

# Adelaide - A Great University

The University of Adelaide, established in 1874, is South Australia's first university and among the finest universities in the world. The University is a member of the Group of 8 universities, building the intellectual, social, cultural and economic excellence of Australia's future.

With over 20,000 students, including around 5,500 international students from 94 countries, the University of Adelaide has produced Nobel Prize winners, Rhodes Scholars and international high achievers in many fields.

The University is small enough to provide personal interaction with teaching staff, yet large enough to offer a broad range of programs and outstanding opportunities for students to extend their boundaries.

Adelaide graduates are highly employable and often earn the highest starting salaries in the State and lead the way in finding jobs in their professions. Our graduates are recognised worldwide for their creativity, knowledge and skills, as well as for their culture and tolerance.

## Sarah Hemming



“I attended Mount Barker High School before choosing to study a Bachelor of Science at the University of Adelaide. I chose the Bachelor of Science because I liked the variety of courses that were available. The program has lived up to its expectations, but some courses such as physics have shown me which pathways I do not want to pursue.

The Fairway Bonus Point Scheme allowed me to receive the entrance score to gain a first place entrance in to the program of my choice. Without this scheme I may have received a second round offer, or may not have been successful in taking this program in 2008. I believe that the Fairway Bonus Point Scheme allows students from disadvantaged and country backgrounds to receive a higher TER which then means they can complete their dream of further education in their specific interests.

I was a member of the Smooth Start Program for 2008 and it has been extremely helpful with the transfer from the country to the city. The 'On the Bus' tour showed me Adelaide and allowed me to meet new friends from the same background and enabled me to know some people in my degree before the beginning of the semester. I have also received support from the SMS (Science Mentoring Scheme). I still live in Echunga and commute from Mount Barker every day to university which means I have extremely long hours and have struggled with the workload, however my smooth start mentor Daniel has helped make things a little easier.

The best part of university is learning new and interesting ideas that some people from my background have never experienced before. I hope my degree enables me to explore the world, make new discoveries and be a part of scientific developments in the future.



**Information sources**

The University of Adelaide website: [www.adelaide.edu.au](http://www.adelaide.edu.au)  
 Virtual tour of the University: [www.adelaide.edu.au/tours](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/tours)

**University publications available from our Student Centre**

- Accommodation booklet
- Australian Fee-based Enrolment booklet
- The Fairway Scheme and Bonus Points booklet
- Get a Great Future - a guide for choosing your career and degree
- Parents booklet
- Program Information leaflets on the discipline of your choice
- Return to Study - for mature age and non-school leaver applicants
- Student Services leaflet
- Study Selector
- Undergraduate Prospectus
- Undergraduate Scholarships booklet

**Other helpful publications**

- Commonwealth supported students (HECS-HELP) and FEE-HELP booklets: produced by the DEST, available from Centrelink or the Student Centre. Visit the website at: [www.goingtouni.gov.au](http://www.goingtouni.gov.au)
- Parents Help With Careers: available from Centrelink
- SATAC Guide: produced by the South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC). Website: [www.satac.edu.au](http://www.satac.edu.au)

**Other helpful websites about study**

- Centrelink - Are you planning to study or train?: [www.centrelink.gov.au](http://www.centrelink.gov.au)
- Ozjac - Australian Job and Course Explorer: [www.curriculum.edu.au/ozjac](http://www.curriculum.edu.au/ozjac)

**Other helpful websites about Adelaide**

- SA Tourism Commission: [www.southaustralia.com](http://www.southaustralia.com)
- Visitors Guide to Adelaide: [www.discoveradelaide.com](http://www.discoveradelaide.com)
- Virtual tour of the University: [www.adelaide.edu.au/tours](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/tours)
- Virtual tour of the city of Adelaide: [www.adelaide.sa.gov.au/tour.htm](http://www.adelaide.sa.gov.au/tour.htm)

**Important dates**

SATAC databases open for applications..... Early August  
 University of Adelaide Open Day..... Mid August

Professional & Continuing Education  
 STAT Preparation Course..... August/September

Closing date for Dental Surgery, Medicine, Oral Health (no late applications accepted)..... End of August

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 STAT Preparation Course..... August/September

Closing date for Standard Entry - undergraduate applications ..... End of September

Closing date for Special Entry (STAT) - undergraduate applications ..... End of October

Late closing dates for undergraduate programs (except Dentistry, Medicine, Oral Health) (late fees apply)..... Early December

Deadline for changes of preference..... Early January  
 January offer round letters sent out from SATAC..... Mid January  
 University of Adelaide Orientation Week commences..... Late February  
 First semester commences ..... Early March

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# Essential Guide for Country Students



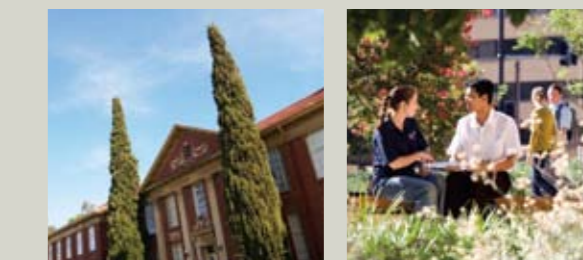
# Welcome to the University of Adelaide

Making the decision to attend university is an exciting one. It's full of possibilities - new friends, new knowledge, and a better future with the career of your dreams. And for country students the list also includes a new city, a new place to live and a steep learning curve!

For country students who decide to move away from home to study, the benefits are enormous. While studying on the path to your chosen career, you can expand your life with experiences you wouldn't have living at home.

University is a life-changing experience. It's about challenging yourself and finding your future. It's about enjoying the extra-curricular life that a good university can offer you. You can extend your horizons by meeting new people, expand your world views by mixing with students from other cultures, and build networks with people who will be changing the world.

You can live with others in student residential colleges or develop independence and freedom by sharing a house with other students. Relocating for uni is a great opportunity to spread your wings and find your future.



## How to Use the Essential Guide

The Essential Guide for Country Students will help you focus on the things you need to consider when relocating for uni, allowing you to act early in relation to accommodation and scholarships. The Guide also provides you with a great list of resources for additional research. You can use the Guide to talk with your family about some of the issues you will face, and to enlist their help and support. In fact to help your family we have a Parents information section on our website which can be found at: <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/parents/>

The Guide will also tell you a little more about the University of Adelaide, and what you can expect when you are a student here. If you would like to hear what current students who have also moved away from home have to say about the University please have a look at the following section of the website: [www.international.adelaide.edu.au/living/orientation/peer/experiences/](http://www.international.adelaide.edu.au/living/orientation/peer/experiences/)

## 2 Bonus Points for Country Students

The University offers two schemes to help country applicants. The Fairway Scheme provides an extra opportunity to study at the University of Adelaide to students from schools under-represented in higher education. This includes all Australian country schools\* with students receiving six bonus points.

The Bonus Point Scheme is subject specific and you will receive bonus points if you have successfully completed either Specialist Mathematics or a Language Other Than English (LOTE). Two bonus points will be given for Specialist Maths and two bonus points for a LOTE subject (there is a maximum of two bonus points for LOTE, regardless of the number of LOTE subjects you have studied).

You can receive bonus points under both schemes. For further information see our booklet *The Fairway Scheme and Bonus Points* or online at [www.adelaide.edu.au/student/admission](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/student/admission)

The South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC) will automatically add the points to your university aggregate score (not your TER), and a new TER will be created for entry to the University of Adelaide only. This is the TER we will select you on. You won't be sent notification of your adjusted TER, if you would like to know what it is however, you can contact the University to ask.

\* defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics' (ABS) Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) as Inner Regional, Outer Regional, Remote or Very Remote. To see if your school is included, check online at [www.backingaustraliasfuture.gov.au/guidelines/documents/cas\\_lookup.xls](http://www.backingaustraliasfuture.gov.au/guidelines/documents/cas_lookup.xls)

## 3 Scholarships

The University of Adelaide offers a generous scholarship program to support students with financial assistance to meet the costs associated moving away from home to undertake their studies.

The Adelaide Access Scholarships are for students who can demonstrate financial need and, amongst other categories, are from rural or isolated areas. Recipients of the Adelaide Access Scholarship receive \$2,000 p.a. for a maximum of 4 years.

## 1 Wide Ranging Academic Expertise

Our reputation for academic excellence is well known. We offer more than 120 programs which provide enormous choice and diversity and we have one of the best student-to-staff ratios in the country. Our staff are leaders in their field and modern teaching facilities mean that your time at Adelaide will be a great springboard into the rest of your life.

The University is organised in five academic Faculties - Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Sciences, Health Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences, Sciences, The Professions - and degree programs vary from the very general (such as the B. Arts or B. Sciences) to very specific (such as B. Engineering (Automotive)). Ensure you check the entry requirements for the programs you are interested in, such as prerequisites, additional tests or auditions.

Full details of our programs can be found in the Undergraduate Prospectus and Program Information Leaflets, or research online at: [www.adelaide.edu.au/programs](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/programs)



Commonwealth Scholarships are also available to country students studying at the University of Adelaide, worth up to \$4,000 for up to four years.

Many more scholarships are on offer solely to country students, and the Undergraduate Scholarships booklet will give you all the details. Of course, country students are able to apply for any scholarship they are eligible for at the start of their studies or in later years (some scholarships are only available to students in second or later years). A scholarship could range in value from thousands of dollars and no tuition fees to a few hundred dollars to help pay for your books.

All are worth exploring - you should research your options and apply for the scholarships for which you are eligible.

All the information you need to apply can be found at: [www.adelaide.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/scholarships)

## 4 Campus Location

The University's **North Terrace Campus** is in the central business district close to the heart of Adelaide. The public transport hubs and the café strips of Rundle Street, Rundle Mall and Hindley Street are all close by.

The campus is flanked on one side by Rundle Mall, Adelaide's shopping district in the city, and on the other side

by the River Torrens and Adelaide's famous serene parklands. Adjacent to the University on North Terrace are the South Australian Art Gallery, Museum, State Library and the picturesque Botanic Gardens.

The University has two other undergraduate campuses. The **Waite Campus** is set on 174 hectares in the Adelaide foothills, about 15 minutes south of the City, and is home to a number of schools in the Faculty of Sciences, as well as several Research Centres.

The **Roseworthy Campus** is an internationally renowned centre for excellence in dryland agriculture and animal production. Roseworthy Campus is located 50km north of Adelaide on a 1600 ha property and includes a working farm on which students gain practical experience and training.

Which campus you study on is determined by your degree. Check the Program Information Leaflets for details.

Take a virtual tour of the Uni at [www.adelaide.edu.au/campuses](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/campuses)

## 5 Affordable Living and Great Accommodation Options

### Affordable Living

Adelaide is more affordable than most other Australian capital cities. The cost of accommodation and transportation in particular are significantly less than in Sydney or Melbourne. Compare the difference for yourself in the following guide to student living.

Many students work part time to supplement their income, and Adelaide has a thriving business community. Part time work opportunities can be found through Adelaide University Union's Employment Service.

### Accommodation Options

Adelaide is a safe and friendly place to study, and an outstanding place to live. Great accommodation options exist for our students, suiting all budgets and preferences. These are all very close to the city, and it is very easy to get around either by public transport, bike or foot (a car isn't necessary in Adelaide).

Accommodation is one of the keys to success at university - if you are happy where you are living, it will have a positive effect on your studies. Researching your options and discussing them with your family will help you find the best one for you. Here's a quick run down on your options:

- The University of Adelaide Village - the University's student accommodation complex is on Grote Street in the city, a 15 minute walk from the North Terrace Campus. With a strong emphasis on student wellbeing, the Village has been designed to create a relaxed, friendly environment with community facilities, secure access and after-hours security staff.
- Residential colleges - there are five colleges (all coeducational) just 10 minutes walk from the city campus, and residences on-campus at Roseworthy.



- Student hostels - offer fully furnished single bedroom accommodation with some twin/double/triple share rooms.
  - Subsidised housing - this share housing accommodation, subsidised by the University, is provided for primarily first year students who are assessed as experiencing financial or special needs.
  - Rental accommodation - students may choose to rent a house or unit. The University's Accommodation Service can help in finding shared rental accommodation.
  - Temporary accommodation - the Accommodation Service can also help to find temporary accommodation in furnished apartments.
- We suggest applying for your accommodation at the same time you apply through SATAC. For more information (including costs) or to search our rental database, visit: [www.adelaide.edu.au/accommodation](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/accommodation)

### Other Costs

Other costs you will need to consider when studying at the University of Adelaide are:

- Tuition fees - Most students on a commonwealth supported place will be able to defer their tuition fees until they have completed their degree. For further details please see: [www.adelaide.edu.au/student/finance](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/student/finance)
- Books, equipment, field trips - costs vary from program to program.

Also, students may elect to join the Adelaide University Union (AUU), the peak student representative body at the University. The focus of the AUU is to develop and implement the philosophy that life at university is so much more than textbooks and lectures. AUU provides a wide range of services and facilities, including a fitness centre, employment service, financial advice, advocacy and representation, welfare, entertainment, publications, theatres and cinema, lockers student radio and



## 6 Vibrant Campus Life

The University's academic year starts with Orientation Week - the perfect chance for you to get to know new people, the campus, and hear what is expected of you in each of the courses which make up your degree. Plus, there are lots of activities held by the Adelaide University Union to make it a week to remember! Attending O Week is a vital step in setting yourself up for a successful first year, so make sure you plan to get to Adelaide in time.

### Guide to Average Weekly Expenses in Adelaide

The following is a guide for a single student in living in shared rental accommodation. These are basic living costs and do not include costs for textbooks, running a car or any luxuries.

Additional costs are approximate and depend very much on the individual student.

### A Guide to Average Weekly Expenses in Adelaide

| Item                                | Cost (\$AUD)          |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Rent (shared or separate)*          | \$100 - \$270         |
| Food                                | \$80 - \$100          |
| Gas & electricity                   | \$25                  |
| Transport#                          | \$20 - \$25           |
| Telephone/postage                   | \$20 - \$30           |
| Other (entertainment, clothes, etc) | \$45+                 |
| <b>Total weekly expenses</b>        | <b>\$290 - \$495+</b> |

\* Based on rental listings on the web and in newspapers.  
# Based on the cost of student concession tickets on public transport.

+ Survey of students' spending in Australia (2006) Australian Education International (AEI), Department of Education, Science and Training DEST.

Adelaide is a cheaper city to live in than most other Australian capital cities. The cost of accommodation and transportation particularly are significantly less than in Sydney or Melbourne.

## 7 Helping You to Succeed

We understand that making a successful move to university is full of challenges, and students who relocate have additional challenges to overcome. We want you to enjoy your time at Adelaide, gain a great deal from the experience and excel in your chosen degree; therefore we have a range of Support Services to assist you throughout your time at the University.

Students from country schools are eligible to apply for the SmoothStart program, designed to help you get the most out of your first year. As part of the program you will:

- be supported by SmoothStart staff in Semester 1 of your first year,
- have your own Peer Mentor, an experienced University of Adelaide student who can help you and be your guide to University Life,
- meet other first year students in a fun and relaxed way,
- get to know the campus and the services University has to offer,
- receive advice about study skills, the differences between University and school and get helpful information from lecturers,
- be invited to SmoothStart social events throughout the semester,
- be invited to attend SmoothStart only academic workshops to help you with your study.

You must apply for SmoothStart - check the website for further information and full eligibility criteria: [www.adelaide.edu.au/smoothstart](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/smoothstart)

Other support services available to you are:

- the Student Centre helps you with your student administration
- the Accommodation Office provides information on accommodation options, including a searchable database
- a Counselling Service helps you through the tough times, like home sickness, which affect your studies
- Wilto Yerlo offers learning, access and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students across all campuses
- study skills workshops and academic counselling available all year
- Learning and Disability access and support for students with ongoing medical issues or disability
- the Careers Service helps you find your first professional job
- Education and Welfare Officers can assist you with a wide range of issues, including legal, financial and Centrelink.

## The Essential Checklist

After using this guide, I will know:

- The Uni has a good academic reputation, and is part of the Group of 8 universities
- Programs and courses can be researched online
- Country students get bonus points (6 Fairway and 2 for LOTE and 2 for Specialist Maths)
- There are scholarships especially for country students
- There are lots of places to live in Adelaide, my first choice is: .....
- There are lots of student activities on campus, I won't be studying ALL the time!
- I need to be in Adelaide in time for Orientation Week
- I can apply to join SmoothStart, and visit other student services if I need help

