



## BERICHTSFORMULAR

### Non-EU Student Exchange Programm

2022/2023

**BewerbungsID** 12834

**Nominierte Studienrichtung:** 033/630 Studienrichtung Bachelorstudium Biologie

**Angaben zum Aufenthalt:**

**Gastinstitution:** The University of Queensland - (Australien)

**Aufenthaltszeitraum:** WS 2022/2023

**Aufenthaltsbeginn:** 25.07.2022      **Aufenthaltsende:** 19.11.2022

STIPENDIUM	
<b>Stipendium Uni Wien gesamt laut Zuerkennung:</b> (inkl. Zuschüsse für Reisekosten und Sprachtest)	€ 2.600,00
	Rückforderung: nein Rückgeforderter Betrag: € Rückforderungsgrund:
<b>Weitere Stipendien (zB Jasso, Studienbeihilfe):</b>	<b>Weitere Stipendien:</b> Nein <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stipendium des Gastlandes:</b> nein ()</li> <li>• <b>Bundesländerstipendium:</b> nein</li> <li>• <b>Studienbeihilfe:</b> nein</li> <li>• <b>Sonstiges Stipendium:</b></li> </ul>
<b>Summe weiterer Stipendien:</b>	€
<b>Gesamtsumme aller Stipendien:</b>	€ 2.700,00

KOSTEN DES AUSLANDSAUFENTHALTS	
<b>Unterkunft:</b>	€ 2.400,00
<b>Art der Unterkunft:</b>	Privatunterkunft
<b>Reisekosten:</b>	€ 1.330,00
<b>Lebenshaltungskosten:</b>	€ 1.090,00
<b>Studienkosten:</b>	€ 770,00
<b>Versicherungskosten</b>	€ 270,00
<b>Visakosten:</b>	€ 425,00
<b>Gesamtkosten des Auslandsaufenthalts:</b>	<b>€ 8.663,00</b>

**Bericht veröffentlichen:**



## PERSÖNLICHER BERICHT

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#### Verfassen Sie bitte einen persönlichen Bericht über den Studienaufenthalt

- # **Mindestumfang:** Fließtext 1 Seite DinA4
- # **Inhalt:** Gastuniversität, Kurse, Prüfungen, Mitstudierende, Unterkunft, etwaige Schwierigkeiten etc.

#### BERICHT ÜBER DEN STUDIENAUFENTHALT

Host University:

The University of Queensland was my first choice of uni, since they offer a wide span of courses relating to coral reef science which include field trips. One can tell that the university is pretty prestigious as their campus is very nice and they offer many extracurricular activities. In particular, I would recommend UQ ventures to anyone interested in entrepreneurship. I participated in one of their competitions in which I had to pitch an idea relating to a given subject and ended up winning people's choice award (1000 AUD). Student services were very helpful with any general enquiries I had and lecturers/staff were extremely friendly and genuinely cared for their students (disclaimer: these were mostly zoology and marine biology professors. Unfortunately, I heard fewer good things about biochemistry and biotechnology lecturers).

Courses:

I chose to do 3 courses instead of the usual 4 as I preferred to use the extra free time for day trips and exploring the country. In the end, the time I spent on uni probably ended up being equal to someone doing 4 courses since the courses I chose in particular were known to have a pretty high workload. Additionally, all of them were third year (final year) courses meaning their difficulty was higher than most other first or second year courses.

In general, the workload throughout the semester was much higher than in any course I've done at University of Vienna. Especially if you are planning on enrolling in third year courses, be prepared to write several 3000–4000-word assignments, oftentimes multiple per course. Since the biology bachelor at Uni Wien doesn't include many written assignments, you may feel underprepared or overwhelmed. However, if you give yourself enough time, they are doable.

These are the courses I enrolled in:

ERTH3212: Geology of Coral Reefs



Includes a one-week trip to Heron Reef (part of the southern great barrier reef). If you are interested in seeing the GBR, I definitely recommend this course as it takes you to one of the most pristine reefs of the GBR. This course was incredibly insightful and definitely my favorite solely due to the amazing field trip. I paid around 900 AUD to stay at the research station for 8 nights including food and travel (in contrast: sleeping at the resort open to the public on the island costs 300-400 AUD PER NIGHT!). The workload is very high though.

Alternatively, the course BIOL3215: Coral Reef Conservation offers a similar field trip to Heron Reef a week earlier and focuses more on the ecology of the reef. This course, however, has more students (more like 60) in comparison to the 20 students in this course. Some students managed to do both courses and stayed at the research station for two weeks in a row!

#### MARS3012: Physical-biological Oceanography

A great course and can be used as credit of the Meereskunde VO. Includes a weekend trip to North Stradbroke Island (Minjerrabah) where you get to learn about mangroves, plankton and go on a research boat. Work load: medium. Helen, the professor, is super friendly and cares greatly about her students' success.

#### BIOL3320: Vertebrate Diversity and Evolution

Although this course is great for anyone interested in learning about the native Australian fauna, the workload is EXTREMELY HIGH. That being said, the lecturers are incredible and their lectures are very interesting. It includes a weekly 3-hour prac in which you can look at and touch preserved animals and oftentimes dissect one. On the final prac, we dissected a large range of Australian animals including kangaroos, koalas (roadkill), native snakes, lizards, birds and even a shark! The final exam is a large hurdle though.

#### Accommodation:

I chose to find private accommodation in shared house and found mine through Flatmates.com.au while still in Austria. I was fortunate enough to find a house right next to campus and lived with three other Australians, and even enrolled in the same course with one of my flatmates! The colleges on campus are not bad, a bit pricier though. I heard good things about Union college, Cromwell college, and international house. I heard mixed opinions on the cheaper non-uq student accommodation such as Scape and Unilodge by my fellow exchange students. Also, many exchange students tried finding private housing in person, but many struggled finding anything decent and had to resort to one of the accommodations mentioned once uni started. Therefore, I would recommend getting your accommodation sorted before flying to Australia. I sorted mine via facetime.

Getting a sim card, bank account and such was relatively simple to be honest, I went with the ALDI sim card as it was a bang for your buck and was paid month by month. I went with Westpac as a bank but honestly any of them should be fine. I joined the uq gym located on campus, which is pretty good. However, they're opening hours kinda suck as they are only open to 9pm on weekdays and 6pm on weekends.

#### Student colleagues:

All my colleagues were very open and friendly and I am fortunate and lucky to have made great, long-lasting friendships with many Australian students as well as other exchange students from all over the world. Australians are generally super friendly and easy to strike up a conversation with. Be sure to make some friends with cars, as it facilitates day trips to the gold and sunny coast, or buy one yourself if you don't mind the hassle. UQ offers a wide span of clubs and societies to join. Many of these clubs are extremely active and plan awesome activities. I joined the Marine Society and made many friends during events such as a visit to Sea World or BBQs.

In general, Australia has a lot to offer, especially concerning nature! Although it is easy to get lost in the grind of studying and assignment writing, be sure to give yourself enough time throughout the semester for weekend trips as before you know it the semester will be over! The exchange semester was an unforgettable experience and I would stay a semester longer if I could!



PS: For any animal lovers, in case you want to see a wild cassowary, visit Etty Bay in tropical Queensland as they oftentimes come down to the beach. For wild kangaroos, the woody heads campground located 3 hours south of Brisbane in New South Wales is a great spot to get up close and sometimes even pet them if they are not too cranky. On North Stradbroke Island you have a good chance of seeing a Koala feeding on one of many eucalyptus trees. I was lucky enough to see all three!