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## Welcome to the first edition of our Study Melbourne student newsletter for 2022.

We hope you are enjoying a relaxing summer break and discovering the best that Melbourne has to offer.

A very warm welcome to students who have recently arrived in Victoria! In this newsletter, you'll find information about events, services and support available to you as an international student.

Regards,

*The team at Study Melbourne*



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## LATEST NEWS

### Welcome to Melbourne, Australia's Best Student City

Whether you're a returning student or new to Victoria, you'll love making Melbourne part of your story.



There's something special for everyone in our diverse city. You'll find lots of ways to enjoy student life, make new friends, discover new experiences, and work towards your goals. Visit our [Welcome page](#) for inspiration and support to help you get settled.

You can find programs and support services for international students through your education provider, your local council, and through student and community groups throughout Victoria.

The Victorian Government offers free programs and services for international students through Study Melbourne to help you feel safe and fulfilled while you study.

Connect with Study Melbourne to help build your employability and leadership skills, connect with international students, develop your entrepreneurship capabilities and find other opportunities. [Find out more.](#)

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### International Student Arrivals

Fully vaccinated eligible student visa holders can travel to Australia from Wednesday 15 December 2021 without a travel exemption. [Find out more.](#)



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### Venture Scholarships, Future Founders Program 2022

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If you're an ambitious international student founder of a new or early stage business,

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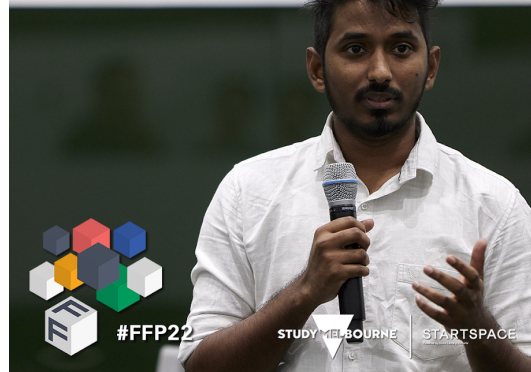
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apply now for the **Future Founders Venture Scholarships**. There are eight scholarships to be awarded.

- Six-week program includes bespoke mentoring, coaching & StartSpace Loft membership
- \$10,000 in scholarship funding
- **Applications are open till 11.59pm Thursday 3rd March. [Apply now.](#)**

APPLICATIONS OPEN  
18 JAN - 3 MAR



## EVENTS & KEY DATES

### Onshore

**Study Melbourne Country to Coast** - The program gives international students a unique opportunity to adventure beyond the city to experience the beauty and splendour of regional Victoria.



#### 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.](#)

**Future Female Conference 2022** - The conference is the annual event for international students and women in Victoria that enriches your journey in Victoria and beyond. It celebrates the empowerment of international students, promotes gender equity and reflects the spirit of Victoria as a welcoming and inclusive community. This year's program showcases outstanding women leaders and trailblazers from multicultural and multifaith backgrounds, as well as Victoria's international student alumni.

#### Event details:

- **Date:** 25 March 2022
- **Time:** 9.30am – 4.30pm AEST

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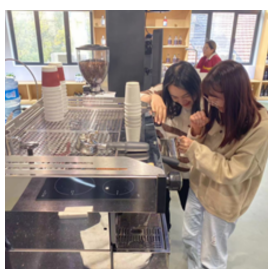
- [Location: Arts Centre Melbourne](#)
- [Cost: \\$12 - \\$50 AUD - \[Get tickets\]\(#\)](#)

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For more events like this, visit the [Study Melbourne events page](#) - An essential guide for student events in Melbourne and surrounding areas.

## Offshore

**Workshop on Melbourne Coffee Art** - [Study Hub Ho Chi Minh City](#) offers students coffee making classes. Enjoy some Melbourne coffee and learn about its history & culture.



### Event details:

- **Date:** 26 February 2022
- **Time:** 10.00am – 3.00pm ICT
- **Location:** Ho Chi Minh City Hub
- **Cost:** Free - [Register now](#)

**Leadership Labs India** - [Study Hub India](#) is hosting online Leadership Labs India sessions on how to transition to life in Australia. Registrations are still open for the third series on 21st March 2022 and is designed to help you stay motivated as a student in Melbourne.



### Event details:

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

*"What I loved about today at the Leadership Lab was how people were engaging and sharing their ideas and also trying to form connections. It's great to see students are getting a chance to open up"* - Devna Anand, Masters student, La Trobe University

## SERVICES & SUPPORT

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### The Study Melbourne Student Centre

offers free and confidential information, referrals and practical support for Victoria's international students. Our multilingual staff offer wellbeing support, including help with accommodation, health, employment and legal problems.



### Question of the month

I am an international student living and studying in Victoria on a subclass 500 visa. Am I eligible for Study Melbourne Student Centre support and services?

Yes, the **Study Melbourne Student Centre** is a one stop shop for post-secondary international student's studying in Victoria. We provide a range of support and practical assistance including casework services, enquiry phone support and the International Student Employment and Accommodation Legal Service. If you do not hold a student visa or have already graduated from your course of study, we still encourage you to contact the friendly Study Melbourne Student Centre via email at [info@studymelbourne.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@studymelbourne.vic.gov.au) or call 1800 056 449.

### Speak with expert employment and accommodation lawyers

If you need help understanding the law or you have a legal problem, **Study Melbourne Student Centre** support staff can refer you to our **International Student Employment and Accommodation Legal Service** that provides the advice you need. This service for international students is free, independent and confidential!



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## Looking for work?

**Jobs Victoria** supports international students looking for work. Part-time and casual opportunities exist now with some of Victoria's biggest employers. No experience is necessary, just a positive attitude.

Apply now at <https://bit.ly/33c9T8t> and complete a few quick questions. The Jobs Victoria team will contact you.



## Study Melbourne Hubs

**The Study Melbourne Hubs** continue to grow in popularity, with students returning to Melbourne, Victoria attending pre-departure briefings to help prepare. Explore the study spaces and meeting rooms where you can continue your studies before you return as well as attend free **Empowered programs and events**. If you are considering studying in Melbourne, the Hub is the perfect place to find out why Melbourne is **Australia's best student city**.



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Take a tour of the **Study Melbourne Hub Kuala Lumpur**.



**Study Hub Shanghai** - The Hub has been encouraging students to invite their friends to join them at the Hub by creating their own personalised postcard and sharing it on WeChat.

## STUDENT STORIES

### Read: Living in regional Victoria

Study Melbourne Ambassador and Victorian International Education Award winner Justin See shares [his story](#) about the perks of studying and living in regional Victoria.



As an international student Melbourne's suburbs and Victoria's regional centres have a unique flavour and offer opportunities to connect with the industry. You can read more about Justin's story on the [Study Melbourne website](#).

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### Ludi Zhao's tips for securing a job in Australia

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shares her tips for how to increase your employability chances.

- Professional networking
- Volunteering, placement and internship
- Participate in employability workshops and services



[Read more tips.](#)

*"My advice is to attend professional networking and development opportunities in your industry. From participating, you may receive information on future job opportunities and equally important, you'll have a better insight into your selected industry. You might even meet your career mentor and gain valuable advice on your professional development."* — **Ludi Zhao, China**

## COVID-19 UPDATE

In this [COVID-19 update](#) we share some current updates for the international student and international education community.



### Your COVID-19 Checklist

To see what you have to do if you test positive to COVID-19, or you have been told you are a contact, you can follow the checklists and information resources on the [Victorian Government's coronavirus website](#).

[COVID-19 Booster advice](#)

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)If you are aged 18 and over and you  
had your second dose three or more[Translate ▼](#)

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 restriction levels

Victoria has moved to COVIDSafe Settings. Find out what this means for you on the [Victorian Government's coronavirus website](#). Find out more [here](#).

### 24/7 Coronavirus Hotline

If you suspect you may have COVID-19 call the dedicated hotline – open 24 hours, 7 days. The COVIDSafe Information hotline diverts to the national hotline every day from 8pm to 8am. Please keep Triple Zero (000) for emergencies only.

### COVID-19 Test Isolation Payment

If you're self-isolating while waiting for COVID-19 PCR test results and can't earn an income during that time, you may be eligible to receive the \$450 Test Isolation Payment. Find out more about the [COVID-19 Test Isolation Payment](#).

### Translated coronavirus (COVID-19) information

Access translated materials about COVID-19 on the [Victorian Government's coronavirus website](#).

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For up-to-date information and resources on COVID-19, including health, travel and education matters, visit our dedicated [COVID-19 Support for International Students hub](#) page.

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