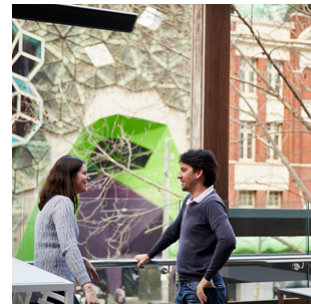


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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION INSIDER

[Study Melbourne](#) has had a busy start to the year, working closely with the sector to welcome students back to our communities and campuses, and promoting Melbourne and Victoria's world class education offering to prospective students and key international partners.

Our network of [Study Melbourne Hubs](#) in Shanghai, Kuala Lumpur, Ho Chi Minh City and India continue to support students while they study online overseas, and students preparing to return to Melbourne.



Stay tuned for our [industry events](#), and join us in celebrating the achievements of female students and leaders worldwide on International Women's Day, 8 March 2022.

In this edition, we share updates on:

- [International Student Arrivals](#)
- [International Education Resilience Fund \(IERF\)](#)
- [Global Victoria EdTech Innovation Alliance](#)

Regards,
The team at Study Melbourne

NEWS & UPDATES



International Student Arrivals

Fully vaccinated eligible student visa holders can now travel to Australia without a travel exemption. Australia has welcomed the arrival of more than 80,000 International Students since the Australian Government [announced](#) that fully vaccinated eligible visa holders can enter Australia.

A [student visa fee waiver](#) is now available to student visa holders who are currently offshore and travel to Australia between 19 January and 19 March 2022.

Please read the handy pre-departure checklist on our [student arrivals page](#) or visit the Victorian Government's [Information for overseas travellers page](#) for more information about travelling to Victoria from overseas.

If you're supporting recently arrived international students to Victoria, visit our [Welcome page](#) for tips, inspiration and trustworthy information to share with your students.

International Education Resilience Fund (IERF)



The International Education Resilience Fund, delivered through Study Melbourne, supports Victorian universities with funding for their international student welfare and support services, improved delivery of remote and offshore teaching and learning and increased student engagement programs and events.

Activities are being delivered across the ten Victorian universities are a testament to the industry's innovation and world-class education offerings. Study Melbourne is working closely with the universities support students in Victoria, overseas and online. We look forward to sharing more information soon about these activities and their positive impact.

This support builds on the Victorian Government's unprecedented investment in local universities during the pandemic, including the \$350 million Victorian Higher Education State Investment Fund, supporting universities with capital works, research infrastructure and applied research, payroll tax deferrals and partnership agreements.

For more information you can [read the full media release](#) on the Victorian Government Premier of Victoria's website.

Global Victoria EdTech Innovation Alliance



In partnership with Edugrowth, Global Victoria is delivering the [Global Victoria EdTech Innovation Alliance](#), awarding up to \$800,000 in major research grants to nine Victorian EdTech companies and their project partners, including funding for researchers and for capacity-building activities.

The Global Victoria EdTech Innovation Alliance supports partnerships between Victorian EdTech companies, education institutions, and international organisations, and enables cooperation to trial technologies that solve and enhance learning outcomes. The program road tests Victorian EdTech products in Australian and international education settings, in a structured formal framework, and will share the findings with the broader community.

The nine successful recipients of the Global Victoria EdTech Innovation Alliance research grants are:

- [Cadmus](#)
- [Edalex](#)
- [Cahoot Learning](#)
- [Verso Learning](#)
- [Genix Ventures](#)
- [MentorMatch](#)
- [Ziplet](#)
- [Intellischool](#)
- [Maths Pathway](#)

The nine successful recipients of the Global Victoria EdTech Innovation Alliance research grants will be announced shortly. This initiative is funded by the Victorian Government as part of the \$33.4 million commitment to the short-term economic recovery of the international education sector, in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

What's happening at the Hubs?



Students watching the Australian Open at the Hub.

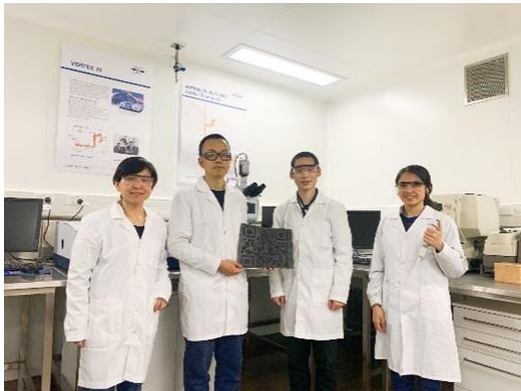
[The Study Melbourne Hub Shanghai](#) welcomes students to invite their friends to join them at the Hub by creating their own personalised postcard and sharing it on WeChat.

Take a tour of the [Study Melbourne Hub Kuala Lumpur](#). Explore the study spaces and meeting rooms where students can continue their studies before they return, and attend free events. The Hub is the perfect place for prospective students to find out why Melbourne is Australia's best student city.

The Study Melbourne Hubs are available for Victorian education sector stakeholders (including education providers, educators, EdTech companies and agents) to organise and hold activities and events to support student or partner engagement. Find out more at studymelbourne.vic.gov.au/industry/programs/Hubs-industry-information.

Please share the [Study Melbourne Hubs page](#) with your student networks for information about the latest events and support services.

Study Melbourne Research Partnership Grants



The Victorian Government through Study Melbourne is investing in international research partnerships to strengthen international connections, attract global talent to Victoria and support global research excellence.

Fifteen significant research projects are supported through this \$2.8 million program. The collaborations will see game-changing developments, commercial opportunities and build Victoria's reputation for research and innovation.

To find out more visit the [Study Melbourne website](#).

Expressions of interest open - MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT WEEK

Be part of a fun and welcoming event for all international and local students in Melbourne.

Councils, universities, community groups and businesses are invited to submit an



expression of interest to host an independent event or events under the 'MISW' banner during the week of Monday 16 May to Friday 20 May 2022.

Find out more and apply now at [MISW EOJ](#).

EVENTS & KEY DATES

Study Melbourne Country to Coast

[Study Melbourne Country to Coast](#) gives international students a unique opportunity to adventure beyond the city to experience the beauty and splendour of regional Victoria. The program, delivered by [Beyond Melbourne](#), gives 750 students an opportunity to join one, two and three-day excursions to explore some of Victoria's most renowned country and coastal destinations.



Event details:

- **Date:** 4 March - 6 March (3 day program)
- **Location:** Cape Otway
- **Cost:** \$99/per person - [Book now](#).

For more excursions visit the [Study Melbourne Country to Coast webpage](#).

International Education Sector Briefings 2022

Delivered by our Commissioners and Global Education Network in market, [these briefings](#) provide on the ground market intelligence and updates regarding new opportunities, student/agent feedback, competitor activities, changes to education policies and various Victorian Government business development activities in market.



Event details for Greater China:

- **Date:** 1 March
- **Time:** 2:00 – 3:00pm AEDT
- **Location:** Online
- **Cost:** Free - For the full schedule of our upcoming market briefings register via our [Eventbrite page](#).

Contact Atal Samad at atal.samad@global.vic.gov.au for further enquiries.

Victoria x Vietnam She Leads Symposium

Coinciding with International Women's Day 2022, this one-day hybrid forum brings together female champions from numerous education and research partnerships across Victoria and Vietnam, to lead discussions with young people, particularly women.

**Event details:**

- **Date:** 15 March 2022
- **Time:** 10am - 3:45pm VNT / 2pm – 7:45pm AEST
- **Location:** In person at the Study Melbourne Hub Ho Chi Minh City, and Online via Zoom
- **Cost:** Free - [Register now](#)

Leadership Labs India

[The Study Hub India](#) hosts Leadership Labs India sessions on how to transition to life in Australia. Registrations are still open for the third series, "Maintain Your Motivation" on 21st March 2022, designed to explore the 6-drivers of internal motivation that will help you stay engaged and thrive.

**Event details:**

- **Date:** 17 March 2022
- **Time:** 11.30am – 1.00pm IST
- **Location:** Study Hub India (Virtual)
- **Cost:** Free - [Register now](#)

Future Female Conference 2022

[Future Female](#) represents the importance of female international students and reflects the spirit of Victoria. Networking sessions will connect students with industry leaders. This conference is exciting, inspirational, and promotes the talent and potential of all female international students studying in Victoria.

**Event details:**

- **Date:** 25 March 2022
- **Time:** 9.30am – 4.30pm AEST
- **Location:** Arts Centre Melbourne
- **Cost:** \$12 - \$50 AUD - [Get tickets](#)

MARKET ENGAGEMENT



Victoria welcomes back international students with an event at Expo 2020 Dubai

Victoria celebrated the opening of Australia's international borders and welcomed international students with an event at Expo 2020 Dubai on 20 December 2021.

As the Platinum Partner of the Australian Pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai, Victoria hosted more than 50 guests from UAE universities, schools, agent representatives and Victorian alumni.

The event offered an opportunity for to network and learn more about Melbourne's world-class education and training.

The function promoted the wide range of Study Melbourne supports and programs available to international students and featured an 'on the stage interview' with two thriving Victorian graduates who spoke about their inspirational stories and journey to become successful career professionals.

Included in the photograph with Victorian alumni, left to right:

- Justin McGowan, Commissioner General Australia - Expo 2020 Dubai at Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Barış Satar, Director Education Services, Middle East, Africa and Turkey - Victorian Government Trade and Investment Office, State Government of Victoria
- Heidi Venamore PSM, Australian Ambassador to the UAE
- Kassem Younes, General Manager Middle East, Africa Turkey, Russia and CIS - Victorian Government Trade and Investment Office, State Government of Victoria

Partner opportunity with Chongqing Business Vocational College – China

The Victorian Government Trade and Investment Office in China is set to launch a social media campaign to showcase best practice and outcomes of Victoria-China education partnerships.

The campaign focuses on the high-quality offerings of Victoria's transnational education programs and demonstrates how students and teachers benefit from the partnerships.

All stories will be promoted through VGTI and Study Melbourne's WeChat accounts, followed by a seminar with project partners at the Study Melbourne Hub Shanghai.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Qian Li, Education Services Director in China, qian.li@global.vic.gov.au.

Joint program opportunity in Wuhan - China

Wuhan Institute of Shipbuilding College is a three-year higher vocational college located in Hubei Province. The college is among the



top 200 higher vocational colleges in China.

To support its international development, the college is planning to establish a number of joint programs in areas like engineering, IT and finance.

For more information, please contact Qian Li, Education Services Director in China, on qian.li@global.vic.gov.au.

SERVICES & SUPPORT



Support for international students in need

Study Melbourne continues to provide help and support through our dedicated [COVID-19 support hub](#). We encourage you to share this resource with your students.

International students in Victoria can access other support, including:

- confidential support and practical help through the [Study Melbourne Student Centre](#)
- [free legal advice](#) on accommodation and employment matters
- a dedicated [COVID-19 support hub](#)
- help to find work through the [Jobs Victoria online hub](#)
- [utility relief grants](#) to help pay overdue bills
- free, one-to-one support and advice to international students through the [Partners in Wellbeing team](#)
- for information about family violence and state-wide support services visit the [Study Melbourne website](#).

COVID-19 UPDATE



COVID-19 vaccine third dose | Coronavirus Victoria

If you are aged 18 and over and you had your second dose three or more months ago, you are due for your third dose now. For more information about COVID-19 Pfizer and Moderna third doses visit the [Victorian Government's coronavirus website](#).

Victoria's current restriction levels

Victoria has moved to COVIDSafe Settings. For updates on current restrictions, please visit the [Victorian Government's coronavirus website](#).

Support for Victorian businesses

[Government assistance](#) is available for Victorian businesses impacted by COVID-19.

COVID-19 Test Isolation Payment

Eligible workers in Victoria who are self-isolating while waiting for a COVID-19 PCR test result can apply for a [\\$450 COVID-19 Test Isolation Payment](#), which provides financial support to those who cannot earn an income while they self-isolate.



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