The University of Queensland
Brisbane, Australia
www.uq.edu.au

Facts
- Language of instruction: English
- Number of students enrolled: 50,000
- Number of campuses: 4
- Academic year: February - November
- Autumn Semester Equivalent: July - November
- Spring Semester Equivalent: February - June

Getting around
The main St Lucia campus is 7 kilometres from Brisbane city centre. There are regular and express bus services between the two. Brisbane’s blue CityCat catamarans run every 20 to 30 minutes from the University to the city centre.

Things to do
Brisbane is the third most populous city in Australia. The inner city of Brisbane is characterised by the Brisbane River, parklands, museums, art galleries, shopping districts and a host of cosmopolitan restaurants and cafes.

Top attractions: Southbank parklands, Fortitude Valley entertainment district, West End cultural district, City Botanic Gardens and Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary

Travel opportunities
Brisbane has one of the best public transport networks in Australia, meaning that the beaches and fun parks of the Gold Coast are just an hour’s drive south from Brisbane, while the beautiful Sunshine Coast beaches lies a short drive to the north, along with national parks, rainforests and popular attractions such as the Australia Zoo. The Great Barrier Reef begins 368 kilometres north of Brisbane. Brisbane is a 1hr 35 minute flight from Sydney and 3 hours from Christchurch, New Zealand.

Climate
Brisbane has a sub-tropical climate with very hot humid summers around 30°C and mild, dry, sunny winters around 19°C. Most rain falls during the height of summer, between November and February.

Finance 2017/18
Bursaries available:
- International Office Travel Bursary (means-tested): £750 dependant on household income for students beginning their studies in 2016. Students who started their studies before 2016 should see the finance webpage, as the award criteria differs (available to students classed as Home Students for fees purposes and accepted to study abroad as part of the University-wide exchange programme)

Approximate living costs per semester:

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<th>Item</th>
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<td>Return flight from UK (av. 24 hours)</td>
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<td>Visa costs</td>
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<td>Health insurance (compulsory)</td>
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<td>Accommodation</td>
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Approximate living costs compiled from student surveys and partner university website.

More information:
http://www.uq.edu.au/international-students/expenses-guide

Accommodation
- Residential catered colleges: There are ten Residential Colleges based on the grounds of the St Lucia campus. College places are in high demand and are not guaranteed. There is a large difference between the cost of accommodation in college and off campus.
- Off campus student housing: “Applications for off-campus student housing should be pre-booked and submitted directly to the provider. They specialise in housing that has been purpose-built for students. This accommodation is self-catering.”
- Rental accommodation: “There is usually a wide range of rental properties, prices and locations advertised at any one time, and it is extremely difficult to make an informed decision about public transport, value for money, safety etc without being on location.”


Further Information

Application success rate:
2015/2016 = 28%
2016/2017 = 15%
(percentage of students placed out of total applications to this partner)