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Welcome!
Once off the plane you have several options of transport methods to get to UNSW or your accommodation. Sydney Airport has FREE Wi-Fi so you can contact your family and let them know you have landed safely.

Pick up by research group members

Your supervisor can let you know if this option is possible.

By Taxi or Uber

Taxis can be found at special taxis ranks at each terminal. Taxis are quite expensive, depending where you want to go the costs are around $50 and more. Further information can be found at the Sydney international Airport webpage:


Ubers can be ordered via the app but you will need to walk to the Uber pick-up area.

University pick up service

If arriving between the 13th – 23rd February 2017, you can use this service. You will need to pre-book this service by the 9th February 2017 and the price is $25. Further information and the booking form can be found under following link:

https://student.unsw.edu.au/airport

Bus 400

The cheapest option out of the airport is the bus. Route 400, between Bondi Junction and Burwood stops at the International (T1), Domestic (T3) terminals and UNSW. You need to purchase an Opal card to use public transport in Sydney. There are several retailers at the airport that sell Opal cards. But it is also possible for this bus route to get a ticket from the bus driver. Make sure you have some cash with you. Further information concerning opal cards and the Bus route under following links:


Train

There are train stations at both the International and Domestic terminals. An extra airport fee applies when boarding from these stations.
Accommodation

At UNSW

Most are located on-campus, but there are also UNSW affiliated accommodation off-campus. For UNSW accommodation, apply online as early as possible.

www.international.unsw.edu.au/accommodation
www.housing.unsw.edu.au/

- Great way to meet people
- Some colleges provide catering
- Close to MSE
- Usually expensive

- As you would be living with undergraduate students (in most cases), the campus accommodation would be noisy during the semester and very quiet off-semester

Off campus

First few weeks  www.airbnb.com.au
www.booking.com
www.hotelspace.com.au

Longer term  www.flatmatefinders.com.au
www.gumtree.com.au

How to find private accommodation

• We would recommend finding an AirBnB, hostel or motel for your first two weeks in Sydney. This will give you plenty of time to find and inspect something which you can stay in for longer. It is always easier to find accommodation when you are in the city itself!

• Try to avoid agreeing to private accommodation without first inspecting the property. If possible, avoid becoming a lease holder for your first long term accommodation.

• People are always coming and going in Sydney – accommodation is easier to find than you think! If you don’t like where you live for your first 6 months, it is very easy to find somewhere new! Don’t stress!
There will be a few things you will need to complete prior to commencing your degree.

First Day

1. Meet with Laura in the MSE School Office (Level 1, Building E10). She will go through the following with you:
   > Help you enrol
   > Assign you a desk
   > Give you a PGSOC Welcome USB
   > Email PGSOC of your arrival

2. Meet your supervisor. Make sure to inform your supervisor of when you will be visiting UNSW so that they can welcome you or arrange another member of the group to meet you. Your supervisor will show you to your desk.

3. Fill out your Commencement of Study Form that you would have received in an email regarding a scholarship offer. Bring this to the Graduate Research School (GRS). They are located on Level 2 in the South Wing of the Rupert Myers Building (M15).

Second Day

The GRS will take until the following day to process your enrolment so you can only be issued a Student Card the day after arriving at MSE.

1. Visit Facilities Management (FM) Assist to be issued a Student Card. If you are arriving at the beginning of Semester 1 or 2, FM Assist may redirect you to the UNSW Main Library, where you will be issued a student card by the UNSW Getting Started Team.

2. Return to MSE and see Laura so that she can give you access to the building and office space.
In Australia, there are four main banks:

- Commonwealth Bank
  - www.commbank.com.au

- ANZ

- NAB
  - www.nab.com.au

- Westpac
  - www.westpac.com.au

There are other banks available but not as widespread.

Here are some things you should know before going to open a bank account:

**Types of bank accounts**

**Everyday:** For daily use such as shopping, general transactions, etc.
- Withdrawals at ATMs
- Receive a VISA/Mastercard card

**Savings:** To earn interest on money savings
- Usually linked to everyday account
- Charges different fees to Everyday account

**Benefits of student accounts**

- No monthly account fees
- No annual fee on a student credit card

Important to note: Some bank ATMs may charge an extra fee if you are withdrawing cash from a different bank ATM.
Opening a bank account

Steps to opening a bank account

Choose a Bank

Apply online via Website

- www.commbank.com.au/personal/students

Visit a branch

Bring Passport & Confirmation of Enrolment

Nearest bank branch

Commbank: UNSW Bank Building, Upper Campus, Library Rd, Kensington, NSW 2033
ANZ: 337 Anzac Parade, Kingsford, NSW 2032
NAB: 152 Bunnerong Road, Eastgardens, NSW 2036
Westpac: 494 Anzac Parade, Kingsford, NSW 2032

Tax File Number

International students studying for 6 months or more are considered a temporary Australian resident for tax purposes. If you decide to work, you will need to apply for a tax file number (TFN). Visit the links below for more information:

There are three mobile network providers available in Australia.

Other options include virtual operators who use the above networks:

Type of mobile phone plans

Choose a Phone Plan that suits you

SIM Card Only

Pre-Paid
Purchase a SIM card and pay up-front for an amount of calls/text/internet data, usually per month

Post-Paid
Purchase a SIM card and pay at the end of the month, for an amount of calls/text/internet data

Phone + SIM Card
Cap Plan
Pay a set fee each month and you can use up to the amount of calls/text/internet data stated in your plan. You can receive a new phone and SIM card, however most have a min. fixed contract period of 12 to 24 months.
Where to get a SIM Card

Visit a mobile phone provider store to get a full range of phone plan options. In some cases, pre-paid SIM cards are available in post-offices, supermarket chains (Woolworths, Coles), petrol stations or electronic stores. Some can be ordered online.

Nearest stores

Telstra  
48 Belmore Road, Randwick  
Shop 155-156 Westfield Eastgardens, 152 Bunnerong Road, Eastgardens

Optus  
Shop 3, 57-63 Belmore Road, Randwick  
Shop 163 Westfield Eastgardens, 152 Bunnerong Road, Eastgardens

Vodafone  
Shop 2, 277 Anzac Parade, Kingsford  
54 Belmore Road, Ranwick  
Shop 247 Westfield Eastgardens, 152 Bunnerong Road, Eastgardens

What you will need to get a SIM card

Personal identification including your Australian address, you may also need your passport and bank details to set up payment.
Checklist

☐ Contact your supervisor to inform him/her of your date of arrival
☐ Organise accommodation
☐ Visit Laura at the School Office to complete your enrolment
☐ Connect to UNSW Wi-Fi via uniwide using your zNumber and zPass
☐ Access your University e-mail account via https://login.microsoftonline.com
  Username: zNumber@ad.unsw.edu.au
  Password: zPass
☐ Read the Postgraduate Welcome Guide in the USB given by Laura
☐ Collect your UNSW Student Card
☐ Open an Australian bank account
☐ Get an Australian SIM card
☐ Meet your peer mentor!
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