Arrival and temporary accommodation

How will Flinders University know my arrival and temporary accommodation 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 and temporary accommodation 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 (08) 8201 3418 during business hours (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm). If you need to make contact outside these hours, please telephone Flinders Security on (08) 8201 2880 or Elaine Kane on her mobile phone (hand phone) which is +61 412 266 736 or 0412 266 736 in Australia.

What if 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 whether you will require transport to your temporary accommodation. You will also need to make arrangements to collect your arrival pack and appointment letter.

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

If you cancel before you travel, there will be no charge. If we book temporary accommodation and you change your mind when you arrive, you must pay a fee of the cost of at least one night’s accommodation.

Indonesian Students

The Indonesian Student Association (PPIA) works closely with the International Student Advisor (Australia Awards) to arrange low cost temporary accommodation for new Indonesian students. This means that they will arrange for you to stay with one of the current Indonesian students studying at Flinders. **Unless you advise us that you do not want to use this service, your details will be provided to PPIA to help them arrange your temporary accommodation.**

This accommodation arranged by PPIA is extremely low cost. In 2014 the cost for temporary accommodation arranged by PPIA was AUD$110 to AUD$140 per week without meals included.

Vietnamese Students

The Flinders University Vietnamese Student Association is working with us to provide our new Vietnamese Australia Awards students with support on arriving in Australia, including temporary accommodation.

The Association has a closed Facebook account, the link for which appears below. If you would like to join this group, please send a private message through Facebook to one of the Administrators so your access to the page can be approved. Once you have done this, group administrators can be of assistance to arrange temporary accommodation.

We are planning to advise the Vietnamese Student Association of all commencing Australia Awards Vietnamese students’ details. Due to Australian Privacy laws, we are required to request your permission to share your details with any group. **Please advise by return email as soon as possible if you agree for your details to be given to the Vietnamese Student Association to allow them to contact you.**

https://www.facebook.com/groups/flindersvietnam/

If the Association assists you with temporary accommodation, or you have arranged this already, please do not forget to advise us of the person’s name you will be staying with, their address and a mobile telephone number.

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You can make your own arrangements for temporary accommodation, but you must advise Flinders in writing as soon as possible so that we do not book temporary accommodation for you. Please let us know the address and telephone number of the temporary accommodation you have arranged by emailing cassie.bach@flinders.edu.au

International Student Advisor (Australia Awards) arrival appointment
Please come to International Student Services for your arrival appointment with the ISA (Australia Awards) on the next business day after your arrival. The appointment at 10am will include information about opening your bank account, your establishment allowance and other important information.

Family matters

We would prefer students settle into Australia before making arrangements to bring their family to Australia. Please note, low cost temporary accommodation is usually only available for single students, so you need to check the cost and availability of any temporary accommodation if you travel with family.

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 17 July 2015.

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. Further information about OSHC can be found at: www.bupa.com.au/health-insurance/cover/oshc
- 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 child care centres

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 Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) website at: http://www.immi.gov.au/students/students/definitions.htm.

There is further information on the DIBP website at http://www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/576.aspx but you may also want to speak to an officer at your nearest DIBP 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 your spouse gives birth to a child in the period between lodging your student visa application and the visa being granted, you must advise DIBP immediately as having an additional dependant will affect DIBP’s 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: cassie.bach@flinders.edu.au

Information session during the IAP
For those students whose family will be arriving after you have settled in, there will be an information session on Day 2 of 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.

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 budget, is in a suitable location and is the type of housing that suits your needs.

Flinders Living will provide information on accommodation options, rental agreements and information about the local rental housing market. Flinders Living website can be found here: www.flinders.edu.au/living/

Flinders Living provides a free, up-to-date accommodation service which lists private accommodation available on the rental market. You can access this via their website: www.flinders.edu.au/living/short-term-private/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 Section 2 Arriving in Adelaide of the International Student Handbook on our website at: www.flinders.edu.au/international/handbook

Further information about on-campus accommodation

On-campus accommodation is for single students only. To apply go to: www.flinders.edu.au/living/on-campus/applications/applications_home.cfm and select the link to the ONLINE APPLICATION FORM. Applications for Semester 2, 2015 are now open.

Important dates for 2015

Introductory Academic Program:
15 June – 17 July 2015
Semester 2 begins:
27 July 2015

Further important dates can be found at: www.flinders.edu.au/semester-dates.cfm

How do I enrol in my course of study?

Enrolment is done online. There will be an information session on Day 1 of the IAP which will tell you about what you need to do to enrol. You can go to the Flinders website at www.flinders.edu.au/courses/rules and read the course rules and look at the program of study and a description of what your topics will cover. Further information can also be found at: stusyswww.flinders.edu.au/topic.taf

Wherever possible you will meet with your course coordinator to discuss your program of study before you enrol. You will not be able to obtain your Student ID card until you have completed your enrolment.

Banking

Due to an upgrade of Flinders University central campus, there is no longer an Australian bank branch on campus.

To receive your AAS establishment allowance and stipend as soon as possible, we request you pre-open an Australian bank account before you arrive. Details on how to pre-open an Australian bank account are provided below.

If you pre-open an Australian bank account please provide the details to the Australia Awards Team via 2015 Flinders University Pre-departure information
return email. We require Bank Name, BSB, Account Number and Name.

For students who have pre-opened a bank account and provided the details to the Australia Awards Team payment of your establishment allowance should be transferred to your bank account within 2 working days of your arrival in Australia.

For students who do not pre-open a bank account payment of your establishment allowance can only be made after bank details are provided to the Australia Awards Team.

Please be aware that even if you pre-open a bank account you need to bring sufficient Australian currency with you to ensure you can pay for initial expenses such as; temporary accommodation, food and transport before you receive your stipend and your establishment allowance.

There are many financial institutions in Australia. For a comparison of accounts in banks throughout Australia see: www.banks.com.au/personal/accounts

Most Australian banks charge fees for a bank account or a banking service. For a comparison of banking fees see: http://www.canstar.com.au/transaction-accounts/compare-transaction-accounts-full-service-high-transactor/

In order to pre-open a bank account before you arrive:
  ➤ You need an overseas address (your home country).
  ➤ Follow the instructions from the financial institution that you choose to pre-open your account. See the links below.
  ➤ After arrival you will need to show your passport at the Bank of your choice to verify your identity.
  ➤ You can deposit money into your bank account from overseas using the BSB, account number and SWIFT Code that will be provided after you apply online. It can be sent as a bank draft or Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Banks charge a fee for transfers of money. There is no restriction on the amount of cash you can bring into Australia, but please declare amounts over $10,000.

**Australian Banks:**

ANZ
http://www.anz.com/personal/bank-accounts/help-select-account/international-students/
There is an ANZ ATM at the Sturt campus

National Australia Bank
http://learn.nab.com.au/international-students/
There is an NAB ATM on the main campus

Commonwealth Bank

Westpac Bank

**Other Useful Websites**

Information on what can be brought into Australia: http://www.daff.gov.au/travelling

Information about Adelaide and South Australia
www.southaustralia.com/
www.southaustralia.com/regions/adelaide-city.aspx

Study Adelaide
http://studyadelaide.com/