Global Leadership Symposium—Australia
An Australian perspective on leadership and international issues

Are you interested in furthering your international knowledge about aspects of leadership, culture and conservation? Macquarie’s Global Leadership Symposium — Australia is a unique program where university students and recent graduates travel to Canberra to explore these issues.

Departing Sydney Thursday 14 August & returning Sydney Sunday 17 August

- Gain insight into Australian culture and leadership
- Visit Australia’s Parliament House
- Receive a briefing about conservation and go behind the scenes with endangered animals at the National Zoo
- See foreign embassies and attend a private briefing with ministers at the French and Mexican Embassies
- Experience cultural excursions to the National Gallery, the National Museum and the War Memorial
- Learn about innovations in Australian science and tour the facilities at the CSIRO
- Forge friendships with delegates from around the world

Applications now being accepted

Open to all university students & recent graduates

Only 60 places
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Welcome to Canberra!
Established in 1911 as Australia’s National Capital, Canberra is one of the best ‘planned’ cities in the world, with its broad tree-lined streets, beautiful Lake Burley Griffin, many parks and national monuments. It is home to some 320,000 people, including many government officials, politicians and diplomats. Conveniently, it is only a five hour drive from Sydney.

Canberra showcases much of Australia’s unique history and culture as a young nation, reflecting Australia’s place in the world. This makes Canberra the perfect venue for our Australian event in the Global Leadership Symposium Series. Your experience will not only include the many famous attractions of Canberra but also specialised experiences.

Thursday 14 August - Government & Diplomacy
We depart early this morning from Macquarie University for the comfortable five hour drive to Canberra. Arriving in Canberra at midday, we head directly to the lawn of Parliament House for a picnic lunch. We then have a guided tour of Parliament House, including the Senate and House of Representatives where politicians debate policy issues.

Later this afternoon we visit the French and Mexican embassies and attend briefings with diplomats. You will also have the opportunity to view some artefacts and literature on Mexico, as the embassy is home to excellent collection of information of this kind. The embassies are situated in Yarralumla, the home of embassies and consultates from around the world. We will tour through this area to allow you to see the many embassies.

We then check in at the Medina Classic Canberra, an apartment-style hotel in the stylish Kingston area. The hotel is only a short walk from local shops and restaurants. Tonight we head out for a group dinner at a local restaurant.
Friday 15 August - Conservation
This morning we go behind the scenes at the National Zoo and Aquarium to be briefed about international conservation efforts and endangered species. A zoologist takes us on a guided tour of the zoo, including opportunities for some students to hand feed the animals, including a Sumatran tiger, Berani, who is one of less than 700 Sumatrans left in the world.

After lunch we head to the Botanic Gardens. Here you will spend time with botanists in an interactive session to discuss threats to local plant species and subsequent conservation efforts. We will then enjoy our lunch at the café in the Gardens.

After lunch we visit CSIRO—Australia’s leading science and research organisation, to learn about current Australian innovations in science. Tour the laboratory and then enjoy the hands-on exhibits of the CSIRO Discovery Centre.

This evening will be spent enjoying a group dinner at a local restaurant. You may want to then head out and explore the Canberra nightlife.

Saturday 16 August - Culture
We have a later start this morning, and head off to explore the Australian National Museum, a wonderful facility that showcases the social and cultural history of Australians. The museum looks at not only Australia’s past, but present cultural and social norms and the kind of future Australia is creating for itself.

After the museum we will enjoy a truly “Aussie” experience: working sheepdogs, sheep shearing, wool classing and a barbecue lunch at Glenloch Farm. We then explore the Australian, indigenous and international artworks of the National Gallery.

Tonight we have a closing dinner at a local restaurant.

Sunday 17 August - History
This morning we enjoy breakfast at a local institution, Pancake Parlour, before departing for Australia’s War Memorial. This award-winning museum commemorates the sacrifice of Australians who served in war. The next stop will be the Old Bus Depot Markets. Be delighted by the flavour, fun and atmosphere of Canberra’s national multi-award winning markets and purchase a delicious lunch from the multicultural food stalls. Empanadas anyone?

Before departing for Sydney we will stop at Mt Ainslie for group photos and one last panoramic look at Canberra.
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**Project Teams**
The symposium is a working event so all delegates will be placed in a project team. Each team must complete activities at each visit, and work on a project to be presented at dinner on the final evening. Certificates will be awarded to all delegates and a trophy to the winning presentation team. Please DO NOT APPLY if you are not prepared to do this work.

**Accommodation & Meals**
We will be staying at the Medina Classic Canberra in the stylish Kingston area. Each apartment includes two twin-share rooms, bathroom, lounge area and small kitchen. From the Medina it is a short walk to the Kingston shops and pub; or to the trendy cafes and bars of Manuka. Supplies for breakfast will be provided in each apartment. Simple lunches (sandwiches, salads) will be provided during the day. In the evenings we will eat as a group at a local restaurant. On the final day delegates can purchase lunch during a stop on the way to Sydney.

**Cost & Inclusions**
The participation fee of AUS$390 includes coach transport to and from Canberra; twin share accommodation; breakfast supplies, 3 lunches, 3 dinners; all program activities including seminars, visits and sightseeing as per the itinerary. Not included are incidental expenses such as phone calls, laundry, alcohol, spending money and extra sightseeing.

**Applications**
Applications are open to all university students and recent graduates. Applications forms can be obtained by emailing bec.forrester@io.mq.edu.au; and returned to fax +61 2 9850 7733 or by mail to Bec Forrester, Macquarie International, Blg E3A Lev 1, Macquarie University NSW 2109 Australia. After your application form has been received, payment of the full amount will be requested and instructions for this provided. Your place is confirmed only after payment has been received, and places will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis. Enquiries can be made to Bec Forrester at bec.forrester@io.mq.edu.au