**Exchange Scheme with the RMIT, (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology)**

**Where is RMIT?**
Established in 1887 and located in the southern Australian city of Melbourne, housing almost 70,000 students both UG and PG.

**Where is RMIT, Vietnam?**
University of York students will have the opportunity to study at the RMIT campuses in Ho Chi Min City (Saigon Campus) or the Hanoi City Campus in Vietnam.

**Who can go?**
- **Three places** (in total) will be made available to York undergraduate students in 2020/21 for either the Melbourne or the Vietnamese campuses.
- This will replace your 2nd year of study at York for credit-replacing programmes (or the 2nd/3rd year of study if you are on a 4-year programme). Please speak to your department about the availability of extended degrees that allow you to take an additional year to study abroad.
- Please consult the Opportunities by Subject webpage to see if your department is eligible for exchange.

**Courses**
- Students will be expected to take a course load of **48 credits per semester (96 credits per year)**. Most units are worth 12 credits, so students are expected to take **4 units per semester**.
- **All credits** should be taken in the student’s degree subject in order to achieve the equivalent of 120 York credits.
- Students are expected to take units of **2000 and 3000 level**. However, students must check that they meet the units’ pre-requisites.
- The structure of the academic year in the Southern Hemisphere means that exchange students arrive at the start of the second semester in July. So when choosing courses, please be aware of this.
- You can find course information on the following RMIT webpage. Please consult with your supervisor/department when selecting courses for your year abroad: [https://www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/international-students/programs-for-international-students/study-abroad-and-exchange/study-abroad-exchange-course-search](https://www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/international-students/programs-for-international-students/study-abroad-and-exchange/study-abroad-exchange-course-search)

**How will my marks be assessed/converted?**
- Grade Conversion Tables for each institution will be made available to successful applicants. Grades will only be converted for credit replacement students.
- University of York staff can access Grade Conversion Tables here: [york.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/accepted/#tab-5](york.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/accepted/#tab-5)
- Please ensure that you are fully aware of how your grades will be converted on your return to York. Students on additional years will have different arrangements to those on credit-replacing exchange.
Costs

Please note that the costs below are based on previous years and are provided for guidance only. Exact costs may vary due to exchange rates, inflation, personal circumstance and/or other reasons.

- **Tuition Fees:** Students will pay no tuition fees to RMIT and in 2019/20 their University of York fees were reduced to 15% of the full academic fee.
- **Visas:** There is an associated fee with the Australian Student Visa application of AU$620.
- If students are required to provide information about finances, it would be evidence of your financial capacity. You must provide either: sufficient funds to cover your travel costs and 12 months of living and tuition fees for you and your accompanying family members and school costs for any school aged dependants, or evidence that your spouse or parents are willing to support you and they have an annual income of at least AU$60,000 for single students or at least AU$70,000 for students that are accompanied by family members.
- **Medical insurance and waiver:** Overseas Student Health Cover is required in order for students to obtain their Australian Student Visa. Cost of the cover will vary with the type of plan. For more information on the health cover, visit: [oshcallianzassistance.com.au/about_oshc.aspx](oshcallianzassistance.com.au/about_oshc.aspx)
- **Additional costs to consider:** Flights, accommodation, travel insurance and visas (see below), living costs (food, books, money for additional travel/activities)
- **Examples of weekly expenses (approx.):**

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<th>Item</th>
<th>Melbourne - Cost per week in AU$</th>
<th>Vietnam - Cost per week in AU$</th>
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Financial Assistance

- **York Futures Scholarship** new for 2019/20. Support for personal and professional development. Funding of up to £6000 available to students applying to study abroad in 2020/21. There are two rounds of applications for this funding, Autumn Term and Easter Vacation/start of Summer Term. We recommend that you apply for the first round of funding to secure this before you have received confirmation of your study abroad place. For more information please see the following web pages: [york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/skills/work-experience/yfs/](york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/skills/work-experience/yfs/)

Visa

Please be aware that Centre for Global Programmes staff are not qualified to offer consultations or in-depth advice regarding visa applications. Immigration laws are complex and subject to frequent changes. Therefore, if you do have any further questions about the process of applying for your visa you will need to contact the appropriate Embassy directly. The information below is intended as guidance only and unless otherwise stated applies only to UK citizens without exceptional circumstances.

- The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) has recently instituted a series of changes to the student visa framework for international students coming to Australia. From 1 July 2016 onwards, all international students will apply online for the same [subclass 500 student visa](https://www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/international-students/apply-to-rmit-international-students/student-visas/apply-for-a-visa) by email.
- RMIT will ask you to formally accept your study abroad offer and arrange Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) before issuing you an electronic Certificate of Enrolment (eCOE) by email.
- Students can then apply for their Australian Student Visa, more information about the application process can be found here: [https://www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/international-students/apply-to-rmit-international-students/student-visas/apply-for-a-visa](https://www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/international-students/apply-to-rmit-international-students/student-visas/apply-for-a-visa)
International students going on exchange are advised to apply for an Australian Visa in their home country and not in the UK.

In order to receive a visa you must show that you have sufficient funds available in your bank account. More information on these financial requirements can be found on the Department of Home Affairs website [here](#).

**What’s it like to study there?**

This is a new exchange for 2020/21. However, you can check out some of our other Student Stories [here](#) alternatively you might want to read the Exchange Stories on the RMIT web page.

**Where will I live?**

- RMIT does not have university-sponsored housing. They can assist but students must find their own accommodation.
- There is a third party provider ‘RMIT village’ for student accommodation in Melbourne: [https://www.mystudentvillage.com/au/rmit-village/](https://www.mystudentvillage.com/au/rmit-village/)
- RMIT offers international-standard student accommodation on the Saigon South campus [https://www.rmit.edu.vn/residential-centre](https://www.rmit.edu.vn/residential-centre)
- Off campus accommodation is available at HCMC and Hanoi, for further information you can contact them direct by email [international.students@rmit.edu.vn](mailto:international.students@rmit.edu.vn)

**Is it the right choice for me?**

- When thinking about choosing your destination for studying abroad please look through the Considerations Checklist on our web pages.
- This will help you find the best opportunity for your degree and personal circumstances.

**Contact details at RMIT**

- Melbourne – RMIT Global Experience Office: 124 La Trobe Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000. Tel: +61 3 9925 3947 Email: [global.experience@rmit.edu.au](mailto:global.experience@rmit.edu.au)
- Saigon South Campus – 702 Nguyen Van Linh Street, Tan Phong Ward, District 7, HCMC. Tel: +84 28 3776 Email: [international@rmit.edu.vn](mailto:international@rmit.edu.vn)
- Hanoi City Campus – Handi Resco Building, 521 Kim Ma Street, Ba Dinh District, Hanoi. Tel: +84 24 3726 1460 Email: [international@rmit.edu.vn](mailto:international@rmit.edu.vn)
- More information on their website [here](#)

**Useful web links**

- RMIT exchange stories
- Main RMIT website
- RMIT Incoming Students Webpage
- Global Graduates
- RMIT Vietnam
- Foreign Commonwealth Office Advice
- Youtube video
- Cost of living Comparison Site
- Alternative cost of living comparison site
Please note: The websites listed here are not intended to represent a comprehensive list. The Centre for Global Programmes cannot be held responsible for the content of external websites.

All information included in these guidelines correct at time of printing, October 2019.

Students are responsible for researching their own exchanges and making sure that they have considered all costs and the compatibility of the overseas programme to their own degree, in discussion with their departments and supervisors. The Centre for Global Programmes are here to offer support.