INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RETURNING HOME SEMINAR

SEMESTER 2 2017
THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING CURTIN
Alumni Benefits
https://alumni.curtin.edu.au/alumni-benefits
Alumni Chapters

• Singapore
• Hong Kong
• Malaysia
• Sri Lanka
• Physiotherapy
• Information Studies
• Go Global
• Graduate School of Business
• WA School of Mines Alumni WASMA
ALUMNI

https://youtu.be/M-QIJKtc_iU
Schedule

- Thank you for choosing Curtin - **Mat Darch**, Manager, Student Engagement & Retention
- Housing and accommodation – **Luke Farrell**, Housing Officer, Housing Service
- Graduating from Curtin – **Ms Josie Maiolo**, Curtin Graduations
- Career support – **Stuart Hunter**, Careers and Employment Services
- Returning home and culture shock - **Louise Tay**, Social Support Advisor
- Getting your finances sorted - **Margot Whittington**, Guild Financial Advisor
- What you need to know about your Visa – **Robert Mudhuwiwa**, Regulatory Compliance Coordinator
- Reminders, Raffle and Questions **Carrie Graham Geraghty** Student Wellbeing Advisor
- 13.30: Refreshments in the foyer
ACCOMMODATION
Leases and Landlords, Bonds and Bills

Luke Farrell
Administration Assistant Housing Services
ARE YOU READY TO GRADUATE?
Graduations Flowchart

START HERE
Final Semester of Study

Order Visa Letter

Order Letter of Course Completion

Final Results Release

Receive Graduation Invitation via OC

Register Online via OASIS

Attend Graduation Ceremony
Step 1 – Are you ready to graduate?

If you are in your final semester of study:

✓ Ensure you are eligible to graduate
  ✓ Completed all units of study
  ✓ Outstanding CRL
  ✓ Any other course requirements (placement, first aid etc)

✓ Contact your School Student Services Office to ensure all course requirements are met and necessary paperwork complete
Step 2 - Update contact detail

All contact details must be correct and up-to-date in eStudent:

- Remember: use English characters only for name and address
- Update your address, phone number and email
- Ensure formal name is correct (birth certificate or passport)
Step 3 - Clear sanctions

You must clear all sanctions to be eligible to graduate.

To check sanctions: Log into OASIS, click eStudent in the mystudies tab.

Contact Curtin Connect 1300 222 888
Step 4 - Order Visa Letter

✓ **Who?** - International students in final semester
  
  *(Relatives can take the letter to immigration in their country to support visa application to come to Australia)*

✓ **When?** Any time in final semester
  
  *(order early - immigration can take a while to organise visas)*

✓ **How?** Curtin Connect (Blg 102) or tel: 1300 222 888

✓ **Cost?** $30 (plus postage)
Step 4 - Order Visa Letter

What does the Visa Letter say?

- Student in final semester OR has completed course.
- Student wishes to return to Australia OR remain in Australia to attend their graduation ceremony.
- Names of the family members/relatives/friends that the student wishes to travel to Australia in order to attend their graduation ceremony.
Step 5 - Receive Graduation Invitation

Graduation Invitation – includes instructions on how to register via OASIS to receive your graduation pack (award certificate, academic transcript, Curtin Extra (if eligible), graduation statement)

Sent to your Official Communication Channel (OCC) in OASIS the day after semester exams results release

(Semester 2 2017 - Graduation Invitation OC sent 14 December)

Please note: Graduation Invitations will NOT be sent via the post or to personal email accounts.
Step 6 - Register to receive Graduation Pack

Follow instructions outlined in Graduation Invitation to:

1. Register to **ATTEND/DEFER** your graduation ceremony
2. Receive your Graduation Pack by **MAIL/COLLECT**

Online registration via the Graduations Channel in your *mystudies* tab in OASIS.

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER: 5 January 2018**

*Registration Confirmation* OC will be sent to your OASIS OCC on 8 January to confirm your registration.
What if I can’t attend a ceremony?

Receive your graduation pack by **MAIL**

Follow instructions on *Graduation Invitation* to register to have your graduation pack sent to preferred mailing address as recorded in eStudent.

*International – TNT Courier*

*Within Australia – registered post*

You will **not** receive your graduation pack if you do not register by deadline.

WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY DOCUMENTS?

Semester 2 2017 graduates - receive in March 2018
Semester 1 2018 graduates - receive in October 2018
What if I can’t attend a ceremony?

Register to **COLLECT** your graduation pack

Follow instructions on Graduation Invitation OC to register to collect your graduation pack from the Graduations Office (Bentley Campus only)

*You will not receive your graduation pack if you do not register by deadline*

**WHEN CAN I COLLECT MY DOCUMENTS?**

- Semester 2 2017 graduates - receive in March 2018
- Semester 1 2018 graduates - receive in October 2018
What if I can’t attend a ceremony?

Register to **DEFER** to the next round of ceremonies

Follow instructions on Graduation Invitation OC to register to defer to the next round of ceremonies

- You may only attend a ceremony within 12 months of your course completion
- You will need to check OASIS after the next semester’s results release for your Graduation Invitation and register AGAIN by the deadline
Step 7 – Order regalia and photos

- After online registration complete you will be re-directed to order your regalia online (hire or purchase).
- Phillips & Father GFP – shop on campus (near the John Curtin Gallery/Aroma Café)
- If not attending a ceremony you can book a studio photo session. Sessions cost $25 and you can borrow regalia to wear in the photos.

Phillips & Father GFP: 9266 4333 / info@phillipsandfather.com
Step 8 – Order guest tickets

- Each graduate is guaranteed 2 complimentary guest tickets.
- PhD graduates may bring 4 guests.
- Extra guest tickets* will be available for purchase through the Graduations Channel on OASIS from 9 – 12 January. Extra tickets are $45 each and non-refundable.
  (*Subject to availability)

- More information in your Graduation Invitation OC.
Graduation ceremony dates

Semester 2 2017 graduates may choose to attend a ceremony at one of the following locations:

- The Forum, Curtin Bentley Campus – February 2018
- Sarawak Malaysia – April 2018
- Kalgoorlie Campus – May 2018
- Singapore – October 2018
- Defer until September 2018

Dates are posted on the web as soon as they are available; graduations.curtin.edu.au
Your award certificate

- Your graduation award certificate is a **legal document**.
- Only one can be in circulation – each award number is unique.
- Please look after your certificate carefully.
- Your award is not to be given to anyone else to copy – this is fraud.
Online Award Verification Service

Welcome to Curtin's Graduate Register and online Award Verification service. This service can be used to verify qualifications awarded to Curtin graduates conferred after the year 1992.

This online service will only verify academic qualifications where the completed course has been conferred by University Council.

Qualifications completed prior to 1992: Submit an online web request to confirm qualifications.

Search for Graduate

Search for a graduate by any of the fields below
Searches can be conducted on one or multiple fields.

- Family name
- First name
- Student number
- Award number
- Conferral year

Search for Graduate >
Correct Post-nominals

- Post-nominals are the official letters you can put after your name (on your business card/email signature)
- Refer to: handbook.curtin.edu.au
QUESTIONS?

VISIT: graduations.curtin.edu.au
CURTIN CAREERS, EMPLOYMENT & LEADERSHIP
CAREER SUPPORT FOR GRADUATES
Kerry Valentine, Manager Career Development

Make tomorrow better. careers.curtin.edu.au
What’s on offer this year

Curtin Careers, Employment & Leadership has a broad range of programs and services available to Curtin students.
PLANNING YOUR CAREER

Personalised careers support

Our course specific Career Guides provide information on where your degree can lead, including labour market information and possible career paths.

Visit the Resources section on unihub.curtin.edu.au and apply the relevant filter for your faculty.

A Careers Officer is available to answer your career questions. For more in-depth course and career planning issues, we can arrange an appointment with one of our Career Development Consultants.
ONE ON ONE CAREER ADVICE

Gain individual, tailored career advice

Our Career Development Consultants are available to assist with a wide range of career queries including changing courses, mapping out career pathways, and comparing career options.

We also provide assistance around interviews, assessment centres and in depth selection criteria.

Speak to our Careers Officer about booking an appointment.
FINDING WORK

Where to search for jobs

UniHub is our online jobs board with a wide range of employment opportunities. To begin your search visit unihub.curtin.edu.au.


Global Careers is our online jobs board for overseas job opportunities exclusively for Curtin students. Visit globalcareers.curtin.edu.au to find out more.
GLOBAL CAREERS

Connecting Curtin students internationally

Search opportunities based on your course of study, citizenship, work rights and languages spoken.

Find Global Careers at globalcareers.curtin.edu.au
APPLYING FOR JOBS

Stand out applications to get you ahead

Job application workshops are available face to face, visit unihub.curtin.edu.au to book in, or online via challenge.curtin.edu.au.

A Careers Officer is available to answer your job search questions and to review your resume, cover letter and selection criteria.

Online reviews of your application documents are available by submitting them at unihub.curtin.edu.au.
ATTENDING INDUSTRY EVENTS

Meet employers on campus or virtually

Employers visit our campus throughout the year. Attend a Careers Fair, a networking event, or an employer presentation to find out more about the opportunities available.

Visit unihub.curtin.edu.au for more information on upcoming industry events.

Careers for Tomorrow is our interactive portal that allows you to engage and network with employers. Visit careersfortomorrow.com.au to find out more.
KEEPING IN TOUCH

Call in and see us
Drop into Building 101 Curtin Connect, Mon-Fri, 8.45am-5pm. Prompt advice on career planning, course changes and job applications - no appointment necessary.

Stay in touch
Follow our blog: careers for tomorrow.com.au
Login for jobs and events: unihub.curtin.edu.au

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MONEY MATTERS: Tax Returns, Bank Accounts, Superannuation, Finances
Tax Returns

• If you have worked in Australia lodge an Income Tax Return before you leave Australia
• If your course duration was longer than 6 months = treated as Australian for tax purposes.
• Require a ‘Final Payment Summary’ from employer. Usually at the end of the Financial (30th June).
• Allowed to lodge early if leaving Australia before 30th June
• Refund paid into Australian bank account
Lodging a Tax Return
The Curtin Student Guild - Student Assist offer **free Tax Help Service** to all Curtin students.

Volunteers, fully trained and accredited through the ATO Tax Help initiative are available.

For an appointment:

Call 9266 2900

or email reception@guild.curtin.edu.au
Close Bank Accounts

• Close your bank account before you leave to avoid bank fees and charges.
• Visit the local branch - discuss options to withdraw your funds.
• Cancel automatic deductions to avoid being charged a ‘dishonour fee’
• If you decide to keep the account open, fees charged may increase as you are no longer a student.
• If the account is dormant for 6-12 months, it may be closed automatically.
• NB: Advise the bank of new contact details. Change of address to your home country.
Superannuation - DASP

• Superannuation (Super) is paid by your employer into a ‘super fund’ on your behalf.

• As temporary residents, international students are eligible to access their superannuation once they permanently depart from Australia.

• Complete a ‘Request for Departing Australia Superannuation Payment (DASP) temporary resident’ online applications:
Find Superannuation Information

- Superannuation Info Line: 13 10 20
- After you leave Australia: DASP@ato.gov.au
**Other Money Matters**

**OSHC – Overseas Student Health Cover**

You may be entitled to a refund from your OSHC provider.

Provide:

- Evidence of your planned departure from Australia (air ticket and Certificate of Course Completion)
- Details of your overseas bank account.

REFUND form:

Google **OSHC Refund** – and find your provider
Tourist Refund Scheme: (TRS)

- Claim refund on Goods and Services Tax (GST) for purchases over $300 in one store, within 30 days of your departure.
- Must obtain a Tax Invoice from store.
## Returning Home Budget

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Getting Organised

• Start sorting out your cupboards soon!
• Reduce the luggage you take home = save dollars
• Return borrowed items.
• Sell unwanted items.
• Give things to friends or leave for new students.
• Donate to charity
• Sort out what will be shipped and what to take on the plane
• Investigate flight luggage weight and size restrictions
Disposing of Unwanted Goods

Advertise unwanted goods

- On notice boards around the campus.
- Online – Facebook, Gumtree, eBay
- Local newspaper’s classified ads

Hold a Garage Sale:

Get together with a few friends to sell bigger items.

Advertise the sale in local newspaper or the West Australian
Disposing of Unwanted Goods

Donate to Charities
Most charities accept donations of clothing, furniture and other kitchen and household items.
Only donate items that are *in good condition*.

Give to Friends/Students
New students are very grateful to get household items that will help them settle in and save money.
Donate items to Student Housing or your friends who need them.
Selling a Motor Vehicle

Vehicles may be advertised for sale in the daily newspaper, local newspaper, online. Notice boards in shopping malls and on campus.

When transferring a licensed vehicle to another person, the registered owner must complete, with the new owner a

**Vehicle Transfer - Notification of Change of Ownership form**

Forward the seller’s copy to the Department of Transport within seven (7) days of the sale

Failure to do so may result in the issue of an infringement.
Selling a Motor Vehicle

- Department of Transport
REVERSE (RE-ENTRY) CULTURE SHOCK

Louise Tay - Counselling and Disabilities Service
Story and pictures of the little hexhead taken from:

http://www.refreshedperspectives.com/reverse-culture-shock/
Reverse Culture Shock

Re-adjusting, Re-acculturating and Re-assimilating into one’s own home culture after living in a different culture.
Cultural Adjustment

Adjusting to a new culture includes: (based on Olberg, 1960 & Gallahorn & Gallahorn, 1963)
- Honeymoon
- Conflict/Culture Shock
- Recovery
- Adjustment

Re-adjusting to your home culture involves the same process however you might also experience the following:
- You’re not the same anymore
- No-one seems interested in your experience
- Memories, thoughts and beliefs
- You might question your culture
- Home changes but also stays the same
- Everyone wants a piece of you (wants to see you and catch up)
What challenges do you think you will face when you return home?
Common Problems

- Cultural identity conflict
- Social withdrawal
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Interpersonal difficulties
- Stress
Other Problems

- Alienation
- Disorientation
- Value confusion
- Anger & Hostility
- Compulsive fears
- Helplessness
- Disenchantment
- Prejudice & Discrimination
How to Cope

Unfinished business

What are your assumptions & expectations

Share your experience with others, but within reason. Listen to others

Don't be too judgmental

Maintain your style and stay international

Expect that you will have to readjust and this may take time

Acknowledge that you are having difficulties

You have done it before
Seek Support and Education Yourself

Counselling and Disability Services
Building 109, Level 2

_Triage times: Monday- Friday: 9.00 am to 1p.m._

- Kalgoorlie students can:
- Access Bentley Campus Counselling service on: 08 9266 7850 for phone / skype
- Visit Kalgoorlie Student Wellbeing Advisor:
Building 701, Room 113 or phone 9088 6029 for referral

Google it!
Visa: What you need to know

Robert Mudhuwiwa, Regulatory Compliance Coordinator
Curtin International
Things to note

1. Curtin University staff can only give you general advice about visa options etc.
   - You should check the information provided by the DIBP online – [https://www.border.gov.au](https://www.border.gov.au)
Things to note

2. Your visa is your responsibility. Make sure you stay lawful!!

- **Make sure you know your visa end date!** Check your visa label or grant notification email.
- Any new visa applications must be submitted before your visa end date.
Useful links

Temporary Graduate (subclass 485) visa information – https://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/485-
Any problems or questions?
Don’t wait! Don’t be shy! Ask

Department of Immigration and Border Protection

https://www.border.gov.au

Ground Floor, Wellington Central, 836 Wellington St, West Perth

9am – 4pm, Monday to Friday
International Students Committee

• Represents concerns, issues and voice of International students in Curtin University and in Australia.
• Assists international students in;
  • achieving a well rounded quality education
  • enjoying a meaningful and full-of-experience social life in Curtin and Australia
• Organizes events and activities for international students such as;
  • Pasar Malam, Multicultural week, International Tea &Coffee hour, Rottnest Island Trip,

Facebook.com/CurtinISC
Instagram.com/CurtinISC
isc@guild.curtin.edu.au
Final reminders
Prize Draw

Student Wellbeing Advisory Service 26/10/16
Do you have any Questions?

ONLINE ‘RETURNING HOME GUIDE’