



**PHOTOGRAPHY  
STUDIES COLLEGE**

# **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INFORMATION GUIDE 2019**





# WHY STUDY AT PSC

Photography Studies College (Melbourne) is Australia's only tertiary institution specialising exclusively in photography, a highly respected and top multi-award winner consistently acknowledged by industry as the best Photography college in Australia.

For over forty years we have played a pivotal role in driving excellence and innovation in photography education, consistently producing graduates of the highest calibre and providing students with an environment in which to explore and realise their creative potential and career goals.

In the 2017 results of the national Australian Government's Student Experience Survey ([www.qilt.edu.au](http://www.qilt.edu.au)) PSC has been rated in the top three higher education institutions in Australia for 'Overall Quality of Educational Experience' and No.1 among visual arts institutions!

As a leader in photography, image making and the visual arts we offer every student an outstanding student experience within an expert and supportive community of practice. We are the centre for photographic excellence in the heart of Melbourne's vibrant art precinct.

# WHY MELBOURNE IS THE BEST PLACE TO STUDY

Melbourne is the second largest city in Australia and the capital of the state of Victoria. It features amongst the world's most liveable cities for its culture, safe environment and well-developed infrastructure.

Melbourne has over four million residents from over 140 nations. It is an easy city to explore on foot or bicycle and has an accessible public transport system.

Melbourne has a worldwide reputation as a cultural centre and is great place for students to explore their creativity.

There is always something to do or see! You will enjoy the variety of cultural events, galleries, exhibitions, festivals, fashion, theatre, architecture, restaurants and cafes, sport and leisure activities.

Our great location provides the opportunity to balance study with easy access to a vibrant arts and recreation precinct.

For more information about Victoria's cities, events, travel destinations and studying in Australia go to

[visitvictoria.com](http://visitvictoria.com)

[studymelbourne.com.au](http://studymelbourne.com.au)

[studyinaustralia.gov.au](http://studyinaustralia.gov.au)



# BACHELOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

CRICOS Course Code 079866G

## Course dates

Next intake	Feb 2019
Semester 1	Feb - June 2019
Semester 2	July - Nov 2019
Semester 3	Feb - June 2020
Semester 4	July - Nov 2020
Semester 5	Feb - June 2021
Semester 6	July - Nov 2021

## Duration

3 years full time study (6 semesters)

## Delivery

Face-to-face

Includes interactive practical workshops, seminars, tutorials and demonstrations



Photograph by Kate Watson

Throughout the three-year program you will be immersed in creative and practical approaches to contemporary photography. A balanced combination of ideas and techniques will provide you with a solid foundation for your photographic vision - a launching pad for personal expression and creativity in your chosen field.

For full details go to the Bachelor of Photography Course Guide

[http://www.psc.edu.au/ft\\_bachelor\\_photography.html](http://www.psc.edu.au/ft_bachelor_photography.html)

## Success for our International Graduates

Rakuto Makino and Hiroki Nagahiro, both from Japan came to study photography at PSC and since graduating from their course have forged exciting and international careers.

After graduating from PSC Rakuto moved to Germany to fully establish himself on the international scene. He now travels between Germany and Spain working as a photographer and assistant, enjoying life and creating his range of photography. View his latest projects on his website [mr-sharaku.com](http://mr-sharaku.com)

Hiroki Nagahiro graduated from PSC with a strong fashion folio and excellent skills in studio production. He now lives and works in London and Tokyo and is represented by London-based photography, style and production agency August Management. Among his various fashion clients and publications are Superior magazine, Design Scene magazine, HUF magazine, Leon magazine and more. See more of Hiroki's work on his website [hirokinagahiro.com](http://hirokinagahiro.com) and via August Management.



Photograph by Rakuto Makino

# MASTER OF ARTS PHOTOGRAPHY

CRICOS Course Code 096890M

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## Course dates

Next intake	Feb 2019
Semester 1	Feb - June 2019
Semester 2	July - Nov 2019
Semester 3	Feb - June 2020

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## Duration

1.5 years equivalent to 3 semesters

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## Delivery

Face-to-face

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Includes interactive workshops,  
seminars and tutorials

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Photograph by Michael Foxington

**Our Master of Arts - Photography program - is the first of its kind in Australia and in the Asia-Pacific region.**

**This program has an innovative and cutting-edge curriculum targeted at photographic practitioners from diverse backgrounds and is taught in an immersive environment, and delivered across three semesters.**

**For details go to [http://www.psc.edu.au/ma\\_photo/](http://www.psc.edu.au/ma_photo/)**

“Trial and error will be the fundamentals of your learning. The studio lighting, retouching skills I learnt at PSC form the basis for my current photography. Be polite and have confidence in your work. You will find something important for your career at PSC, just keep looking for it.”

Hiroki Nagahiro  
PSC Graduate



Photograph by Hiroki Nagahiro



Photograph by Pier Carthew

# APPLICATION, ADMISSION CRITERIA AND ENROLMENT

## Admission criteria

### **Bachelor of Photography**

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Completion of the Bachelor of Photography International Student Application Form

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Evidence of completion of Secondary School Year 12 or equivalent

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Photographic folio of your creative work 8 to 10 images\*

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#### **Interview**

Your folio of images must be your own work, represent your ideas, concepts, processes, inspirations and abilities. The work should demonstrate creative potential and an aptitude for photography. Selection is based on successfully meeting all the admission criteria and participation in the interview with your folio of creative work (if you are in Australia already if not a skype interview can be arranged).

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### **Master of Arts Photography**

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Completion of the Master of Arts Photography Application Form as an International Student

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Meet specific academic and/or professional entrance requirements

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Evidence of Bachelor with Honours or Bachelor Degree qualification or equivalent

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Applicants must complete and submit the Pre selection kit as part of their application for full details go to: [http://www.psc.edu/ma\\_photo/](http://www.psc.edu/ma_photo/)

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#### **Interview**

Applicants are required to attend an interview with their folio of work and have completed all Pre selection requirements for details go to [http://www.psc.edu.au/ma\\_photo/](http://www.psc.edu.au/ma_photo/)

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## English language proficiency:

IELTS (Academic Module):

Overall score 6.0 (no band less than 6.0)

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TOEFL Internet:

Test score 65

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Pearson Test of English (PTE):

Overall score 50-57 (no section score less than 50)

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University of Cambridge – Advanced (CAE):

Total score of 52

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## Advanced standing and credit transfer

PSC will ensure that all prospective students with relevant prior experience (RPL) or academic studies (credit transfer) are advised of the possibility of having this prior experience and/or studies taken into consideration. Credit can reduce the amount of study needed to complete a degree.

## Enrolment at PSC

Successful applicants will be advised in a formal Photography Studies College Letter of Offer

To accept the offer successful applicants are required to complete the relevant International Student Enrolment Form and pay the relevant amount of the annual Tuition Fees together with the Overseas Student Health Cover payment. Once these payments are received and processed an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE) form will be issued. Once you received your eCoE you will apply for a student visa at your nearest diplomatic mission – as noted on your eCoE.

Please note that the PSC Refund Policy is clearly stated on the International Enrolment Form; please ensure you read this carefully.

## Annual Tuition Fees

Please refer to the International Tuition Fee Schedule

## Expenses Other than Tuition Fees

In addition to the annual international tuition fees, there are additional essential equipment and material costs –refer to the PSC Expenses Other than Tuition Fees Sheet for details.

## Overseas Student Health Cover

A payment for this cover is required – more information [www.immi.gov.au/studenthealthcover](http://www.immi.gov.au/studenthealthcover)

To be covered for health insurance, you will have to pay the Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for yourself and any family members travelling with you at the time of enrolment. The OSHC provides medical and hospital insurance. Photography Studies College's OSHC provider is Medibank Private. For further information: [www.medibankprivate.com.au](http://www.medibankprivate.com.au)

## Further information

Contact the Future Students Officer

✉ [dfischer@psc.edu.au](mailto:dfischer@psc.edu.au)

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# APPLYING FOR A STUDENT VISA

PSC is a registered Higher Education Provider. Students require a Student Visa - Subclass 500.

Information about applying for a Student Visa for Australia is available from the Australian Department of Home Affairs at <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/stud>

Information can also be obtained at [www.studyinaustralia.gov.au](http://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au)

## Student visa requirements

Your will need:

A current Photography Studies College (Melbourne) letter of offer into the Bachelor of Photography course or Master of Arts Photography course

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An electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE)

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Proof of financial support for your period of study

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A valid passport

You may be required to undergo certain health checks as part of your visa application.

There are also visa application fees - more information is available at <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa-1/500->

## Documentary evidence for student visas

Prior to submitting your student visa application, you must check against the Document Checklist tool on the <http://www.hmoeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa-1/500-> website to find out which documents need to be attached to their visa application.

Documentary evidence is determined by the Country of Passport and education provider.

## Working while you study

Please note that when granted a student visa you will automatically receive permission to work with your visa. You will be entitled to work a maximum of 40 hours per fortnight once you commence your course of study. Further information is available at <http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa-1/500->

## Educational services for overseas students (ESOS) act

The Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) framework provides quality education and protects the rights of international students in Australia. For more detailed information about the protection and assurance provide by ESOS legislation, visit <https://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/english/australian-education/education-system/esos-act>

## Arranging travel

You are responsible for making your own travel arrangements to Australia. It is advisable that you arrive in Melbourne at least 1-2 weeks before classes commence so that you have time to settle in and find suitable accommodation.

Remember to check with your airline on the baggage allowance that your ticket allows.

## Orientation and settling in

At PSC we work to ensure that all international students have a productive and fulfilling educational experience. Our Future Students Officer is available to provide assistance with airport pick up, accommodation and settling in.

In the first week of the course, a comprehensive Orientation Program is provided to ensure that all International Students are familiarised with PSC, the course and with studying and living in Australia.

The relevant PSC International Student Handbook provides details of assistance, lists of policies and rules and rights that are applicable.

## Current news and events

Check out all the latest news and updates on PSC students, graduates, teachers and events just go to

<http://blog.psc.edu.au/blog>

# COST OF LIVING

## Australian currency

Australian currency is denominated as follows:

Notes	\$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100
Coins	5c, 10c, 20c, 50c, \$1, \$2

There are no 1c or 2c coins.

Items in Australia are priced down to single cents (for example \$2.99) but when you pay, the total will be rounded up or down to the nearest five cents. Thus \$2.99 becomes \$3.00, and \$12.42 becomes \$12.40.

As with all currencies, the Australian dollar exchange rate can vary over short periods of time. You can find the current exchange rate or convert to your own currency at [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com)

## Minimum cost of living

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection has financial requirements you must meet in order to receive a student visa. Below is a guide on the requirements you must meet to study in Australia:

You	\$20,290
Your partner	\$7,100
Your first child	\$3,040

All costs are per year in Australian dollars.

## Accommodation

PSC does not provide on campus accommodation here is some general information:

Hostels and guest houses	\$90 to \$150 per week
Shared Rental	\$80 to \$215 per week
Homestay	\$235 to \$325 per week
Rental	\$165 to \$440 per week

## Other living expenses

Groceries and eating out	\$80 to \$280 per week
Gas, electricity	\$35 to \$140 per week
Phone and Internet	\$20 to \$55 per week
Public transport	\$15 to \$55 per week
Car (after purchase)	\$150 to \$260 per week
Entertainment	\$80 to \$150 per week

The Australian Government provides information and guidance on managing your finances. You can read more at [www.moneysmart.gov.au](http://www.moneysmart.gov.au)

\* The costs quoted here are only an indication of every day expenses and do not include accommodation, return airfares, overseas student health cover (OSHC) or course fees and costs. Don't forget to take these into consideration before lodging your application.

# CHECKLIST

In preparation for coming to Australia here are some important things to consider:

- Apply for a passport

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- Arrange a student visa

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- Arrange for any immunisations and medications from your doctor

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- Apply for a credit card and or arrange sufficient funds

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- Confirm overseas access to your fund with your bank

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- Make travel arrangements and advise the PSC Communications & Students Officer

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- Arrange travel insurance

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- Get information on accommodation and discuss with the PSC Communications & Students Officer

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- Arrange transport from Melbourne airport to accommodation

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- Ensure sufficient funds for taxi, bus or phone in case of emergency.

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## Important documents to pack

- Passport

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- Letter of offer and electronic confirmation of enrolment (eCoE)

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- Travel insurance policy

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- ID cards, drivers' license, birth certificate (or copy)

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- Leave copies of these documents in a safe place in your home country in case of loss.

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## Other items you may want to bring from home or purchase in Melbourne

- Camera and accessories (Refer to PSC Expenses other than tuition fees information sheet)

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- Linen

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- Bath towels

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- Toiletries

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- Mobile phone

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- Laptop

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- Australian standard electrical plug or adaptor

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## Other items to pack

To make sure you are fully aware of what you can and cannot bring into Australia, visit <http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/ente/brin> Also be aware of the strict quarantine rules that apply when entering Australia. If you have any doubt about whether your goods are prohibited, then you should declare it on your Incoming Passenger Card. This will be provided to you on the plane.

For more information visit <http://www.travelsecure.infrastructure.gov.au>

Melbourne and Australia may have a different climate to what you have experienced so be sure to pack clothing for all weather conditions and seasons. You will be arriving in February which is our final month of summer. Autumn is from March to May, winter June to August, spring from September to November and summer December to February.

For more information: [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au).

## On arrival

- Call home and let them know you have arrived safely.

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- Settle into accommodation and purchase required household items and food

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- Contact Communications & Students Officer on +61 3 9682 3191 to arrange a time to come into PSC

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- At PSC you will be issued with your Student ID Card, your OSHC card, another copy of the PSC International Student Handbook

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- Open a bank account

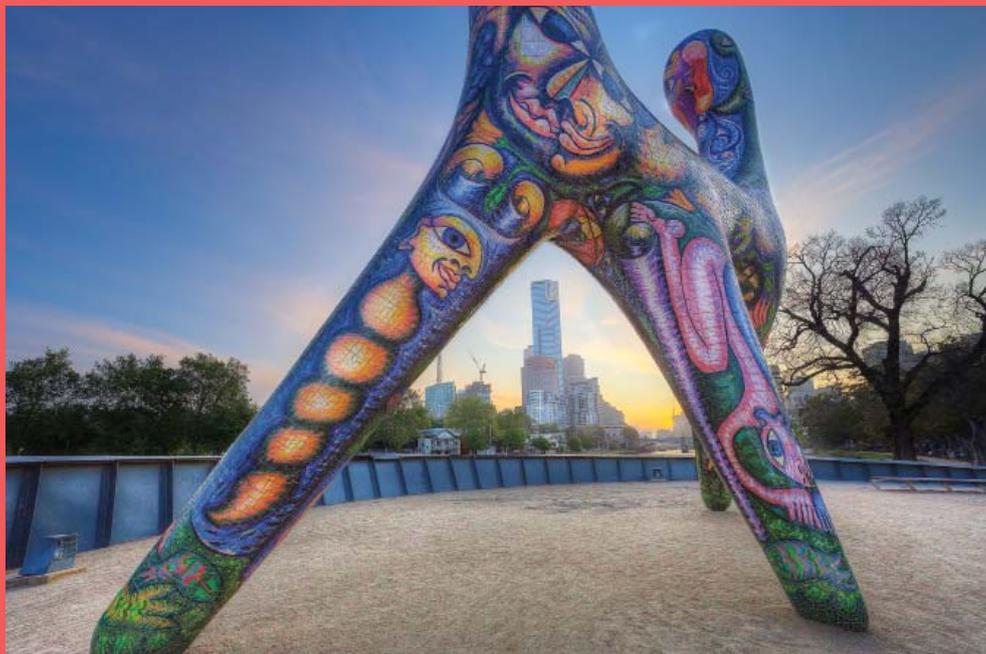
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- Arrange a mobile phone account or purchase an Australian sim card

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- Attend your international student orientation

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Photograph by Christine Ansoerge

**Experience a creative college in the heart of Melbourne's vibrant Southbank arts precinct.**

**We are conveniently located a short walk from Flinders Street Train Station and within walking distance of the National Gallery of Victoria, Arts Centre Melbourne, Ian Potter Centre at Federation Square and the Australian Centre for Contemporary Art (ACCA).**



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