International students have a variety of accommodation options available to them in Australia - make sure to find out what’s best for you.

**SHORT TERM ACCOMMODATION**

Temporary housing and hostels
It is a good idea to book a short-term accommodation option for your arrival in Australia, particularly for the first one or two weeks. This option provides you with housing on arrival and gives you the opportunity to search for permanent accommodation once you have actually arrived in Australia. Hostels can be a good option for short-term accommodation as they are usually cheaper than a hotel, and centrally located - you can find a list of hostels that ACU students have used in the past here: [www.acu.edu.au/564428](http://www.acu.edu.au/564428)

Homestay
Homestay accommodation offers international students the opportunity to live with a local family while studying in Australia. It is available from a few weeks to many months. By living with an Australian family, you will get a closer understanding of Australian life.

All ACU Homestay placements are arranged by the Australian Homestay Network (AHN). Homestay placements cost approximately AUD250-$300 per week and must be booked for a minimum of 4 weeks.

Homestay fees normally include:
- accommodation (including utilities)
- meals (breakfast & dinner)
- access to laundry facilities
- ongoing Homestay host and student support
- AHN 24/7 professional phone support
- AHN Insurance policy.

[www.homestaynetwork.org/public](http://www.homestaynetwork.org/public)

WHERE CAN YOU STAY WHILE YOU STUDY?

This flyer provides an overview of accommodation options for ACU students. Depending on your circumstances, you may need either:
- short-term accommodation, or
- long-term accommodation

Many students prefer to look for temporary accommodation on arrival in Australia, and move to longer-term accommodation once they have settled in.

Need more information about living in Australia?
Find out more on our website: [www.acu.edu.au/int_accom](http://www.acu.edu.au/int_accom)

Find the answers to some frequently asked questions:

Please note: reference to any specific company or services is for the information and convenience of students/visitors and does not constitute endorsement, recommendation, or favouring by ACU.

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LONG TERM ACCOMMODATION

ACU Student Accommodation

The Miguel Cordero Residence is located in the student hub of Camperdown which is very close to Sydney’s city centre. It offers an enriching university experience and the chance to make life-long friendships.

This residence features:
- furnished apartments in a secure building
- communal lounges, study spaces and an atrium meeting place
- academic, social, sporting and chaplaincy programs
- public transport access to the Strathfield and North Sydney campuses
- onsite management team
- high-speed internet.

www.acu.edu.au/490012

Specialised Student accommodation

Specialised student apartment accommodation is available near most ACU campuses. With this kind of accommodation, the fees you pay usually cover utility bills and, in many cases, Wi-Fi access. Below is a list of some accommodation providers near our campuses - see our website for more information and links:

- **Brisbane**
  - Semester in Australia (SIA)
  - Uni Lodge
  - Urban Nest

- **Canberra**
  - Uni Gardens
  - Uni Lodge

- **Melbourne**
  - Semester in Australia (SIA)
  - Student Housing in Australia
  - Uni Lodge

- **North Sydney and Strathfield**
  - ACU Living and Learning Community
  - IGLU Student Accommodation
  - Semester In Australia (SIA)
  - Uni Lodge
  - Urban Nest

www.acu.edu.au/564458

Private/shared housing

You should budget approximately A$150 - $300+ per week to rent a property shared with others. Utilities and food are not included in this estimate.

Rental prices vary depending on location. You may choose to live in private rental accommodation near your campus or in the city, depending on your budget. We do not recommend securing private or shared accommodation before arriving in Australia as it is best to view each property in person.

Useful real estate websites include:
- realestate.com.au
- domain.com.au

LIVING COSTS

One of the biggest challenges when moving to study in a new country is managing a budget. You can reduce your living costs by:
- sharing accommodation and meals with other students
- avoiding suburbs that are close to the CBD or the beach
- shopping carefully.

### INITIAL EXPENSES (PER PERSON) APPROX COST IN $AUD

| Temporary accomm. (2 weeks) | $600 |
| Food and transport (1 month) | $500 |
| Rent in advance (2 weeks) | $300 |
| Bond (refundable after leaving) | $600 |
| Furniture and kitchenware (second-hand) | $1,000 |
| Connection charges (for utilities) | $200 |
| **Total (approximate)** | $3,200 |

### ONGOING EXPENSES/ITEMS COST PER WEEK IN $AUD

| Accommodation | $150-300+ |
| Food | $60-100+ |
| Transport | $15-40+ |
| Utilities | $60-100+ |
| Extras | $50-80+ |
| Students are also advised to allow a semester budget for books or supplies. | $400 per semester |
| **Yearly total (approximate)** | $18,610* - 33,040+ |

The above costs are a guide only. Prices will vary depending on the lifestyle of each person. All costs are in Australian dollars. Students should budget for a 5% increase for their living expenses each year. ACU tuition fees are not included in the above tables.

* Department of Immigration and Border Protection Financial Requirement.

www.acu.edu.au/int_costs