- adjustable teaching spaces
- choice of degree programs and courses
- delivery mode, e.g. lectures, tutorials and workshops, classes held online or on-campus
- ability to negotiate learning outcomes.

FTE

Full-time equivalent. This is a measurement of a student's study workload.

G

Graduates

Students who have completed the academic requirements of their degree and received their award.

H

HECS-HELP

An Australian Government loan program that helps eligible students pay the student contribution amount for their enrolled courses.

I

Indigenous/Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students

Students who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander are eligible for priority admission to ANU if they meet the requirements for their degree and declare their Indigenous heritage.

Internship

A professional learning experience that offers meaningful, practical (unpaid) work related to your studies and career interests, which can be delivered as a course that you enrol in, or as part of another specialist internship program that you can apply to.

L

Lecture

A formal presentation by an academic staff member, usually to many students. Lectures may include the use of handouts and audio-visual presentations. Opportunities for asking questions or discussing the content being presented are usually fewer in lectures compared to tutorials.

M

Major

A major is made up of a series of courses (48 units/8 subjects) related to each other in content to create an area of specialisation.

Mature-age student

People over 21 are mature-age students. You can apply to ANU for domestic undergraduate study through a university entry scheme if you don't have an assessable qualification yet. You can apply to ANU through the Universities Admission Centre (UAC) if you have an assessable qualification. Your qualification can be a Year 12 certificate, an associate diploma, diploma or advanced diploma or at least one year of full-time equivalent study at a university or college at degree level. Learn more by searching 'mature-age student entry schemes' at anu.edu.au.

Minor

A stream of courses within a program that are related in content and made up of 24 units. A minor is a subset of courses within a major and will not feature on your academic transcript or testamur.

O

Offer

The process by which the University or Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) issues applicants with a place in a degree program.

Orientation Week

A program of activities run at the beginning of each semester designed to give students the information and support they need to become familiar with and confident about university life. The program may include short courses, online resources, workshops, introductions to clubs and societies, and a range of other activities, including tours of campus facilities.

P

Professional accreditation

A formal process of assessment and review by a relevant accrediting body leading to formal recognition that a program meets a set of standards that ensure graduates have the competencies necessary to begin professional practice. Professional accreditation may also include the requirement for graduates to gain formal registration with the relevant statutory body before they can begin professional practice.

Program

A common term by which ANU refers to its degrees.

S

Selection rank

The ranking mechanism that tertiary admission centres and most universities use to assess admission to a degree program. Your selection rank

can factor in your Year 11 and Year 12 results or ATAR and any adjustment factors you are eligible for.

Semester

A semester is generally a 12-week study session divided into two teaching periods, with a mid-semester break of two weeks between each. ANU has two semesters in a year.

Scholarships

Awards – usually financial – that help a student undertake a program of study at the University for about 3–5 years. ANU scholarships usually take the form of periodic payments to students or a reduction in costs, such as tuition fees.

Specialisation

Like a minor, a specialisation is an area of study with its own courses that can be taken in conjunction with a specific related major.

Student exchange program

A short two-week, semester or year-long study program that is extended to students to provide an opportunity for study at an overseas institution, which could earn them credit towards their degree.

T

Testamur

A testamur is the formal certification of your award or degree and includes the University seal and signatures of the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor. Honours levels (e.g. First Class Honours), majors (e.g. Chinese) and prizes will not appear on the testamur, but will be listed on your academic transcript and Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement.

Tutorial

In tutorials, compared to lectures, students discuss the key topics, concepts and ideas of the course with their tutors. Tutorials are closely linked to assessment and often involve small group discussions and group work.

U

Undergraduate degree

An entry-level academic program of university study that leads to an undergraduate qualification, such as a bachelor degree and an honours degree. Completion of one of these can lead to study towards a postgraduate qualification, such as a master or PhD degree.

Undergraduate student

A student undertaking a program of study leading to an undergraduate award, such as a bachelor degree.

University entry scheme

If you are over 21 and do not have an assessable qualification, you can complete one of several university entry schemes to gain admission to ANU. They prepare students to succeed at degree-level study. View the options by searching 'mature-age student entry schemes' at anu.edu.au.

V

VET qualification

Vocational Education and Training. Refers to the type of qualifications that give students the skill sets that prepare them for work in trades and other industries.



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