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Talk to student and academic advisers, and faculties within unis. Go on!

- Contact an embassy or consulate.
- Two sites with some useful information are www.studyoverseas.com and www.studyabroad.com
- www.interexchange.org
- www.studentexchange.org.au ; 1300 135 331
- www.smarttraveller.gov.au
- www.lattitude.org.au ; 03 9826 6266

Go away and study

Study some of your course overseas? Sound too good to be true. Well, it is. (True, that is, not too good to be so.) *Smart Start* reports.

How does it happen?

Universities now take an active approach to encouraging students to spend some time on their studies overseas. Your campus student advisors will have information but the level of assistance provided will depend on the university (some give these programs much greater support than others).

If you ensure your overseas study fits into and adds value to your academic program, you'll make things easier.

Some courses even require overseas study! If you're studying languages there's no better place to do it than where it's spoken daily.

For just about any subject you can think of – except, perhaps, Australian studies – you can dream up a case where studying overseas will be a great thing for your education. Try these subject areas: art, science, geography, history, physics, maths, economics. All of them have easily identifiable benefits.

In most cases, however, it's still a competitive arrangement if you wish to go on a university-sponsored exchange and gain some financial support. You will need to put forward your case and it may require some standards such as a minimum average mark.

If you're keen on studying some of your course overseas, check out Australian universities' overseas programs when you're making your mind up about which university you want to attend.

Money

There are exchange programs in operation. If the exchange is with the university, normally you would continue to pay standard fees and would not be required to pay additional fees. However, you will need money for daily living.

Go hard!

No-one is going to do this stuff for you. You are going to have to make this happen. But it'll be **EXTREMELY ENRICHING**. You'll have access to experiences no tourist will ever have. Remember too that having overseas study experiences to add to your CV increases your employability in today's global marketplace.

IN THE OLD DAYS if you wanted to go to, say, the UK, you had to save up for about a decade to earn the 'passage' and then write letters to embassies and unis for years! And if you wanted to arrange to study overseas ... too hard.

BUT THESE DAYS people are shooting off all over the world and doing stuff. It's even encouraged as part of your education. But you have to drive the process.

IT CAN BE PERFECT IF YOU ARE TORN BETWEEN STUDYING AND TRAVELLING.

Destination Asia

As Australia and Asian nations increase their ties, there are more and more opportunities for students to travel and study. Some universities even have programs targeted at, for instance, exchanges with Indonesia.

