

2024 Pre-Departure Information

Arrival

How will Flinders University know my arrival details?

The Australia Awards Post or Managing Contractor in your country will provide Flinders with your flight details. Unless you tell us otherwise, we will arrange airport reception for you.

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

If you encounter any problems during your travel (for example if you miss your connecting flight in Sydney), or upon arrival in Adelaide please contact **Flinders on +61 8 8201 3418 during business hours (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm - Adelaide time).**

If you need to make contact outside these hours, please telephone Flinders Security on +61 8 8201 2880 or Jose Paulino on his mobile phone (hand phone) which is +61 431 480 090.

I want to make my own arrangements to be met at the airport

You can arrange to be met by friends, but you must notify Flinders before you leave your home country.

PLEASE NOTE: You must advise your Australia Awards Post or Managing Contractor if you do not want us to arrange your airport reception.



Temporary accommodation

Due to renovations at Flinders Living accommodation we are not able to provide temporary accommodation for students.

If you know anyone in Adelaide, please contact them for assistance with temporary accommodation. Otherwise, we have provided you with the name of a current student who may be able to assist you to locate temporary accommodation.

Alternatively, you may want to consider homestay, local hotel, caravan park or Airbnb.

Flinders is located in the suburb of Bedford Park, postcode 5042.

Australian Homestay Network - <https://www.homestaynetwork.org/>

Hotels located near the University
Marion Hotel - <https://www.marionhotel.com.au/stay/>

La Loft Hotel Tonsley - <https://www.lalofttonsley.com.au/accommodation.html>

Holiday Park - <https://www.big4.com.au/caravan-parks/sa/greater-adelaide/marion-holiday-park/accommodation>

Hotels located in the CBD
Adelaide Riviera Hotel - <https://www.adelaideriviera.com.au/>

Ibis Adelaide - <https://www.ibisadelaide.com.au/>

Once you have organised your temporary accommodation, please let us know the address and name and telephone number of the temporary accommodation you have arranged by emailing: **Australia.Awards@flinders.edu.au**

Student Contact Officer (SCO)



Arrival appointment with SCO

Please come to International Student Services for your arrival appointment with the Australia Awards Student Contact Officer on the next business day after your arrival.

The appointment at 10am will include information about the Introductory Academic Program (IAP), your establishment allowance and other important information.



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Family matters

We strongly recommend students settle into Australia before making arrangements to bring their family to Australia.

When should I bring my family?

Students should travel to Australia by themselves and find suitable accommodation and settle in before bringing their families. Because attendance at the IAP is compulsory, we suggest that families arrive after the end of the IAP, which finishes on 16 February 2024.

Bringing your family – issues to consider

Before making a decision to bring your family to Australia it is important to consider the following issues:

- The cost of airfares for your family to and from Australia
- The cost of Family Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

Further information about OSHC can be found at: www.medibankoshc.com.au

- The delays in finding suitable accommodation
- Limited employment opportunities for your spouse
- Extra costs for food, clothing and other necessities
- The effect on you and your studies if your family is not happy in Australia
- Whether your children will adjust to school in Australia
- Waiting lists for childcare centres and the cost

All students are responsible for covering the cost of any eligible family members who join them in Australia on a dependant's visa.

Further information about eligible family members is on the Department of Home Affairs website at:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500>

Additional information about Student Visa and included family members can be found on the above web page but you may also want to speak to an officer at your nearest Department of Home Affairs Office if you are unsure about these requirements.

Please note: It is important to include all eligible family members on your original student visa application whether they intend to travel to Australia or not.

NOTE: If you marry, or you or your spouse gives birth to a child in the period between lodging your student visa application and the visa being granted, you must advise Department of Home Affairs immediately as having an additional dependant will affect Department of Home Affairs' visa assessment process.

Bringing family on arrival

If, for specific reasons, you would like to request permission from the Australia Awards Team to bring family on arrival, please email stating why you need to bring your family and how you will support your family during the IAP: Australia.Awards@flinders.edu.au

For those students whose family will be arriving after you have settled in, there will be an information session during the IAP which will provide you with information about what you need to do to bring your family to Australia.

What if I don't bring my family?

If you are eligible for a Reunion Airfare entitlement (as stated on your scholarship offer) Flinders University will assist you to arrange your Family Reunion travel so that you can return home when you have completed your first year of study.

Preparing for your arrival

Preparing for overseas study requires plenty of planning. You may have a lot of questions on your mind – for example – how much money to bring, what to pack, Australian customs and quarantine laws, and many more.

The following site will help you to prepare for your overseas studies and to settle into your new environment. It will help you to negotiate your first few months in Adelaide and will continue to act as a useful reference during your studies at Flinders:

<https://students.flinders.edu.au/support/iss/planning-arrival>

Important dates

Introductory Academic Program

15 January - 16 February 2024

Semester 1 begins

26 February 2024

Further important dates can be found at: <https://staff.flinders.edu.au/learning-teaching/semester-dates.html>



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Finding permanent accommodation

How will I find permanent accommodation?

Support services will be provided to help you find permanent accommodation. However, it may take some time to find accommodation that suits your needs and budget, and is in a suitable location.

Information will be provided on accommodation options, rental agreements and information about the local rental housing market during the Introductory Academic Program (IAP).

Flinders Living provides a free, up-to-date accommodation database which lists private accommodation available on the rental market. You can access this via their website: www.flinders.edu.au/living/short-term-private-accommodation

Members of our support team will be available to advise you on how to arrange appointments with landlords or real estate agents and how to find information on accommodation vacancies. For further information regarding living in Adelaide, including the on-campus student accommodation, please refer to the International Student Guides on our website at:

<https://students.flinders.edu.au/support/iss/planning-arrival>

Australian Homestay Network

What is Homestay?

A homestay is a cultural exchange between an international student and a local individual or family in the host country. The "host" provides accommodation and support for an agreed-upon period of time and rate. Homestays can be tailored to provide meals, assistance and other activities.

The Australian Homestay Network believes that a homestay program should provide international students with much more than a place to sleep and eat. Each homestay experience should provide an opportunity for the student and host family to learn from each other, share interests, and establish a foundation for a successful stay in Australia.

Further information about on-campus accommodation

On-campus accommodation is for single students only. To apply go to: www.flinders.edu.au/living/apply-to-live-on-campus and select the link to the **ONLINE APPLICATION FORM**.

How do I enrol in my course of study?

Enrolment is done online. There will be an information session during the IAP which will tell you about what you need to do to enrol. You can go to <https://handbook.flinders.edu.au/> and read the course rules and look at the program of study and a description of what your topics will cover.

Wherever possible a study plan will be provided to you before you enrol. You will not be able to obtain your Student ID card until you have completed your enrolment.

Other useful websites

Information on what can be brought into Australia:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/entering-australia/can-i-bring-it-in>

Information about Adelaide and South Australia:

www.southaustralia.com

<https://southaustralia.com/destinations/adelaide>

Study Adelaide:

www.studyadelaide.com

DFAT YouTube

Australia Awards playlist:

www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLic12IfKD SZ0ublC8CVxPvZrJAd750Uyt

ISS Online Orientation:

<https://students.flinders.edu.au/support/iss/orientation>

