

STUDYING IN **CANBERRA**



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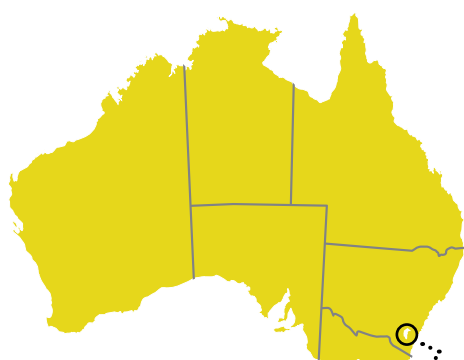


WELCOME TO
CANBERRA



CANBERRA OVERVIEW

Mount Ainslie Lookout



Canberra.

Australia's capital



Our people

- ▶ We're a city of close to 500,000 people.
- ▶ Canberrans are welcoming, outward-looking and progressive.
- ▶ Over 20,000 international students typically live here, from over 100 countries.
- ▶ Over a quarter of Canberrans were born overseas.

Our city

Canberra is a world-class city. Our rankings include:

- ▶ Highest ranked city in the world for quality of life.¹
- ▶ One of the top 50 best student cities² in the world.
- ▶ 3rd healthiest city³ and one of the safest cities in the world.
- ▶ 3rd most innovative city⁴ in the world.

It's an easy day trip to the south coast beaches, Snowy Mountain ski fields, and sightseeing in Sydney.



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Canberra Metro

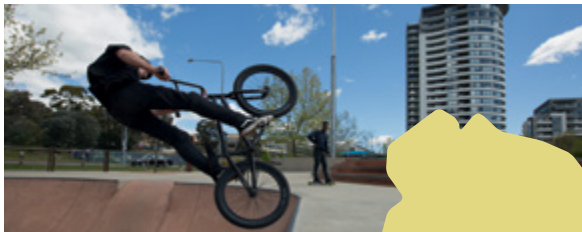
1. Oxford Economics Global Cities Index, 2025 2. QS Best Student Cities, 2027 3. Healthiest Places to Live Rankings – Money.co.uk, 2022
4. Paymentsense Global Index – Paymentsense.com, 2021



Canberra Balloon Spectacular, Lake Burley Griffin

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Enjoy the serenity of Lake Ginninderra, where you can take a stroll between classes and see local wildlife, or the excitement of a Brumbies or Raiders rugby match at Canberra Stadium.



Inner North

Canberra's eat street with restaurants, clubs, bars, and quirky, hidden gems tucked in alleyways.



Woden, Weston Creek and Molonglo

This district's new dining precinct, plus attractions such as University of Canberra Stromlo Forest Park, the National Arboretum and a new leisure centre, make the area a real hive of activity.



Gungahlin

The newest north-side district that is always growing. Bordered by Mulligans Flat Nature Reserve and Yerrabi Pond, Gungahlin is serviced by serviced by Canberra's state of the art light rail network.



Inner South

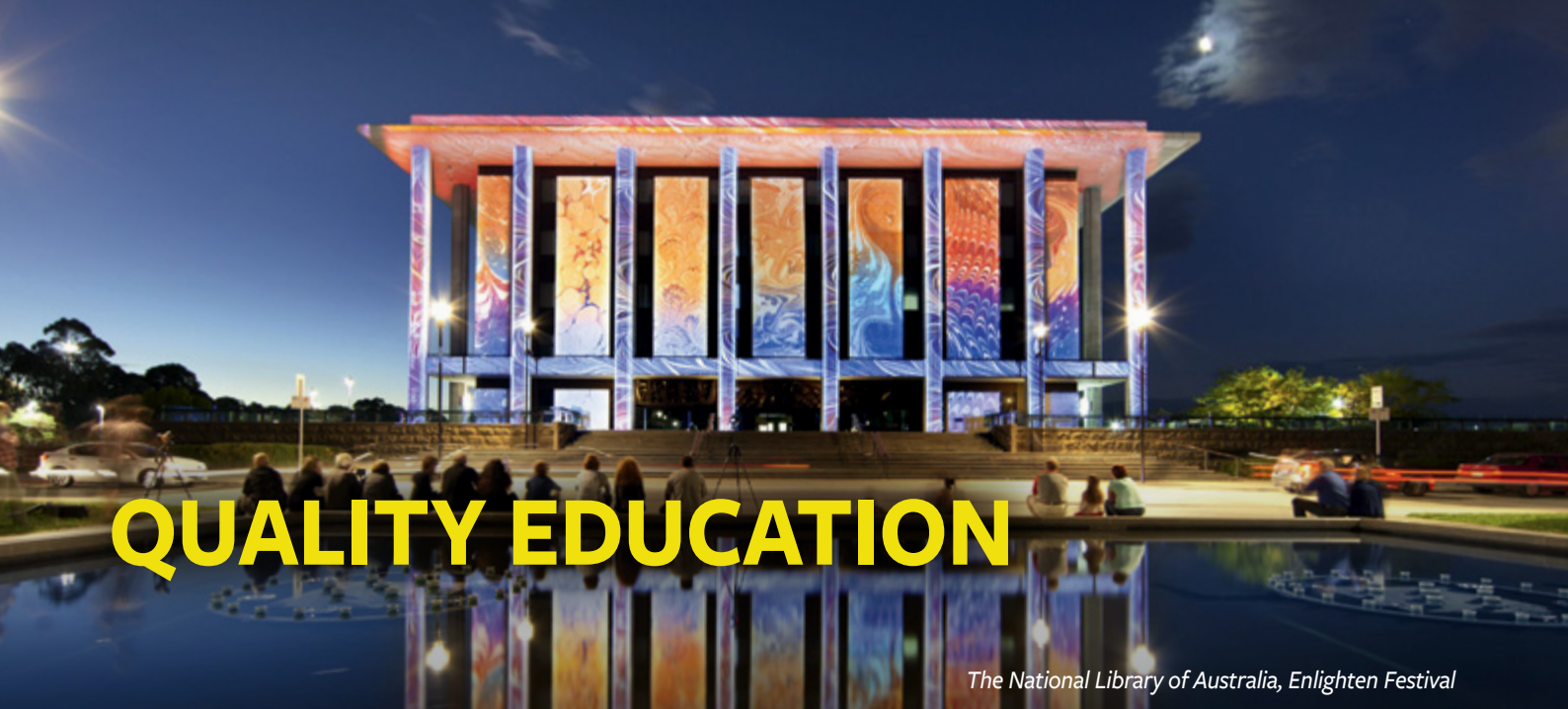
Home to Canberra's long-time favourite suburbs for shopping and dining, Manuka and Kingston. Check out an international cricket match or Australian Football game at Manuka oval, followed by waterside dining at the Kingston Foreshore precinct.



Tuggeranong

Canberra's most southern district. With the Brindabella Mountains providing a stunning backdrop and Lake Tuggeranong at the heart of the region, this area is a nature lover's oasis.





QUALITY EDUCATION

The National Library of Australia, Enlighten Festival



The knowledge capital

- ▶ Canberra is home to universities ranked in the top 1% in the world¹.
- ▶ The **Australian National University** is ranked top 30 globally and #4 in Australia².
- ▶ The **University of Canberra** is ranked in the top 10% of the world's best young universities³ and #5 in the world for reducing inequalities⁴.
- ▶ Canberra is Australia's most highly-educated city. 75% of the population has or is studying for a qualification beyond school.
- ▶ The **University of New South Wales**² and **Australian Catholic University**³ rate among the world's top 20 and 100 universities respectively.
- ▶ **Charles Sturt University** has the highest graduate employment rate of all Australian universities⁵, and **Canberra Institute of Technology** achieved over 90% satisfaction from students and employers⁶.

Study alongside some of Australia's brightest minds. Surround yourself with decision-makers, innovative thinkers, leaders and Nobel Laureates. Learn from award-winning artists, researchers and business entrepreneurs.



1. Combined results from QS and THE world rankings. 2. QS World University Rankings, 2027.
3. THE Young University Rankings, 2024. 4. THE Impact Rankings, 2026.
5. QILT Graduate Outcomes Survey, 2025. 6. CIT Annual Report, 2025.



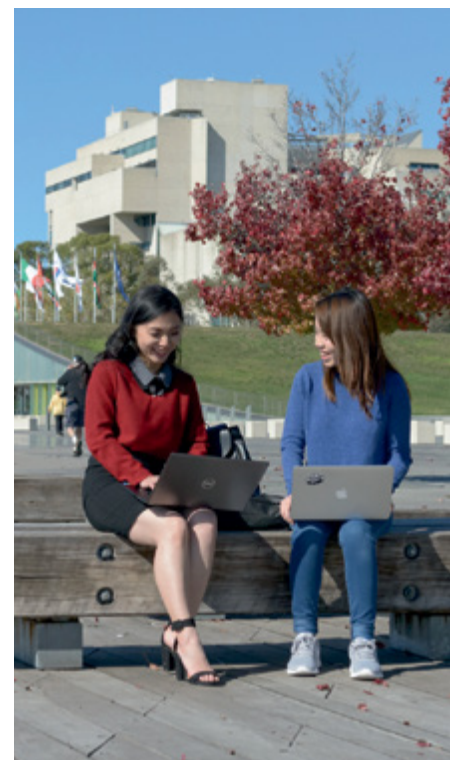
The choice is yours

With thousands of courses on offer, you'll find the study options you're looking for:

- ▶ Our tertiary education, research institutions, and English-language schools, attract students from across Australia and the world.
- ▶ Campus facilities are world-class. The ACT Government invested \$325 million in the new Canberra Institute of Technology (TAFE) campus in Woden which opened in 2025. The University of New South Wales is constructing a new \$1 billion campus in central Canberra that is scheduled to open in 2028.

Scholarships to help you succeed

If you're a student in Canberra, you can apply for financial support. Many scholarships are offered by the Australian Government, education providers and other organisations.



Canberra's major tertiary institutions include:



Australian
National
University



UNIVERSITY OF
CANBERRA



Canberra Institute
of Technology



UNSW
CANBERRA



ACU
AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY



Charles Sturt
University



YOU'RE WELCOME HERE

Chief Minister's Student Welcome Event

Canberra is a place for everyone. Our young, vibrant city embraces diversity. Study here and you'll feel welcome, included and safe.

We'll help you feel at home

We're a member of the Welcoming Cities program, designed to help everyone belong. We'll encourage you to join in Canberra's social, cultural, economic and civic life.

From the moment you arrive in Canberra, you'll start settling in. We provide support services for new arrivals. Make friends, join a club and ease into campus life in Orientation Week, and at other free festivals.

And the support doesn't stop there:

- ▶ Find a quiet place to study at the National Library of Australia, or on campus.
- ▶ Visit innovation hubs and co-working spaces to join in networking opportunities.
- ▶ If you need support from your government, Canberra is home to 100 embassies and diplomatic missions, so reaching out is easy.



National Multicultural Festival



“ Living on Campus I have made many friends in my residential hall, as well as through campus events and social media. My friends are like a second family.”

Epi, Australian National University.





A PLACE TO CALL HOME

Verity Lane, Canberra City

Canberra is a beautiful city, known for clear skies and clean air. One of the best parts of living here is our four distinct seasons:



- ▶ Summers are warm and dry, with an average maximum temperature of 27 degrees celsius.
- ▶ Autumn is stunning, particularly the colours around Lake Burley Griffin.
- ▶ Winters are cool, crisp and sunny with an average maximum temperature of 12 degrees celsius.
- ▶ Spring is a delight with our flower festivals, parks and open spaces.

Affordable accommodation

Canberra has more on-campus accommodation per capita than any other Australian city.

Our two major universities offer guaranteed student accommodation to new domestic and international undergraduate students, and some post-graduate students. It's clean, safe, and close to everything you need.

For students wanting to live in the community there are plenty of options between private rentals, homestays, and off-campus managed student accommodation.

Everything is close by

Canberra is one of the most liveable cities in the world. Everything you need is close by, so it's easy to get around.

Students get discounts on our bus and light rail networks. And we're built for cycling: there's more than 400km of cycle paths throughout the city.

You can fly, drive, catch a bus, or catch a train to Canberra. Canberra is less than two hours flying from eastern Australian cities like Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne.

Stay safe in Canberra

We're one of the safest cities in the world, with one of the lowest crime rates.

In July 2026 Canberra was recognised as Australia's safest destination for travellers in Kakapo's Travel Safety Index. With a safety score of 88 out of 100, Canberra ranks among the top 20% of safest cities worldwide.

Canberra is one of the most highly-vaccinated and hygienic cities in the world. We care deeply about the health and safety of the whole community.



LIVE WHILE YOU LEARN

Enlighten Festival

Canberra is a progressive, vibrant, welcoming city that embraces people from diverse cultures. 60,000 tertiary students typically study here. You'll be surrounded by like-minded people.

It's an exciting city where there's always something fun to do. And if you feel like some quiet time, there's plenty of space to relax.



Floriade Nightfest



Manuka Oval

Attractions and festivals

We host world-class concerts, exhibitions, festivals and sporting events. Explore our national galleries and museums, our science centre or even the Canberra Deep Space Communications Complex, just minutes from Canberra's outskirts.

Nightclubs, gyms, theatres, quirky cafes – whatever your interests, you'll find your people and your place in Canberra.



*Himalayan Cedar Lookout,
National Arboretum Canberra*

Easy access to green open spaces

Our city is clean and green, perfect for taking a study break outdoors. With sunshine year-round, Canberra has the most active population in Australia.

No matter where you are, it's just a short walk or bike ride to beautiful parkland or stunning nature reserves. Relax around our lakes, or hike in the hills. Stop off at the National Arboretum and rest among 94 forests of rare, endangered and symbolic trees from around Australia and the world.

Explore the city on an electric scooter, or hire a boat and take a picnic on the lake. Our clear skies are perfect for star-gazing too. Imagine doing it with world-renowned astronomers at Stromlo Observatory.



Your taste buds will love Canberra

Canberra is a foodie paradise. Sample eclectic dining, from laneway bars to fine dining from around the world. We've even won international awards for our coffee.

Whether you're after stylish restaurants, gourmet cheap eats, a casual breakfast or burgers by the lake, you'll love our ever-evolving foodie scene. Student deals and discounts are easy to find.



A woman wearing a pink hijab and a black floral top is showing a small jar of paint or glue to another woman in a black dress with white polka dots. They are in a craft or art store with shelves of supplies in the background.

PART TIME AND CASUAL WORK

Whether it's a part-time job while you're studying, or the launch of your career, Canberra is the place to be. We typically have the highest employment rate and average salaries in Australia, which has the highest minimum wage in the world.



Part-time and casual work

Part-time jobs are easy to find if you choose to work while you study. It's a great way to get experience in an Australian workplace.

Most student visas allow international students to:

- ▶ Work for up to 48 hours every fortnight (two weeks) during course time.
- ▶ Work any number of hours during scheduled course breaks.

Internships and work experience

Many of Australia's leading government agencies and private companies call Canberra home. There's a great mix of internship and work experience opportunities across public and private organisations.

Your education provider may offer internships as part of your studies. If not, you can directly approach an employer to ask for work experience. Internships can be a more formal arrangement. They're sometimes paid. They may even give credit towards your studies. Both options give you an insight into your chosen industry and profession.

Volunteering

Volunteering is a great way to contribute to your local community and is highly regarded by employers. You'll expand your network, gain hands-on Australian work experience, and build your resume. You're not paid for volunteer work.

There's a wide range of charities and non-government organisations that offer volunteer work for students.

Canberra has the highest rate of volunteering in Australia.

GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT



Explore the possibilities of a Canberra career in our unique innovation, business and government ecosystem. Use your knowledge and skills in Canberra, whatever your field of study.

Kick-start your career

Our graduates enjoy strong employment outcomes. Big things happen here in science, research, education, health, business, politics and the arts.

The unique mix of prominent public and private organisations offers useful internship and work experience options for students.

International students can access an extra year of post study work rights and pathways to regional skilled migration.

A centre for innovation

Canberrans love to collaborate. There's easy access to government and industry leaders in science, research and education. Our city is a hotbed for innovation and business growth.

Services that support this include:

- ▶ Canberra Innovation Network.
- ▶ Innovation ACT.
- ▶ Agrifood Innovation Institute.



“ I’ve just started a job as a solutions developer in a bio-tech company and with so many ICT jobs in Canberra I really can see my future here.”

Greene, University of Canberra graduate.





Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex

Work with excellence

- ▶ Our focus on knowledge attracts an eclectic mix of leaders, innovative thinkers, Nobel Prize winners, artists and researchers.
- ▶ Multi-national corporations and non-government organisations, keen to establish and grow their presence in Australia, choose to base here.
- ▶ More than 60% of our jobs across more than 25,000 businesses are with the private sector.
- ▶ We are also the base for many of Australia's leading government agencies which are strongly connected with our educational institutions.

Just a short drive from Canberra, you'll find the CSIRO's Deep Space Communication Complex, run on behalf of NASA. Students gain hands-on experience as part of the country's leading space and spatial sciences degrees.



We have a thriving knowledge economy, with growing demand for specialists in ICT, cyber security, defence, space, renewable energy, agri-technology, tourism, consulting and knowledge management.

Our city is also a hub for students studying health and sports sciences. Located between our two largest universities, you'll find the Australian Institute of Sport. It's where many of our current and future star athletes train to compete on the world stage.



“ As an international student, I did several jobs while I was studying. I worked in restaurants, hotels, and even ran tutorials for my fellow students. These experiences equipped me with the soft skills I needed to land my dream career, working for government.”

Kevin, University of Canberra graduate.







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