

Uni Link

Micro-Credentials Study Tour

Winter School Study Program for Medical and Health Sciences



2026

Seek Wisdom



About Perth, Western Australia

Perth is a city of opportunity located in the thriving state of Western Australia.

Offering a dynamic urban lifestyle set against breathtaking scenery, Perth is renowned for its cultural scene and epic events, as well as its idyllic white sand beaches, local wineries and unique wildlife.

An ideal place to live, study and work, Perth is a city full of cultural diversity with a lively social scene. Many festivals, eateries, modern bars and weekend markets add flavour to the city and its suburbs.

About UWA

Ranked in the world's top 100 universities (QS 2026), the University of Western Australia (UWA) has built its reputation through delivering a vibrant student experience, innovative courses, industry connections, high-impact research and a strong commitment to graduate outcomes.

Students who study at UWA join a network of passionate and resourceful leaders making meaningful contributions and leading positive change, both within Perth and internationally.



WARM CLIMATE

SUMMER: DECEMBER-FEBRUARY AUTUMN: MARCH-MAY

WINTER: JUNE-AUGUST SPRING: SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER



PERTH STANDS AT THE HEART OF AUSTRALIA'S FASTEST-GROWING STATE ECONOMY

(WA Government Mid-Year Financial Projections Statement 2024–25)



ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST LIVEABLE CITIES

(ECONOMIST INTELLIGENCE UNIT'S MOST LIVEABLE CITIES 2025)



PERTH IS AUSTRALIA'S 4TH-LARGEST CITY AND A MULTICULTURAL HUB

(DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, WA 2024)



PERTH RANKS 15TH OF

THE WORLD'S BEST CITIES TO LIVE IN

(ECONOMIST INTELLIGENCE UNIT'S GLOBAL LIVEABILITY INDEX SURVEY 2025)



UP TO 6 YEARS' POST STUDY WORK VISA – ONE YEAR LONGER THAN SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AND BRISBANE!



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* **89.2%** of UWA postgraduate alumni worked full-time after graduating (QILT 2023)

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★ UWA postgraduates achieved an average salary of AUD 86,900 (QILT 2023)

* UWA graduates are hired by top employers like EY, Deloitte KPMG Australia, and BHP

Students work alongside our 4,500 global industry partners on realworld challenges



About Uni Link

Study Tour Program

Uni Link allows students to access innovative academic programs provided by UWA. Students will experience life as a member of the UWA community and will receive:

- UWA student card
- UWA student email account
- Campus wi-fi access
- Involvement in on-campus activities
- Access to student services
- UWA transcript and certificate
- UWA academic credits that can be used to apply for one of the University's award courses

Programs delivered by Uni Link can be tailored to groups' specific academic requirements, with the number of academic credits depending on the total number of study hours. In addition to engaging academic programs, students will experience the best of Perth through our well-arranged day tours. On-demand day tours are available for both group and individual participants.

Mission

At Uni Link, we're dedicated to crafting extraordinary experiences for students at the University of Western Australia (UWA) in Perth. Our mission is to collaboratively shape these moments alongside students, seamlessly blending UWA's renowned academic excellence with Perth's vibrant culture.

We aim to offer students the opportunity to fully immerse themselves in UWA's academic community while embracing the dynamic lifestyle of Perth. These experiences are not merely fleeting; rather, our aspiration is for them to become cherished memories that last a lifetime.

Ultimately, we would like these experiences to initiate a strong connection between students and UWA, fostering a desire to return for future studies and continue their journey within our academic community.



EXPERIENCE BEING A UWA STUDENT



VISIT INSPIRING ATTRACTIONS



EXPERIENCE THE LOCAL CULTURE



PARTICIPATE IN EXCURSIONS/WORKSHOPS



ENJOY COMFORTABLE ACCOMMODATION



TASTE LOCAL FOOD & DRINKS





General requirements

Apart from the specific academic requirements for each course, the general requirements for Uni Link's programs include:

- Applicants must be aged 16 or above at the commencement of the Study Tour program.
- High-level of English language and comprehension skills are required to complete the course, IELTS 5.5 or equivalent is recommended.

Important notes

- Micro-credential courses can be customised upon a special request of a group of a minimum 20 students, and this is subject to Uni Link's availability.
- The program can be run any time of the year, but there is more availability during the UWA semester breaks (Jun-Jul / Dec-Feb).

WHAT IS A MICRO-CREDENTIAL?

Micro-credentials are short courses that target specific skills. They utilize interactive and collaborative learning methods, making the experience engaging and centred around the needs of the students.



CHOOSE A MICRO-CREDENTIALS COURSE TO...

focus on skills that are high in demand by employers and industry.

WHAT IS A PD POINT?

Students who successfully complete a course at UWA Uni Link earn Professional Development Points (PD Points). Each PD Point reflects the workload associated with undertaking micro-credentials and is equivalent to 25 hours of effort, encompassing contact hours, personal study, and assessments or examinations.

OUTCOMES AND BENEFITS

- Update, upskill or reskill
- Complete a one-off micro-credential or stack them up
- Convert into credit towards an undergraduate or postgraduate course



Winter School Study Program for Medical and Health Sciences

<< This program is exclusively for particular UWA partner universities and runs in July and August only >>

Overview

The Winter School Study Program was established in 2010 with the objective of offering international students studying to become health professionals an opportunity to experience the Australian healthcare system, along with medical research methodology, research ethics, and scientific writing skills.

Content

The program consists of one week of lectures and workshops, followed by three weeks of coursework or research. Allocation of coursework and research will be at a 1:1 ratio.

You'll gain

- Understanding of the Australian healthcare system
- Skills in basic and clinical research
- Insight into what is required to undertake postgraduate research at UWA.

Students undertake specialised lectures and workshops on the healthcare system in Australia; patient communication skills; medical research methodology; research ethics; and scientific writing skills. Part 1 is a prerequisite for the coursework and research in Part 2.

Part 2: Coursework or Research (weeks 2-4)

During this period, students will be assigned to either coursework or research based on their academic level.

Coursework: Mechanisms of Human Diseases

Eligible: First- and second-year undergraduate medical students will undertake a three-week lecture program focused on the mechanisms of human diseases.

Research: Medical Research: Techniques and Experiences

Eligible: Third-year undergraduates with a research background or postgraduate medical students will undertake a three-week supervised research project in UWA labs.

Note: Except 1st and 2nd year undergraduate students, all applicants must attend an online meeting for assessment of English proficiency and academic background for module allocation. It includes questions on students' interest in medical topics and prior lab experience to determine module suitability and potential supervisors.

Assessment

- Coursework students will be assessed through a written exam.
- Research students will deliver an oral presentation of their research project.
- Both coursework and research students will participate in case discussions and class debates.



About Minghao Zheng

Minghao Zheng is Professor of Orthopaedic Research at the University of Western Australia and heads the Bone-Brain Axis research division at the Perron Institute for Neurological and Translational Science in Perth. After studying medicine at Shantou University and Sun Yat-sen University of Medical Sciences in China, Professor Zheng received a PhD (1993) and Doctor of Medicine (2000) from UWA.

Professor Zheng is an expert in the field of regenerative medicine, particularly the translation of novel science into clinical practice, including the regeneration of tendon and cartilage using a patient's own stem cells. He developed Matrix-induced Autologous Implantation (MACI) for cartilage repair of the adult knee, and Autologous Tenocyte Implantation therapy (Ortho-ATITM) for chronic tendon injuries. His research has produced collagen scaffold medical devices for cartilage, tendon and ligament (CelGroTM), dental (Striate+TM), and nerve repair (RemplirTM) applications. Recent work has focussed on mitochondrial transfer in tissue homeostasis, and mechanobiology of subcellular organelles in neurological diseases and exercise.

Professor Zheng is co-founder of Orthocell Limited (ASX:OCC), a company established to commercialise orthopaedic innovations; and established Marine Biomedical Pty Ltd to develop PearlBone™ from pearl nacre into a synthetic bone substitute for the orthopaedic device sector.

He has authored more than 330 scientific publications with over 14,660 citations and H index of 68 and holds 11 patent families in orthopaedics and cellular therapy worldwide.

Professor Minghao Zheng was elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences (AAHMS) in October 2025, recognising his outstanding contributions to health and medical research in Australia.

Professor Minghao Zheng

Professor Zheng is the course coordinator of the Winter School Program and delivers lectures on various topics.

Winter School Program Records

1000+





STUDENTS ENROLLED



SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM SINCE



2010

Student Experience Report (2024)



97.89 %

97.19 %

OF PAST STUDENTS RECOMMEND THE WINTER SCHOOL PROGRAM OF PARTICIPANTS SAY THE PROGRAM MEETS THEIR EXPECTATIONS



YILAN'S TESTIMONIAL

July 2025

'My favourite activity was the group project at the lab, where I not only learned but also formed lasting friendships. This experience has made me feel incredibly connected to the UWA community, and I am grateful for the support and camaraderie I found here. The Study Tour Program exceeded my expectations, and I would highly recommend it to anyone looking for a transformative educational journey.'



Week	Day	Activity	
1	SAT	Arrive in Perth, transfer from the airport & settle at the accommodation	
	SUN	Free day to settle and get ready	
	MON	AM – Orientation PM – Campus Tour (main campus)	
	TUE - FRI	Full day – Part 1: Lectures and Workshops	
2	SAT - SUN	Free day for self-learning and self-exploration	
2	MON - FRI	Full day – Part 2: Coursework or Research	
3	SAT - SUN	Free day for self-learning and self-exploration	
	MON - FRI	Full day – Part 2: Coursework or Research	
	SAT - SUN	Free day for self-learning and self-exploration	
	MON – TUE	Full day – Part 2: Coursework or Research	
4	WED	Part 2: Coursework Written Examination or Research	
	THU	Full day – Presentation of Research projects (all students to attend)	
	FRI	Completion Ceremony and Certificate Presentation	
	SAT	Transfer to the airport and depart from Perth	

The above itinerary is subject to change without prior notice.

Program 2026

Course Details & Fees

Course

SCIEM512 - Winter School Study Program for Medical and Health Sciences

Program date

18 July - 15 August 2026

Duration

29 days as per the itinerary

Group size

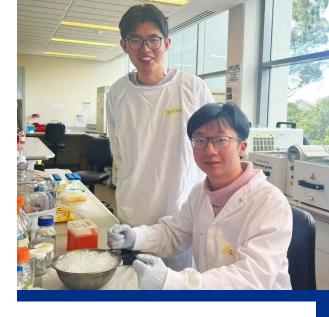
To ensure optimal arrangements and the highest quality experience, we recommend a minimum group size of 20 students and a cap of 30 from the same educational institution. While we can accommodate smaller groups, please note that additional fees apply for groups with fewer than 20 participants. These fees are outlined on the following page.

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Admission requirements

- Applicants must be aged 18 or above at the time of program commencement.
- A high level of English language and comprehension skills is required to complete the course. IELTS 5.5 or equivalent is recommended.
- Students must be enrolled in a medical or health sciences course in their home country.
- Students will be allocated to Modules (coursework or research) depending on their academic background and English language ability.



Fee per student and inclusion

Refer to the table on the following page for a detailed breakdown of program options, perstudent fees, and inclusions.

Fee exclusions

- Personal expenses
- Flight tickets and any other travel costs not specifically mentioned
- Comprehensive travel insurance
- Visa fees
- Optional activities not included in the itinerary
- Accommodation upgrades
- Meals not specified in the program
- Any expenses incurred before arrival or after departure in Australia

Booking requirements

- Group Booking Form
- Student Details List
- <u>Coloured passport copies</u> of participants
- Minimum 50% deposit of the program fees (non-refundable)

Important/special notes

- This proposal is valid until 20 Mar 2026. Early booking is strongly recommended due to the coursework and research ratio allocation as well as better-suited placement of the limited accommodation.
- One Free-of-Charge chaperone (without the academic parts) will be offered per 20 paid students for the program. Fee for a chaperone to accompany groups with fewer than 20 students or for an additional chaperone, please refer to the table on the following page. ^
- Selecting multiple options within a group may incur additional fees (if applicable).
- All students are required to bring their own laptops.
- All participants are required to have their own comprehensive travel insurance covering the entire travel period before departing from their home countries.
- **NO** booking has been made at this point. Bookings are not confirmed until a deposit has been received and acknowledged in writing by Uni Link.
- Any modifications made to the itinerary and group size may result in variations to the fees quoted.

	Fees per student & inclusions (based on 20 or more students for calculation)	
	Course only (20 Jul – 14 Aug)	Homestay accommodation
	AUD 3,960	AUD 7,370
Course fees - Lectures and seminars provided by UWA Schools	√	\checkmark
UWA Professional Development Transcript and Certificate upon successful completion	V	√
Invitation letter for visa purposes	√	√
Welcome guide and activity calendar	√	√
28 nights' accommodation: Students will have their own beds. However, room type and location are subject to availability at the time of booking	X	1 - 3 students placed in a homestay
Meal(s)	Х	Breakfast (Cereal or toast is commonly served as breakfast in Australia) and dinner
Return group airport transfers between Perth Airport (PER) and accommodation**	X	Homestay group airport transfer policies apply
AUD 50 transportation credit for use on public transport services in Perth	Х	V
Australian local SIM card with 35 GB of mobile data	X	V
A chaperone accompanies groups with fewer than 20 students / additional chaperone ^	X	AUD 3,520

For a group of 15-19 students, an extra AUD 20 per person is required for the service.
For a group of 10-14 students, an extra AUD 45 per person is required for the service.
For groups of fewer than 10 students, please contact Uni Link to discuss possible arrangements and associated additional costs.

Essential information about homestay accommodation

- Expect to interact with the host family daily.
- Must follow household rules.
- Homestay locations are generally spread across <u>Perth</u>, with a typical travel time of 60-100 minutes from the homestay to campus by public transport. This may involve multiple transfers.
- Not eligible for concession fare, and daily travel expenses to and from UWA are around AUD7.
- No guarantee of all the requests being satisfied.
- Restrictions on check-in and check-out times.

Students are strongly encouraged to go for the homestay accommodation for local immersion and English practice. However, if another type of accommodation is preferred, please contact the Uni Link team for other options or information.







During the study tour, I explored advanced biomedical technologies and gained insights into nerve regeneration research. The course was intellectually stimulating and helped me understand the real-world applications of scientific innovation. I enjoyed collaborating with students from different schools. The guidance and support from UWA supervisors made this experience unforgettable. It has deepened my passion for medical science and research.

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Uni Link student, July 2025

Winter School Study Program for Medical and Health Sciences

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Insights from Previous Participants

Explore testimonials from former students to gain a deeper understanding of the Uni Link program



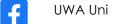
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Disclaimer: UWA Uni Link is owned by the University of Western Australia (UWA) where UWA provides the academic program only. The accommodation, transportation and activities will be provided by its service provider UniLink WA Pty Ltd.

Terms & Conditions (Group)

General

- · At least one responsible adult (chaperone) must accompany the group.
- Participants acknowledge they were provided with comprehensive information regarding program details, including but not limited to course requirements, fees, facilities and services, prior to submitting their application.
- Classes may be combined with other groups or participants, depending on the UWA School's decision regarding class arrangements. If alternative arrangements are requested, additional fees may apply.
- All scheduled activities will be delivered. However, Uni Link reserves the right to modify the order of activities to suit timetables and availability. In the event of inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances, activities may be substituted. Any significant changes will be discussed with the chaperone(s) as needed.
- · Requests to change arrangements after booking are subject to approval and may incur additional fees.
- · Joining the program after it has commenced is not permitted.
- No refunds will be provided for participants who choose not to attend any class or activity during the program.
- UWA professional development transcript and certificate will only be issued to participants who successfully pass the micro-credential course.
- Flight details need to be provided at least 4 weeks prior to departure for arrangements.
- Photos and videos taken or provided during/for the program will be used for marketing and promotional purposes.

Information and Privacy

- All information provided to Uni Link should be complete, accurate, and up to date. Participants understand that incomplete or outdated information and documentation may result in an unsuccessful application.
- Providing false or misleading information or documentation may lead to cancellation of participation in the program without a refund.
- Participants authorise Uni Link to make bookings and arrangements on their behalf for the purpose of delivering the program. This includes disclosing relevant information to third parties (such as accommodation providers, activity operators, and educational institutions) as necessary for the successful planning and execution of the program.

Group Size

A minimum number of participants is required for the program to proceed. If the final number of participants is lower than the proposed number, please notify Uni Link as early as possible to request a revised proposal.

Accommodation

- Participants must adhere to the accommodation provider's rules and guidelines. Failure to comply may result in fines or penalties issued by the provider.
- Single bed size is the standard across all accommodations. Special requests (e.g., larger bed sizes or other arrangements) must be made in advance, are subject to availability, and may incur additional charges.
- Unless specified, bathrooms may be shared in your accommodations. Personal hygiene items (including but not limited to toothbrushes, body wash, slippers, hair dryers) may not be provided.
- Same-sex arrangements will apply to shared room/placement accommodation. Additional charges may apply for single occupancy in rooms designated for shared use.
- Room upgrades are subject to availability and may incur additional fees.
- Modifications are not permitted once rooming arrangements have been confirmed.
- Subject to the type of accommodation, housekeeping services may be provided. Participants are expected to maintain a clean and orderly living space at all times.

For On-campus Accommodation

• Standard group check-in time is 14:00, and check-out time is 10:00. Other check-in or check-out times are subject to approval and may incur additional charges.

For Off-campus Accommodation (hotel or short-term accommodation)

• Standard group check-in time is 14:00, and check-out time is 10:00. Early check-in or late check-out is subject to approval and may incur additional charges.

For Homestay Accommodation

- Participants with special dietary requirements may incur additional fees to cover the cost of meals provided by homestay hosts (e.g., halal, gluten-free, vegan, kosher, vegetarian).
- Special requests will strive to be accommodated, but please note that all requests are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed.
- Please understand that homestays are not hotels and families have their own personal schedules, habits and culture. Generally speaking, check-in / check-out are not expected between 20:30 and 10:00.

Homestay: Group Airport Transfer Polices

For Arrival: Standard check-in time is from 10:00 to 20:30.

Flight Arrival Time	Important Notes	
08:00 to 19:00	Airport pick-up service available.	
19:00 to 05:30	Alternative accommodation will need to be arranged for the first night and additional fees will apply for the night and extra transportation.	
05:30 to 08:00	The group will need to wait at the airport for pickup service until around the check-in time at 10:00.	

For Departure: Standard check-out time is from 10:00 to 12:00. Late check-out between 12:00 to 20:30 will incur an extra night's charge and is subject to availability.

Flight Departure Time	Important Notes	
12:00 to 23:30	The drop-off service is designed with the intention of participants arriving at the airport 3 hours prior to their scheduled flight departure. Please note that the exact timing of the drop-off may vary based on factors such as group size, traffic conditions, or other external circumstances. While Uni Link will make every effort to provide a timely arrival, Uni Link cannot be held responsible for delays beyond our control.	
	Option 1: Transfer to a hotel after check-out from the homestay. Additional fees will apply for the night and extra transportation.	
	Option 2: Transfer to the Airport at 12:00. Please note that Uni Link staff will not accompany groups until their departure time.	
After 23:30	Option 3: Transfer to the Airport at 20:30 (late check-out arrangement). Please note that Uni Link staff will not accompany groups until their departure time.	
	Please get in touch with Uni Link to discuss the possible arrangement before booking the flight tickets, if there are any concerns.	

Meals

- Dining times are determined by the accommodation or meal provider. Standard dining times are as follows: Breakfast: 07:00 09:00 / Lunch: 12:00 14:00 / Dinner: 18:00 20:00
- Meal offerings are at the discretion of the provider. Each meal consists of one serving.
- If you have specific dietary requirements or require special meal arrangements, please inform the Uni Link
 Team at the time of booking. All special arrangements are subject to availability and may incur additional
 charges.

Transportation

- If included in the program, a preloaded amount will be credited to each participant's SmartRider (a public transportation card used in Perth). Participants may top up their cards if additional credit is needed. The minimum recharge amount is AUD 10.
- SmartRiders must be returned to Uni Link at the end of the program and the remaining balance will not be
 refunded. Participants who wish to keep the SmartRider may do so by paying AUD 10. If the card is lost or
 damaged, a replacement fee of AUD 10 will apply, and the remaining balance from the previous card
 cannot be transferred.
- Due to the busy traffic situation in the CBD area, if both the destination and accommodation are within the <u>Free Transit Zone</u>, public transportation may be used instead.

Loss & Insurance

- All participants are required to arrange their own comprehensive travel insurance covering the entire duration of their travel period prior to departure from their home country.
- Participants are solely responsible for any expenses, losses, injuries, damages, or inconveniences incurred by themselves during the program. Uni Link and its partners will not be held liable for such incidents.

Booking and Payment

- A minimum deposit of 50% of the program fee per participant is required at the time of application to secure the booking. This deposit is non-refundable. The remaining balance must be paid at least 8 weeks before the program start date.
- Group payment is preferred for ease of processing.
- Uni Link does not cover any bank charges or surcharges associated with the payment. These are the responsibility of the payer.
- All fees listed are inclusive of 10% Goods and Services Tax (GST).

Force Majeure

In the event of circumstances beyond Uni Link's reasonable control that affect the delivery of the program, no refunds will be provided, and Uni Link will not be held responsible for any resulting loss, delay, or disruption. Any refunds or compensation will be subject to the terms and coverage of each participant's own comprehensive travel insurance.

Examples of such events include, but are not limited to:

- Severe weather conditions or natural disasters;
- War, civil unrest, or acts of terrorism;
- Government-imposed restrictions or lockdowns;
- Widespread illness, including epidemics or pandemics.

Substitutions

One participant substitution is permitted per group and must be requested no later than 8 weeks prior to the program start date. Additional charges may apply due to gender balance considerations and rooming arrangements.

Cancellations

- Cancellation must be submitted in writing by completing a Withdrawal and Refund Form. A cancellation is not considered effective until the form is received and acknowledged by Uni Link.
- Uni Link will not cover any bank charges, surcharges, or currency exchange differences incurred during the refund process.
- In the event of a cancellation, refunds will be processed according to the table below:

Reason for refund	Date	Refund amount		
Any reason	Cancellation more than 30 days before the start date of the program	50% of the program fee		
Arry reason	Cancellation 30 days or less before the start date of the program	No refund		
Uni Link is unable to deliver the program	N/A	100% paid program fee		
No refunds will be issued once the program has commenced				

For the visa refusal situation only

For the July 2026 cohort, students who have applied and paid for the Micro-credentials course - Winter School Study Program for Medical and Health Sciences and whose visa application is refused by the Australian Government can withdraw from the program and request a refund, subject to the following documentation being submitted within 3 days of receiving the refusal.

- Official visa refusal letter from the Department of Home Affairs
- Proof of original visa application submission

Refund of the program fee will be based on the following.

- Withdrawal more than 30 days before the start date of the program
 The refund amount will be the total program fee paid, minus an AUD 110 administrative fee.
- Withdrawal 1 30 days before the start date of the program
 - 1. If no accommodation is chosen:

 The refund amount will be the total program fee paid, minus an AUD 110 administrative fee.
 - 2. If homestay accommodation is chosen:
 - The refund amount will be the total program fee paid, minus an AUD 110 administrative fee and AUD 385 homestay fee, if it's 9 or more days before arrival
 - The refund amount will be the total program fee paid, minus an AUD 110 administrative fee and AUD 860 homestay fees, if it's 4-8 days before arrival
 - The refund amount will be the total program fee paid, minus an AUD 110 administrative fee and AUD 1450 other fees, if it's 1-3 days before arrival

- 3. If short-term student accommodation is chosen:
 - The refund amount will be the total program fee paid, minus an AUD 110 administrative fee, and AUD 110 accommodation fee, if it's 8 or more days before arrival
 - The refund amount will be the total program fee paid, minus an AUD 110 administrative fee and AUD 680 other fees, if it's 1-7 days before arrival
- 4. If hotel accommodation is chosen:
 - The refund amount will be the total program fee paid, minus an AUD 110 administrative fee, and AUD 310 accommodation fee, if it's 8 or more days before arrival
 - The refund amount will be the total program fee paid, minus an AUD 110 administrative fee, and AUD 780 other fee, if it's 1-7 days before arrival
- Withdrawal less than 1 day before arrival or after program commencement no refund will be provided.

In the event of any disputes, the decision of UWA Uni Link shall be final and binding