

Media Statement



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No University of Wollongong bans on applications from Indian students

MEDIA REPORTS SUGGESTING UOW HAS PLACED RESTRICTIONS ON STUDENT APPLICATIONS FROM INDIA ARE INCORRECT

Contrary to reports in the Australian media, the University of Wollongong (UOW) has not placed any bans or restrictions on applications from Indian students, nor on students from any specific Indian states or regions.

Like all Australian universities, UOW has rigorous entry criteria for all students.

However, UOW does not have any restrictions on student applications from India other than the standard entry criteria we apply to all international students and the requirements of the Australian Department of Home Affairs.

In fact, rather than introducing restrictions, we have streamlined our application process for all international students, including Indian students, which will speed up turnaround times on their applications.

All Australian universities are required to guard against fraudulent applications. At the same time, UOW works hard to ensure that our admissions process is fair and just and accessible to all students.

UOW monitors trends in enrolment fraud, regularly reviews processes, and works closely with the Department of Home Affairs to ensure international student applications are genuine.

Our overall visa refusal rate over the past 12 months is low, with only a tiny amount relating to refusal based on fraud (the lowest of the possible Department of Home Affairs reporting bands).

UOW has a long history of engagement in India, with partnerships that stretch across higher education, government, industry and research organisations.

We have research and education collaborations with close to 30 Indian universities, and we attract significant numbers of Indian students to both our Wollongong Campus and the University of Wollongong in Dubai. In 2023, Indian students make up UOW's largest international cohort. More than 2,500 Indian students are enrolled at UOW in Australia, with business, engineering and information sciences the most popular degrees.

Last year, UOW launched the [Vice-Chancellor's Leadership Scholarship-India](#), which provides recipients with generous financial assistance, leadership training, dedicated academic support, community networking, and global mobility opportunities. Recipients are selected based on their academic achievement and leadership potential.

UOW is on track to become one of the first Australian universities with a teaching base in India, having signed a Letter of Intent with Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) in July 2022. Initially, our teaching program in Gujarat will focus on finance, business and STEM subjects.

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