

# Student News



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## Top five tips from the Sydney Abroad Fair

With borders opening and travel on the horizon, it's the perfect time to plan an exchange for 2022. If you missed our 2021 Sydney Abroad Fair or just want a refresher, we've summarised all the [top tips and Q&As to help you on your way overseas](#).



## Check-in with your mental health checklist

To close out Mental Health Month we're encouraging everyone to make mental health a priority by sharing some [quick tips on how to take care of yourself and those around you](#).



## Graduate medal nominations closing soon

If you know someone graduating this year that has demonstrated leadership, innovation or excellence in sporting achievement, research excellence or contribution to Indigenous community, take this chance to share their story. [Nominations for the 2022 Alumni Awards close on 5 November](#).



## Survey for students located in Australia

The University recently sent out a survey to all students listed in Sydney Student as currently being 'onshore' in Australia. This survey is an opportunity to share feedback of your study experience and your study plans for 2022, including your preferences to study on campus when restrictions ease and opportunity allows. If you received this email and have not yet completed the unique survey link, please do so by **Wednesday 3rd November 5pm AEDT** to ensure we capture your valuable feedback. You will also go in the running to win 1 of 5 official University prizes.

Please note this survey was only sent to students we have identified as being onshore at present. A separate, similar survey will be sent to all students identified as being offshore in the very near future. If you have any further questions, you can make an enquiry online by completing [this form](#).

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## Notices

- Clear a space on your wall and download the [2022 student wall calendar](#).
  - Return to campus guidelines for Honours and other students undertaking research projects have been published on the [University website](#). Students who meet these criteria and need to come to campus are required to agree to the University's [conditions of entry](#), including the requirement to wear a mask or provide proof of an exemption, if applicable. Students should check eligibility and timing of campus visits with their supervisors and follow all of the requirements of the COVID-safe plan for the area in which they are working.
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## Get involved

### For the birds

- Since the beginning of the pandemic there has been a boom in bird-watching, and why not? As well as being a fun outdoor activity (always a plus in lockdown), it can also be a way to contribute to citizen science. In this [Sydney Ideas event on 28 October](#), you will hear powerful short talks about [our local birdlife](#) (and other wildlife) from leading researchers.

## USU Creative Awards

- People's Choice Award voting is open until 28 October. [Vote for your favourite artwork](#) in all categories, or vote in the gallery.

## Charles Perkins Oration

- On 12 November we celebrate the 21st anniversary of the life and work of one of our most impactful alumni with the [2021 Dr Charles Perkins Oration](#). Tune in at 12.30pm on the [University's YouTube account](#) or the main ABC Channel.

## Sydney Rare Book Week

- This week is Sydney Rare Book Week, so it's a great time to check out the [University Library's Rare Books and Special Collections](#) and tune into [free talks hosted by the State Library](#).

## EnQueer Writer's Festival 2021

- The inaugural EnQueer Writers' Festival aims to bring together people of all genders, sexualities, ethnicities, disabilities, faiths, cultures, and backgrounds at a literary forum which appreciates and acknowledges the power of diversity. [Be inspired by queer storytellers from across Australia, New Zealand and beyond](#) from 4-6 November.

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### Take a moment out of your day to stroll through campus with us

For Mental Health Month, we've collaborated with students at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music to bring you original music and scenes from campus you can relax to.

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### Insta of the week

It's jacaranda season again! There are many places on campus where the beautiful blooms can be enjoyed do you recognise this one?

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