



Siddhartha's RMIT Program Guide

What's next...



A message from the Vice-Chancellor Martin Bean

At RMIT we focus on giving everyone the chance to be their best, shape their future and belong.

Thanks to the passion of our extraordinary people and our commitment to transformative education and research, we're making that a reality every day.

It began back in 1887 when Francis Ormond had a vision for helping workers acquire real-world skills. The people of Melbourne matched his enthusiasm to start a very practical place of learning where students would leave ready for employment.

We still live this vision today. As society and the economy have become more sophisticated and complex, RMIT has grown and changed alongside. Now, we're a global university of design, technology and enterprise.

We exist to prepare our students for workplaces that are rapidly evolving, and we play a part in shaping a changing world.

RMIT has been part of every new development in work and industry since our inception.

We're passionate about the communities we're part of and we're driven to make a purposeful contribution.

That's why we shape the world with our research and impactful partnerships with industry, government and enterprise.

We provide life-changing experiences when we give our students their first, second or even third opportunity to prepare for the world of work they aspire to.

Because today, more than ever, the transformational power of education is lifelong, generations deep and worldwide.

The one certainty is more and greater change in every industry and every location.

So with the world unlike it's ever been before, we're focused on ensuring our students are ready for life and work, whatever form that takes.

At RMIT, as we look to 2022 and beyond, we're excited about the possibilities.

Martin Bean CBE
Vice-Chancellor and President



Get

future ready

Find a job, plan your career and check out all the opportunities for work and study at RMIT.

Job Shop

RMIT's Job Shop is your drop-in service centre for all things career-related. Job Shop offers services such as:

- resumé and cover letter reviews
- help finding job opportunities
- career workshops and events
- careers consultations.

rmit.edu.au/jobshop

RMIT Activator

Activator is RMIT's home of entrepreneurship. Its workshops, online learning and start-up programs position students to solve the biggest problems out there and take on the future of work. At Activator, you can access mentors, attend masterclasses, request business coaching, apply for funding and learn the enterprise skills you need to support your ideas.

No matter what your future looks like, plug into Activator's ecosystem of entrepreneurs, intrapreneurs, start-up founders and innovators and let it help you on your journey to success.

rmitactivator.edu.au

RMIT Creds

RMIT Creds are micro-credentials that develop your skill set beyond your area of study. These credentials have been co-designed with industry to ensure you're ready for the changing world of work. They cover subjects such as digital literacy, leadership, sustainability, innovation, collaboration and communication.

Most Creds are available online and are short in duration, ranging from 60-minute snippets to several hours of learning.

rmit.edu.au/creds

Work-integrated learning

At RMIT, work-integrated learning (WIL) is embedded into every stage of your student experience, so you have the opportunity to put what you've learned in the classroom into practice. Through industry work placements, internships, seminars, field trips, projects and mentoring, you'll be ready to make an impact from day one of your career.

Future Edge employability program

Future Edge is a flexible, co-curricular program designed to increase the employability of all RMIT students.

The program helps you to craft and build your 'personal brand' in order to stand out in an incredibly competitive employment landscape. It will complement your time at RMIT and help you build industry-specific and practical skills to aid your transition into your career.

rmit.edu.au/future-edge

Graduate outcomes and job prospects

At RMIT, we pride ourselves on our ability to work together with communities and industry networks, driving diverse employment opportunities for your child.

1st

in Australia to offer courses on blockchain space flight, and Apple app development

#4

graduate employment rate in Australia²

71%

of RMIT graduates are employed full time within four months of completing their course¹

2,362

unique global industry partners worked with students in 2020

15,829

RMIT students undertook work-integrated learning placements in 2020

100,000+

RMIT Alumni in Asia

¹ 2021 QS Graduate Employability Rankings

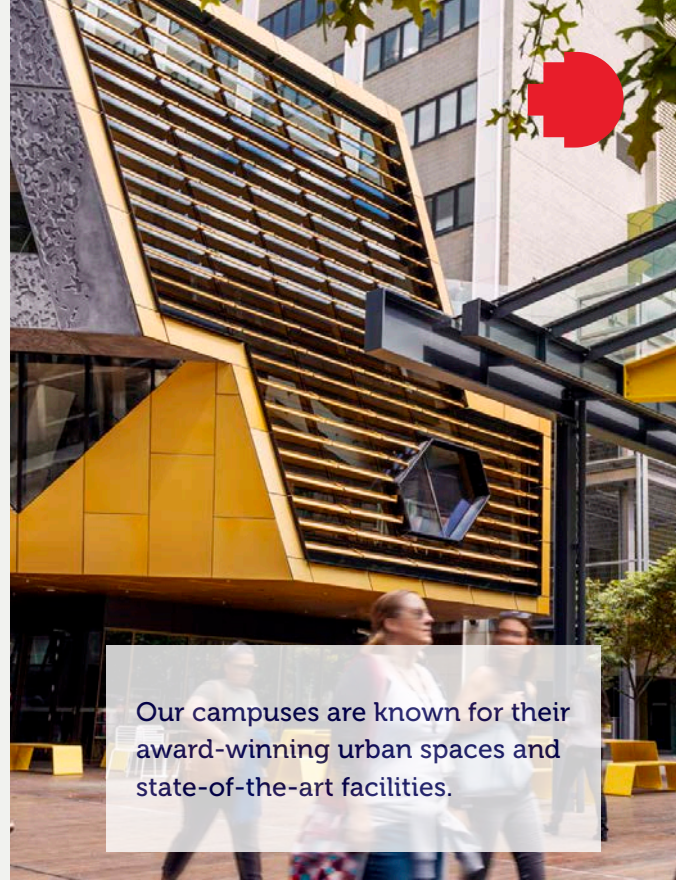
Why

choose RMIT

RMIT University is a global university of technology, design and enterprise

We are one of the top universities in Melbourne, and one of Australia's oldest tertiary institutions.

Our state-of-the-art facilities, industry-based learning opportunities and international reputation with employers are just a few of the reasons why over 97,000 students, including 40,000 international students from over 190 countries and territories, choose to study with us.



Our campuses are known for their award-winning urban spaces and state-of-the-art facilities.

#18

in the world out of all universities under 50 years old¹

#1

university in the world for its efforts to reduce inequality²

#1

in Australia for art and design and #15 in the world³

#4

graduate employment rate in Australia⁴

82%

of RMIT teaching staff hold a PhD level qualification

91%

of RMIT students recommend us to their friends

2,000+

scholarships awarded to our students in 2020

\$1.8M+

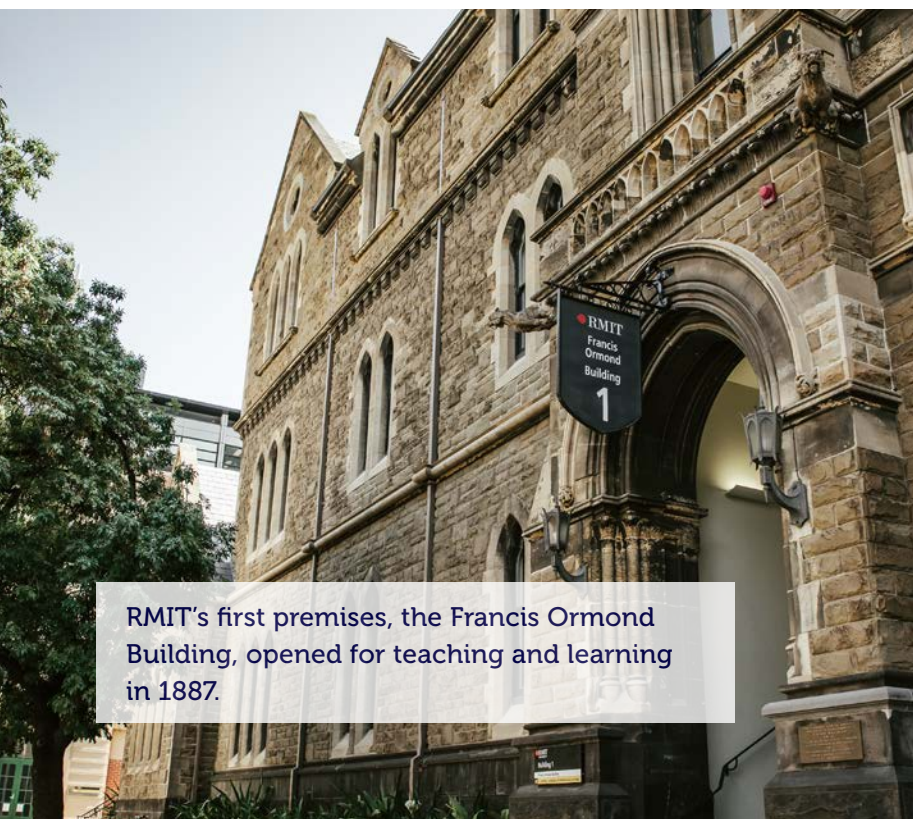
RMIT Activator has allocated \$1.8M+ to funding 80 student start-ups since 2015

¹ QS Top 50 Under 50 2021

² 2020 Times Higher Education (THE) University Impact Rankings

³ QS World University Rankings by Subject 2021

⁴ 2021 QS Graduate Employability Rankings



RMIT's first premises, the Francis Ormond Building, opened for teaching and learning in 1887.

Did you know...

RMIT was awarded royal patronage by Queen Elizabeth II for its educational service to the Commonwealth and contribution to the war effort. RMIT remains the only higher education institution in Australia with the right to use the prefix "Royal" and the Monarchy's coat of arms.

BP094

Bachelor of Computer Science

Location	Melbourne City	CRICOS Code	061076G
Duration	3 years full-time	Curriculum Code	N/A
Intakes	Feb-2022 Jul-2022	Annual Tuition Fees	AU\$36,480 (2022 annual)

Design innovative software applications and systems, explore AI, specialise in security, and build skills in this essential and expanding industry.

Progressional Recognition and Accreditation

To study this program you will need to complete one of the following English proficiency tests:

- IELTS (Academic): minimum overall band of 6.5 (with no individual band below 6.0)
- TOEFL (Internet Based Test - IBT): minimum overall score of 79 (with minimum of 13 in Reading, 12 in Listening, 18 in Speaking and 21 in Writing)
- Pearson Test of English (Academic) (PTE (A)): minimum score of 58 (with no communication band less than 50)
- Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE): minimum of 176 with no less than 169 in any component.

For detailed information on English language requirements and other proficiency tests recognised by RMIT, visit [English language requirements and equivalency information](#).

Don't meet the English language test scores? Complete an English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Advanced Plus Certificate at [RMIT English Worldwide](#).

Prerequisites

Higher Mathematics; or VCE Units 3 and 4 in Mathematical Methods (CAS) or Specialist Mathematics, with a study score of at least 25.

Selection Tasks

None

Pathways

You may be eligible for entry to the **Bachelor of Science (Computer Science) (Honours)** when you successfully complete the Bachelor of Computer Science.

Alternatively, you may be eligible for entry to other RMIT **honours** or **postgraduate** programs.

You can gain entry to the Bachelor of Computer Science from the RMIT **Foundation Studies** or a range of **vocational study** programs.

Industry Connections

RMIT University is committed to providing you with an education that strongly links formal learning with professional or vocational practice.

Program Structure

For the most up-to-date information regarding this course, pathways and career outcomes visit **Bachelor of Computer Science** or search rmit.edu.au for BP094.



Life at RMIT

Whether you're sporty, creative or just curious, RMIT's clubs, collectives, events and trips will help you meet new people, make connections and discover more of Melbourne.



Trips and tours

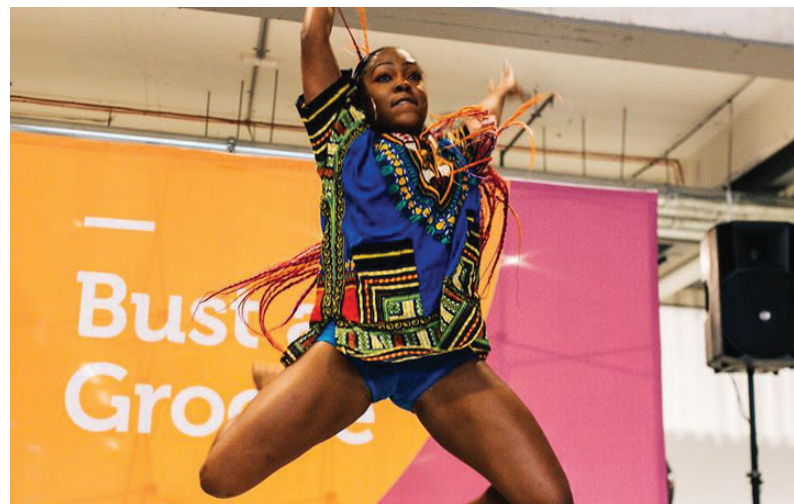
Looking for adventure? Take a break from the books and explore the city of Melbourne or the mountains, beaches and forests of Victoria on a student tour.

Cuddle a koala, go skiing on Mount Hotham, visit the Twelve Apostles, or just find the best brunch spot in town. See and experience it all with RMIT.

Mates at RMIT

New to Melbourne? If you're joining us from a regional, rural, interstate or international location, we'll help you settle in to your new home. Mates at RMIT connects you with current students to help make navigating university life a little easier.

Sign up as a student mentee and you'll get your own mentor to show you where to go and what to do around RMIT.



Sports and fitness

At RMIT we have more than 40 sports clubs, from basketball to Brazilian jiu jitsu. Join a club at RMIT and you're not just keeping fit and doing something you love; you'll also make lots of new friends and may even get to do some travelling.

The Redbacks are RMIT's sports team collective. Redback teams compete at a national level in the Australian University Games.

RMIT creative clubs

No matter what you choose to study, RMIT has a creative group, activity or collective that's open to you.

Our dance classes, performing arts troupes and media makers are always looking for new members and they're open to extroverts and introverts alike.



Life

in Melbourne

Melbourne is a vibrant and welcoming city full of exciting possibilities. Students from more than 190 different countries have chosen to make it their home. Connect with them as you enjoy a world-class level of education and a lifestyle that will be the envy of all your friends.

Here are a few reasons to love Melbourne.

Recreation

Melbourne is known for its beautiful parks and gardens, clean air, open spaces, world-class venues and convenient transport and infrastructure.

- Melbourne is the second most liveable city in the world.¹
- Melbourne is the third best student city in the world.²

Art, culture and entertainment

Melbourne plays host to more than 8000 festivals, exhibitions and events every year.⁴ With a calendar of events spanning art, theatre, music, fashion, food, markets, festivals and concerts, there's always something to do in our bustling city.

- Melbourne has more live music venues per capita than any other city in the world.⁵
- Melbourne is the second city in the world to be designated a UNESCO City of Literature.⁶

Working while studying

During the semester, students can work up to 40 hours each fortnight. When there are no classes during the semester break, students may work full-time hours without restrictions. Research students are able to work full-time hours throughout the whole year.

For more information about your working conditions rights and obligations in Australia, visit:

fairwork.gov.au

World-class dining

Melbourne's culinary spirit is world-famous. Whether you're looking to visit a much-loved institution, a lively new wine bar or a dressed-down cafe, Melbourne offers an array of unforgettable dining experiences.

- Melbourne is ranked as the sixth best city in the world for food and dining.³

Sport

Melbourne is the sporting capital of Australia. Watch international sports stars live in action at some of the many sporting events in our city every year. Here are six annual sporting events held in Victoria that are not to be missed:

- The Australian Open
- Formula One Australian Grand Prix
- Rip Curl Pro Bells Beach
- Boxing Day Test
- AFL Grand Final
- The Melbourne Cup

After graduating

If you complete two years of a bachelor degree, masters degree or PhD in Australia, you could be eligible for a Temporary Graduate visa, which allows you to live in Australia for a further two years or more.

For further information, visit:

bit.ly/temporary-graduate-485

bit.ly/extend-stay

¹ Economist Intelligence Unit's global liveability index 2019

² 2019 QS Best Student Cities Rankings

³ Booking.com's list of the 25 best cities for food in the world

⁴ According to Melbourne City Council

⁵ 2017 census conducted by Music Victoria and the City of Melbourne

⁶ UNESCO.org – In 2008, it became UNESCO's second City of Literature



Accommodation and expenses

Melbourne is a fantastic city, but before you make your big move you'll need to do some research.

Before you arrive

If you are new to Melbourne, we recommend that you arrive at least two to three weeks before the start of classes to give you time to arrange long-term accommodation; short-stay accommodation can provide a place for you to stay while you are looking.



Short-term accommodation

It's a good idea to get to know the areas surrounding your campus before you commit to moving into a place long term. You can try renting temporary lodgings to get a taste of your location. See the link below for a selection of short-stay accommodation providers recommended by RMIT.

rmit.edu.au/temporary-accommodation

When you arrive

When you arrive in Melbourne, we recommend you meet with a student support advisor at RMIT Connect for advice on researching and inspecting properties. Our advisors can help you navigate the accommodation options below.



Long-term accommodation

Every suburb in Melbourne has its own unique character, so once you find a place that suits your personality and lifestyle you can choose a longer-term option.

rmit.edu.au/long-term-accommodation

And if you want to have RMIT right on your doorstep, UniLodge at our Bundoora West campus might be for you.

unilodge.com.au/unilodge-rmit-bundoora

Our student accommodation partners

Want to live somewhere fully furnished, reasonably priced and with other students? Take a look at our recommended student apartments close to our City and Brunswick campuses:

rmit.edu.au/studentaccommodation

Living on campus

If you want to have RMIT on your doorstep, UniLodge at our Bundoora West campus might be for you. RMIT's state-of-the-art student accommodation offers a range of self-contained apartments, with rent, electricity, gas, water and internet all included in the cost.

Check out

unilodge.com.au/unilodge-rmit-bundoora



Accommodation and expenses

Establishment costs

Before moving to Melbourne, you'll need to put aside \$AU3000 – 5000 to cover your set-up costs, such as a rental deposit, one month's rent in advance, furniture and household items.

Many student apartments come fully furnished, but most private rental homes do not. Ongoing costs will depend on your location and lifestyle.

Are you under 18?

If you'll be under the age of 18 when you arrive in Australia, you must have accommodation and welfare arrangements organised and approved either by the Department of Home Affairs or RMIT before you leave home. This is to ensure you have proper day-to-day support to keep you safe and well.

rmit.edu.au/temporary-accommodation

Average weekly expenses in Melbourne

Expense	\$AU
Rent (shared between two people)* <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ City▪ Brunswick▪ Bundoora	270 – 284 215 – 285 185 – 210
Electricity and gas**	10 – 20
Phone and internet**	15 – 30
Public transport**	30 – 60
Entertainment**	80 – 150
Groceries and eating out	140 – 280
Estimated weekly total	460 – 825

*Average rental prices (as at February 2020) taken from realestate.com.au

**Average utility costs (as at February 2021) taken from studyinaustralia.gov.au

Free airport pick-up

If you're a new international student, take advantage of RMIT's free airport pick-up service. For information on submitting your pick-up request, visit

rmit.edu.au/prepare-to-arrive



Support services

Our **#1 priority** is ensuring your child is safe, healthy and happy during their studies in Melbourne. RMIT offers a number of resources to make this possible for all our students:

RMIT Connect

The on-campus contact for international students and their parents, for support on all general academic and personal enquiries.

24/7 campus security and patrol

Contactable at all times for emergencies, non-urgent police assistance, security accompaniment on campus, and after-hours campus access.

SafeZone

RMIT's exclusive free mobile app, which helps students raise immediate emergencies or first aid alerts, check in with campus security, and share locations at any time.

Language support

RMIT offers free English classes and full English courses for students wanting to improve their language skills. If your child feels they need extra help with English language or writing, we've partnered with Studiosity to provide personal support.

They can chat one-on-one with subject specialists on the platform anytime, 24/7, or submit their work for feedback.

Academic support and wellbeing

At RMIT, your child will be able to manage study stress and flourish academically. We offer multiple support services - including free study assistance on campus - to ensure students are able to continue performing highly and are enjoying their study experience.

Peer-to-peer support

RMIT has a number of initiatives in place to ensure your child has a positive study experience in Melbourne:

Mates at RMIT

This program connects new students with current students for a smooth transition into the RMIT community.

Clubs

Your child can join various academic and cultural clubs, creative societies or sporting associations to meet new people, make friends and gain extracurricular.

Mentors

Through the digital app Vygo, we are uniting international students with mentors so that they can connect with a social network of RMIT peers, and chat about life, work, study or anything else on their minds.

Got any more questions?

RMIT has an international support team on call for all your questions about your child's study journey in Melbourne.

We'll be able to answer your queries from Monday to Friday at 10am-5pm, Australian Eastern Standard Time.

Get in touch with us on **+61 3 9925 5000**

or email us at **study@rmit.edu.au**

or chat online with one of our RMIT staff at

rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/international-students



How teaching is happening in a COVID-Safe way

Melbourne is now moving towards 'COVID Normal' with many of the restrictions being eased and the city returning to life. In step with the easing of restrictions, learning in 2022 will happen through a mix of face-to-face and online activities.

1. Currently all lectures and seminars will be delivered online only.
2. Facilitated learning, such as tutorials, workshops, labs, studios, practicals and lectorials, will be delivered face-to-face on campus, where possible, with safety measures in place.
3. Hundreds of courses will continue to be available online for students to resume face-to-face when possible, without compromising on the quality of our education and student outcomes.
4. For students that are not be able to attend campus due to travel restrictions or legitimate personal circumstances, they will either be offered the option to take equivalent online activities or complete activities on campus at a future date.
5. While RMIT will make every effort to ensure students who cannot attend campus are not disadvantaged, it may result in delays to progression and program completion.

Priority support for international students

We understand that being unable to study in Australia due to border closures is a big challenge for many students who plan to study abroad.

RMIT is working in partnership with other Victorian universities to advocate for international students returning to Australia for education purposes.

Our international students are an important part of the RMIT community, and we are here to support our students, whether they are studying offshore or in Australia.

In the meantime, we have introduced a number of services in place to support our international students at RMIT:



RMIT's International Tuition Fee Bursary

We have introduced a **10% reduction of tuition fees** for full-fee paying international students enrolled at an Australian campus in 2022 and who are unable to travel to Australia due to current border restrictions.



Offshore Learning Centres

RMIT has partnered with universities around the world to offer **Offshore Learning Centres (OLC)**.

OLCs and other in-country study options provide the benefits of a genuine campus community to RMIT students who are impacted by global travel restrictions and border closures.

Students will have access to university facilities and face-to-face support while completing an Australian qualification in their home country.



Reduced study load

International students at RMIT are permitted to reduce their study load or take a leave of absence for compassionate or compelling reasons. These include the impact of COVID-19.



Extra study support

RMIT has partnered with **Studiosity** to provide 24/7 personal support for RMIT Students.

Whether you require help with English or need advice on your essay, you can chat with subject specialists 24/7 or submit your document for feedback.

Further information

To chat with an RMIT international advisor in your region, visit rmit.edu.au/international.

Find out what it's really like to study at RMIT by [chatting to an RMIT student](#) in your region or study area.

For the latest advice about travelling to Victoria for study, visit [Study Melbourne](#).



For information on how to apply, visit
rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/applying-to-rmit

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For the most up-to-date information, please refer to the RMIT University website before lodging your application.
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