Prepare to Travel Checklist

**Travel Research**

- Research and understand the relevant destination information for your departure country, destination country and all transit countries, including travel restriction, security, public health measures and quarantine requirements. Suggested sources for travel research are: the [International SOS COVID-19 Trip Planner](https://travel.sos.org.uk) and [Smartraveller](https://travel.gov.au) website.

For departure from/return to Australia COVID-19 restrictions/considerations please refer to the [Australian Department of Home Affairs](https://homeaffairs.gov.au). It is recommended this information be reviewed during the planning stages of your travel and also prior to country departure/entry. Travel restrictions, quarantine mandates and other requirements to depart and enter countries can change with little to no notice.

Note 1: Every country has its own rules for incoming travellers based on your citizenship or visa, vaccination status, where you have travelled from and, in some cases, which countries you have visited in the past few weeks or months.

Note 2: You will be responsible for any quarantine costs in countries where quarantine applies or may apply.

Note 3: Some countries may have specific PPE requirements.

- Research and understand all transport and accommodation provider’s procedures and requirements (airline, rail, hotel, etc.), including documentation, vaccination requirements and COVID testing.

- Read the relevant country guides/information on the [ISOS UQ Portal](https://travel.sos.org.uk) and on Smartraveller and register for Smartraveller alert.

- Ensure you are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, including booster, before undertaking any international travel.

- Research whether any other vaccinations are required (eg: Yellow Fever)

- Familiarize yourself with the travel and insurance information on the UQ Travel and UQ Insurance Services websites and ensure you understand the conditions, exclusions and limitations the travel insurance cover is subjected to.

Once you have completed your research, consider carefully if the risks and requirements related to your global experience, as well as the travel insurance conditions and limitations are acceptable for your proposed travel.

If you wish to withdraw your application, please inform the Internships and Global Experiences Team at [iget@uq.edu.au](mailto:iget@uq.edu.au) as soon as possible.
Pre-departure Preparation

- Make sure you have a current passport that is valid for at least six months after your return date.

- Make sure you understand which visa you need to obtain and what documentation is necessary for residency permit/study requirements.

- Attend the mandatory Pre-departure Information Session organised by IGET. For Exchange Students Tuesday, 31 May 2022, from 1pm-3pm. For Short-term study and Internships: Thursday, 2 June 2022, 2:30pm-4:30pm

Insurance

- The UQ travel insurance policy will not respond to all claims relating to or resulting from COVID-19. The UQ Travel Insurance: Summary of cover for claims related to COVID-19 addresses what is and is not covered.

- Read the Travel Insurance for Students brochure on the Travel Insurance webpage and ensure you have completed any additional requirements, including Fit For travel form (where relevant), based on your personal circumstances.

- UQ will not cover any costs attributable to private travel. Make sure you obtain your own private travel insurance to cover any liabilities or risks arising from private travel (refer to the Travel Insurance for Students brochure on the Travel Insurance webpage).

- Ensure you have sufficient funds to cover potential additional travel costs not covered by UQ insurance, e.g., accommodation and living costs for at least another fortnight in case of flight and other travel delays due to COVID-related border closures or other changes in government travel restrictions.

- Know what kind of health insurance coverage is required by the host university, and make sure that you hold compliant insurance cover.

- Contact UQ Insurance to discuss any questions about UQ’s travel insurance or other UQ insurance coverage.