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Your guide to living and learning at the most culturally diverse residential community on campus.



“International
House is where
I learned about
Australia and
the world.”

Paul Gottlieb AM (1967–1969)
Scientist and Engineer

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About

International House is home to a diverse and vibrant community of scholars. We aim to foster a culture of international understanding and friendship by inviting students from as many different countries, cultures, customs and faculties to join us as residents.





Relocation

Our building at 96 City Road has served as home for generations of International House residents. Unfortunately, however, the building has reached the end of its life and will be vacated at the end of 2020. We will be moving to the Abercrombie Student Accommodation in 2021, which is a modern, University-owned residence on the Darlington campus.



“The longer I stay here, the more I think that if we can all get along, there’s no reason everybody can’t.”

Loklan Glance
Australia

Country profile 2019



Distribution density:



Number of residents per country:

Australia	42	Japan	3	South Africa	2
Bangladesh	10	Kenya	2	South Korea	1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	Kuwait	1	Spain	2
Canada	3	Libya	1	Sri Lanka	3
China	23	Malaysia	6	Sweden	1
Colombia	1	Nepal	2	Switzerland	1
Egypt	1	New Zealand	6	Taiwan	3
Fiji	1	Nigeria	1	Thailand	3
France	1	Oman	1	Turkey	1
Germany	2	Pakistan	1	United Arab Emirates	1
Hong Kong	13	Peru	1	United Kingdom	2
India	21	Philippines	3	United States of America	4
Indonesia	1	Qatar	1	Vietnam	3
Ireland	1	Singapore	8		

Student profile 2019



There are
48 postgraduate students at IH
this year



21 years old
is the average age
of our students



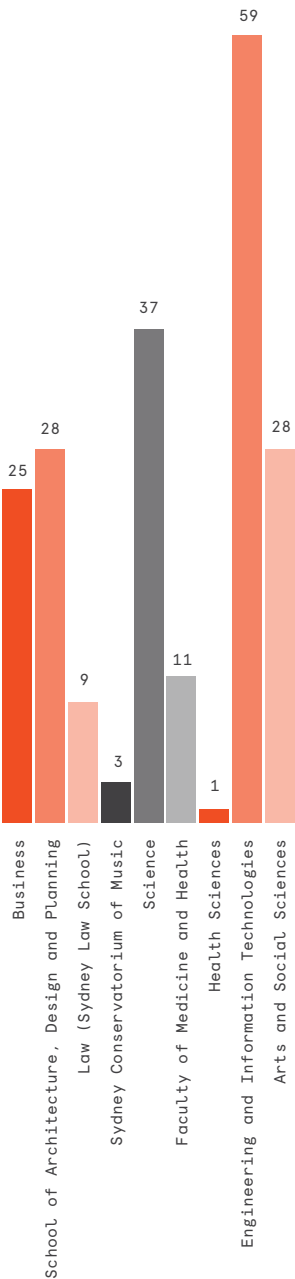
We have
103 males



95 females



4 neutral



The International House experience

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Diverse by design

Diversity is at the core of who we are and how we operate. Over 40 countries/regions are represented in our vibrant community of 200 residents.



Lifelong global connections

Our 6,000-strong alumni community stretches across the globe, with many citing International House as the impetus for their global careers.

The University of Sydney



The International House experience



Networks of support

We have a team of student mentors, senior residents, academic support tutors, community relations advisers and on-site staff to offer you support.



Real-world opportunities

Ever wanted to work from home? You will have the opportunity to apply for in-house paid and volunteer positions while living with us.

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Program

Developed by our residents with support from a dedicated team of staff, our program will provide you with opportunities to develop social, cultural, and international leadership skills.

As an International House resident, you will be invited to take part in:

- Welcome Week
- Global Leadership Program
- IH Ball
- Harbour Cruise
- Food Fair
- Music of the World
- Restaurant Nights
- International Night
- Candlelight and Flag Dinner
- Many more social and cultural events.

Welcome Week

Your first week at International House will be packed with city tours, sports, beach trips and an Amazing Race! The week is designed to help you settle in to University life and make new friends. Don't forget to collect your complimentary IH jersey and duffle bag from the office.

Cultural Events

We celebrate the enormous wealth of diversity in the house with a range of cultural events and celebrations including music nights, formal dinners and cultural festivals.



“International House has taught me to adjust to a new environment and also has pushed me to become more proactive in all aspects of life.”

Lydia Liu
China



Academic Support Program

Generally held in small groups, our Academic Support Program provides complimentary peer tutoring in a variety of subjects for residents of IH. Tutoring takes place on a weekly basis and is conducted by senior students or external tutors who have achieved excellent results in their fields of study.

Affiliate Program

Brand new for 2020, our affiliate membership program is designed for non-residential students to immerse themselves in the range of International House programs and events normally reserved for residents. Benefits include 10 meals per week, access to all International House events, the Global Leadership Program, Welcome Week, formal dinners and after-parties. This program is ideal for students living at home or those looking to make new friends from across the world. Places are limited.



Global Leadership Program

Leadership is about understanding how people work together. This is now an essential requirement for today's workplace. It's also something you won't get from your degree alone.

By choosing your own pathway that fits in with your studies, you'll access exclusive course content, gain real learning experiences, and engage with world-class experts.

Specially-tailored for International House residents, the Global Leadership Program is your key to a systemic, sustainable, and culturally competent understanding of leadership.

How much work is involved in the program?

It is estimated that completing the program will take approx. 10hrs of participation in total including online coursework, project-based opportunities and attendance at keynote talks.

What do you get upon completing the program?

Completion of the program is acknowledged with a certificate signed by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) and the Director

(International House). Participants who undertake a project and/or role-based activity also receive a personalised online LinkedIn recommendation.

Participation requirements

To complete the Global Leadership Program, you need to attain a minimum of 100 points. These points can be attained in a minimum of 1 semester, and a maximum of 2 semesters (1 year).

Compulsory	Credit points attainable
Core online activities	60 (in total)
Optional	
Leadership talks series (2 per semester)	15 (per talk)
Role-based opportunities	30 (50 for IHMA executive roles)
Project-based opportunities (see examples below)	
Hosting a faculty dinner	15
Undertaking a Davis Project for Peace event	50
Undertaking a Cormack-Rowlands Award project	40
Hosting a community event (e.g floor party)	15

Davis Projects for Peace

A Different View: Memphis' Project for Peace

International House resident Memphis Blue returned home to Newcastle during the mid-semester break to embark on a project to educate local students about the experience of new refugees in Australia. The project involved a series of talks to school students by people who have sought asylum in Australia.

“Following on from the grant, my aim is to partner with like-minded organisations and apply for funding from the government in order to continuing educating others and dispelling misconceptions.”

“Through A Different View, students had personal contact with someone who has experienced the hardship of seeking asylum in Australia, something which is so often stereotyped and misunderstood,” said Ms Bourne Blue.

Memphis’ project was funded by a \$10,000 grant from International Houses World Wide. Students who are awarded the grant design and implement their own grassroots peace projects anywhere in the world during the Northern Hemisphere summer.

The Davis United World College Scholars Program is the world’s largest, privately funded, international scholarship program—supporting more than 3,100 undergraduates from 164 nations.



Support

Adjusting to university life, especially in a new place, can be difficult.

Our support program has developed over the past 50 years with your transition to Sydney in mind. You will spend your first week taking part in a compulsory Welcome Week program designed for you to have fun, make friends and access the information you need to settle in to life at International House.

Under-18s

International House welcomes under-18 international and Australian students studying at the University of Sydney or undertaking a pathway program at Taylor's College.

“International House has been a home away from home, it's taught me to accept people and cultures from all around the world.”

Abhaya Agrawal
Nepal



Rooms

Most of our rooms are single-study bedrooms with shared gender-neutral bathrooms.

All rooms are fully furnished and include a bed, bed linen, desk, wardrobe, fan, heater, mirror and lamp. Unlimited wi-fi, all meals and room cleaning are included in your rent.

- **145 single rooms**
- **16 twin-share rooms** to be shared by either two males or two females.

- **2 partial ensuite rooms** with double bed and washbasin. No shower in room.
- **7 full ensuite rooms** with double bed, bar fridge, washbasin and shower.
- **16 self-catered apartments** including studios, one-bedroom and two-bedroom options.



Food

We think the time you save shopping, cooking and cleaning is better spent studying, relaxing or connecting with new friends.

On a daily basis our residents gather to engage, discuss current affairs, and eat. We cater for a diverse community of residents and meals are designed to be as international as possible.



“There are few things in life more enriching than sitting around the International House dining table full of people from different countries discussing their cultures, background and world events. It made me a global citizen in a way nothing else could have!”



Ruchir Punjabi

(IH 2005-07 – Founder and Chairperson of Langoor)



Sample menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Breakfast	Hot and continental Breakfast served weekdays					Brunch Continental breakfast with a selection of pastries, a variety of hot food from the servery, including vegetarian, and seasonal fruits.	
Lunch* non-veg	Honey & sesame seed chicken pieces with wedges	Butter chicken pieces with rice	Chicken schnitzel or salmon patties green vegetables and pommes sauté	Chicken or ham & pineapple pizzas	Beef or chicken pie with salad		
Lunch* veg	Sauté vegan sausages and tofu with honey and soy sauce	Butter paneer & vegetables with rice	Falafel patties, green vegetables and pommes sauté	Vegetarian pizzas	Vegetarian pie with salad		
Dinner option 1* non-veg	Chilli lime chicken with stir-fried vegetables	Slow cooked beef with steamed & mixed vegetables	Lamb navarin with mashed potatoes and vegetables	Pork loin roast with grain mustard sauce with mixed coloured vegetables	Chicken & spinach linguini with stir-fried vegetables	Beef bourguignonne with farfalle pasta, zucchini & peas	Tomato cauliflower & lamb curry with baked coloured vegetables
Dinner option 2* non-veg	Tortellini with pumpkin, spinach and mushroom	Chicken & mushroom spaghetti with mixed vegetables	Lemon & capers fish with mashed potatoes and vegetables	Peking style roast chicken with mixed coloured vegetables	Beef steak with tomato & onion sauce, with potato, carrots & beans	Chicken & chorizo gumbo with farfalle pasta, zucchini & peas	Sticky hoisin chicken pieces with baked coloured vegetables
Dinner* veg	Vegetables, beans & cashew curry	Yellow squash sauté served with couscous	Fragrant egg curry	Sweet potato & red kidney bean pot	Stir- fried barley, vegetables & macadamias	Kale & vegetable quinoa pilaf	Vegetarian dhal with baked coloured vegetables

Facilities

We have a range of facilities for exclusive use of residents and affiliate members.

Access to these facilities is available 24/7. If you're visiting us in Sydney we can take you on an in-person tour from 9am–5pm weekdays.

- Wool Room
- Rooftop
- Coffee Room
- Library
- Computer Lab
- Wellbeing Room
- The Shop
- TV and Video Games Rooms
- Meditation Room
- Laundry Room
- Dining Room
- Log Cabin



Fees

All catered accommodation fees include:

- 19 meals per week including breakfast, lunch and dinner on weekdays, brunch and dinner on weekends
- Unlimited wi-fi
- Furnished bedroom with desk, bed, bed linen, wardrobe, heater, fan and lamp
- Fortnightly room and linen cleaning
- Formal dinners and other International House events
- Global Leadership Program

- Academic Support Program
- Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness Membership (includes access to swimming pool)
- Participation in Intramural Sports and Arts Competitions
- International House jersey and welcome pack
- Storage room access.

Catered contract terms are 42 weeks inclusive of non-teaching weeks and study vacation. Residents are welcome to stay outside the contract terms. Self-catered contract terms are for 52 weeks.

Compulsory Fees (payable before arrival)

Application fee (non-refundable)	\$100
Registration fee	\$250
Welcome Week (new residents only)	\$75
Members' association	\$330
Alumni association	\$115
Catered room deposit (wholly or partially refundable after departure)	\$1,000
Self-catered room deposit (wholly or partially refundable after departure)	\$1,840 - \$2,312

Residential Fees

Term 1, 2020 – Saturday 15 February to Friday 10 July (inclusive) (21 weeks)

Term 2, 2020 – Saturday 11 July to Friday 4 December (inclusive) (21 weeks)

New residents

Room type	Per week	Per semester
Twin Share with shared bathroom	\$444	\$9,324
Single with shared bathroom	\$570	\$11,970
Single with partial ensuite	\$586	\$12,306
Single with full ensuite	\$600	\$12,600

Self-catered units*

*1 January to 31 December – residential agreement (52 weeks). Paid 4 weeks in advance.

Unit type	Per week	Per 4 weeks
Studio	\$460	\$1,840
One-bedroom	\$505	\$2,020
Two-bedroom	\$578	\$2,312

Optional fees

Car park – residents and visitors	\$25 per day/ \$75 per week then \$15 per day thereafter
Resident car park	\$210 per 6 months* (motorbike \$105), \$410 per year (motorbike \$205) *Residents on single term agreement only
Guest meal ticket	\$15 per meal
Log cabin – residents only	No fee. Donations welcome.
Log cabin (weekend) – alumni and non-residents	\$160 per booking up to 3 nights (Fri, Sat, Sun) and \$80 for each additional night
Log cabin (weekday) – alumni and non-residents	Minimum charge \$150 up to 3 nights (Mon to Thurs) and \$80 for each additional night

Affiliate program fees – non-residents only

Membership fee	\$3,000
Application fee	\$100
Registration fee	\$250
IHMA fee	\$330
Welcome Week fee (where applicable)	\$75
Total fee (including Welcome Week)	\$3,755

Admissions

Our focus is on maintaining a culturally diverse and inclusive community in which you can reach your potential. Applicants are assessed on their previous community engagement, their proven internationalist interests and their understanding of the International House program.

If you receive an offer, you will be among students who share a similar outlook to your own: outgoing, curious and passionate about international understanding and friendship.

Applications are open year-round. Semester 1 applications are assessed from September, Semester 2 applications are assessed from April.

Application process

1. Applicant must be enrolled or waiting for acceptance to the University of Sydney.
2. A completed application to IH must be submitted via the online application portal.
3. Your application will be assessed and suitable applicants will be sent an offer by email. This will include information regarding the residential agreement and acceptance fees.
4. The successful applicant will need to accept the offer by paying the acceptance fees and signing the residential agreement.

“No matter what expectations you might have from life at uni, IH will exceed them.”

Seon Ah Chu
South Korea



FAQs

Is International House open to Australian students?

Yes! We have a minimum of 25% Australian residents in the House. One of our founding ideas is that a group of hosts (in our case Australian students) are on hand to welcome international students.

How many bathrooms are on each floor?

Each floor of International House has one gender-neutral bathroom facility consisting of three toilets and three showers. Some floors have additional facilities throughout.

Is Welcome Week compulsory?

Welcome Week is compulsory for all new residents. We use this time to familiarise residents with the House by conducting workshops, tours, social activities and events.

How many people live on each floor?

The main building has 8 floors with approximately 15 residents on each. The East and Elkin Wings have two floors. The Maze Apartments, which are reserved for postgraduate residents, have three floors.

Can my friends or family visit me?

If you are staying in a single room you can have one guest for up to three nights. The guest fee is \$60 per night, which includes all meals. Please let us know in advance so we can prepare a spare fold-out bed.

What happens if my application is successful and I'm offered a room at International House?

If you are offered a place, you will receive a residential agreement by email. It is essential that the information in your application form is current and accurate for us to be able to notify you without delay. Upon receiving your residential agreement, you will be required to sign one copy and send it back, complete the online acceptance process, and pay your initial fees online, and send IH your arrival information.

What is your affiliation with the University of Sydney?

We are owned and operated by the University of Sydney.

Can I visit International House before I apply?

Yes. We can take you on a tour of our facilities, introduce you to staff and current residents and show you a room (subject to availability).

I struggle with English. Will I fit in?

You will be among many other students from non-English speaking backgrounds, and there is a good chance at least one of our residents will speak your language.

Is International House religious?

We are not affiliated with any religion. However, we respect our residents' religious beliefs and support their right to practice them.





We acknowledge the tradition of custodianship and law of the Country on which the University of Sydney campuses stand. We pay our respects to those who have cared and continue to care for Country.

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