Information for Russian Students

Entry Requirements
Undergraduate entry requirements can be found online. You can apply directly to a University of Melbourne undergraduate degree if you have completed the International Baccalaureate, GCE A Levels or another qualification considered equivalent to Australian Year 12. Students who have completed the local Russian high school curriculum will need to complete a foundation program – like Trinity College Foundation Studies – prior to applying for an undergraduate degree at the University of Melbourne.

Graduate entry requirements differ between programs and students should check with the Graduate School or Faculty administering the program for entry requirements. Application deadlines apply.

All students are required to meet the English Language Requirements of the University of Melbourne.

How to Apply
You can apply to the University of Melbourne online. The University of Melbourne has two approved representatives in Russia who can assist you in submitting your application, should you choose to engage their services.

Research
The University of Melbourne is a research intensive institution responsible for groundbreaking research in many fields. Graduate Research Programs are available to international students.

Study Abroad and Exchange
The University of Melbourne has partnerships with universities around the world, including two in Russia. Our Melbourne Global Mobility team supports students who wish to attend the University as an exchange student or through our Study Abroad program.

Scholarships and Fees
International students are required to pay tuition fees in Australia. Each program has a different cost, according to the student’s subject selection.

The University of Melbourne offers scholarships to international students. Visit the scholarships website to find out what scholarships you are eligible for, and how to apply.

The Russian government administers the Global Education Program scholarship that offers funding to students for graduate study overseas.

Academic Calendar and Class Timetables
The University of Melbourne academic calendar is online. The Australian academic year commences in February and ends in November, with two long holiday periods: winter (July) and summer (December to late February). Students should plan to arrive in Melbourne in time for orientation, which takes place in mid-February (Semester 1) or late July (Semester 2). Exams are usually scheduled in June and November, however students should check their exam timetable (released in the student portal during semester) before planning any holidays or home visits.
Students enrol online after they accept their offer to University. As part of the enrolment process, you select subjects for your first semester and create your own timetable. Your contact hours will differ depending on the program you are undertaking and the subjects you select. Visit the Handbook for detailed subject information and Stop 1 if you need help with online subject selection.

**Housing**

Students can apply to live on campus or seek external accommodation off campus.

On campus accommodation is available through the University’s 12 Residential Colleges. Students make a single application to live at a residential college – you rank them in order of your preference. College applications are competitive and include an interview.

If students prefer to live off campus, there are a range of options including private rentals, share houses, student apartments or home stays. Student apartments are apartment buildings close to campus that only offer leases to students enrolled in nearby universities.

Information on housing can be found on our Housing Noticeboard, which is a University website accessible only to current students (requires log in) and provides information on vetted housing options for students.

**Life in Melbourne**

Melbourne is the world’s most liveable city and home to arts, culture, sports and events. While you study, Melbourne is a great base from which to explore Victoria and Australia. Melbourne was also named the second most student-friendly city.

Our campus – just a 10-minute walk from the city centre – contains state-of-the-art facilities including a sporting precinct with gym and swimming pool, shops, cafes, libraries, study areas, and many student-friendly spaces. We’re close to public transport and many local attractions.

The University has over 200 student clubs to join. The University of Melbourne Student Union run a calendar of events across the year, beginning with Orientation.

**Careers and Employment**

Many students in Australia undertake part-time work while they study. International students are typically eligible to work under a Student Visa, but it is important to check the requirements that apply to you as a student in Australia.

The University of Melbourne offers a free career and employment service to all students through the Melbourne Careers Centre. Students can seek support and advice relating to part-time or casual employment, work experience, internships and full-time employment after graduation. Services include assistance with resume writing, job interviews, skills workshops and career planning.

The University of Melbourne has an on campus work program called Students at Work. This is a competitive entry, paid program that allows students to undertake on campus employment around their academic schedule.

**Cost of Living in Melbourne**

The Victorian Government provides comprehensive information about the cost of living and budgeting. The University of Melbourne offers information and support about Financial Aid.

**Contact Us**

For more information, or if you have questions, you can contact our Regional Manager (Russia) Samantha Fossey or our Stop 1 team.

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*The Economist Intelligence Unit, 2015
**QS Best Student City Rankings, 2016