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**WESTERN
AUSTRALIA**

Uni Link

Micro-Credentials Study Tour

Microbial Marvels – Unveiling the Hidden Frenemies



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GROUP PROPOSAL

2027

EXPLORE, LEARN, AND GROW WITH UNI LINK

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 2027). 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

(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!



★ Ranked in the world's **top 100** universities (QS, 2027)

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

★ 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 real-world 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





About Uni Link

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 provided by UWA Plus, designed to develop specific skills. They utilise interactive and collaborative learning approaches, ensuring an engaging and student-centred learning experience.

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.



CHOOSE A MICRO-CREDENTIALS COURSE TO...

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

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



The Marshall Centre

The Marshall Centre was founded in 2007 to celebrate the awarding of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine to Professor Barry Marshall and Emeritus Professor Robin Warren.

Origins

Marshall and Warren discovered *H. pylori* and its role as the causative agent of gastritis, peptic and duodenal ulcer disease.

Prior to their work, it was believed that bacteria could not persist in the acid environment of the stomach, and that ulcers were largely due to stress or spicy food.

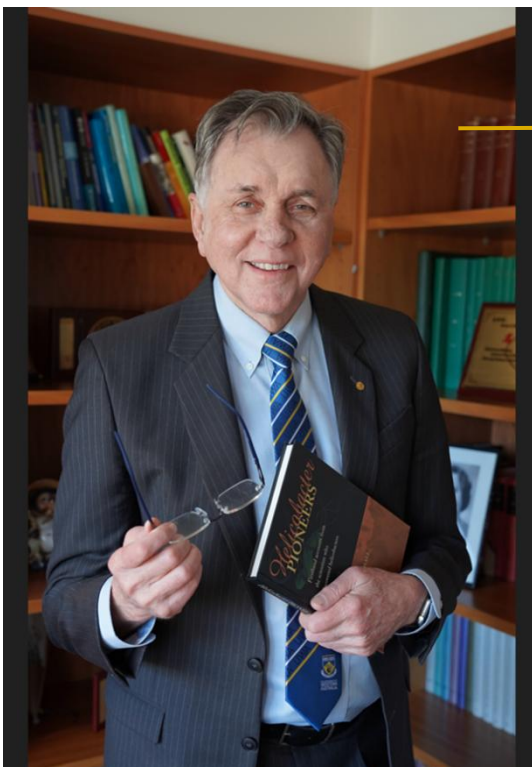
Leading Infectious Disease Research

Marshall and Warren's discovery was the first step in developing more effective treatments for ulcers and in understanding the causative link between *H. pylori* and stomach cancer.

In addition to *Helicobacter pylori* research, the Marshall Centre is at the forefront of infectious disease identification and surveillance, diagnostics and drug design, as well as transformative discovery. His research has expanded with his group to embrace new technologies including next generation sequencing, and genomic analysis.

Professor Barry Marshall

Professor Barry Marshall is a Nobel Laureate, WA Life Science Ambassador, Clinical Professor and Brand Ambassador at The University of Western Australia (UWA)



Professor Marshall (UWA graduate-class of '74), and Emeritus Professor J Robin Warren were awarded the 2005 Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine for their discovery of the bacterium *Helicobacter pylori* and its role in gastritis and peptic ulcer disease.

Professor Marshall returned to Perth and UWA in 1996 after a tenure at the University of Virginia. In 1998 Marshall was made a Fellow of the Royal Society. In 2008 he was elected as a Foreign Member of the prestigious US National Academy of Sciences, an institution that was established in 1863 by President Abraham Lincoln. In 2015 Barry Marshall was awarded the China Friendship Award.

Today, Professor Marshall is the Director of The Marshall Centre for Infectious Diseases Research and Training, founded in his honour.

About Barry Marshall

Click [here](#) to watch an introduction video by Professor Marshall

Microbial Marvels: Unveiling the Hidden Frenemies

Overview

This micro-credential course is an enlightening one to uncover the fundamental principles and cutting-edge advancements in bacteriology and virology.

Content

This course may cover the topics such as history of microbiology, Prokaryote and Eukaryote cell structure and function, Bacteria, Viruses, Fungi and Protozoa, Microbes – the good, the bad and the opportunistic ones, Infectious diseases – diagnosis, treatment, and prevention, Antibiotic resistance and personalised medicine, Pandemics: what is happening now? and the innovative applications and future of microbiology.

You'll learn to

- develop an increased knowledge in microorganisms and infectious diseases as well as their impact on the global health.
- engage in exciting microbiological experiments for better understanding of microorganisms.
- develop awareness and skills in science communication.

Course highlights

- Immerse yourself in engaging face-to-face microbiology lectures led by renowned experts from the Marshall Centre for infectious Disease Research and Training.
- Participate in excursions to cutting-edge research facilities to gain valuable insights into the latest advancements in human health and disease research.
- Experience hands-on laboratory sessions, where you'll get to learn microbiology laboratory techniques and examine bacteria under the guidance of expert mentors.
- Participate in interactive group discussions to deepen your understanding of microbiological concepts.
- Engage in collaborative and team-based activities, fostering critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills.
- Connect with like-minded peers who share your passion for science and exchange ideas in a vibrant and supportive learning environment.



Laboratory Sessions

Hands-on laboratory sessions provide students with practical exposure to key concepts discussed in lectures, reinforcing theoretical knowledge through experiential learning.

Group Presentation

Students will participate in group presentation activities, including guided preparation sessions with supervisors and formal group presentations, fostering teamwork, critical thinking, and communication skills.



Proposed Itinerary

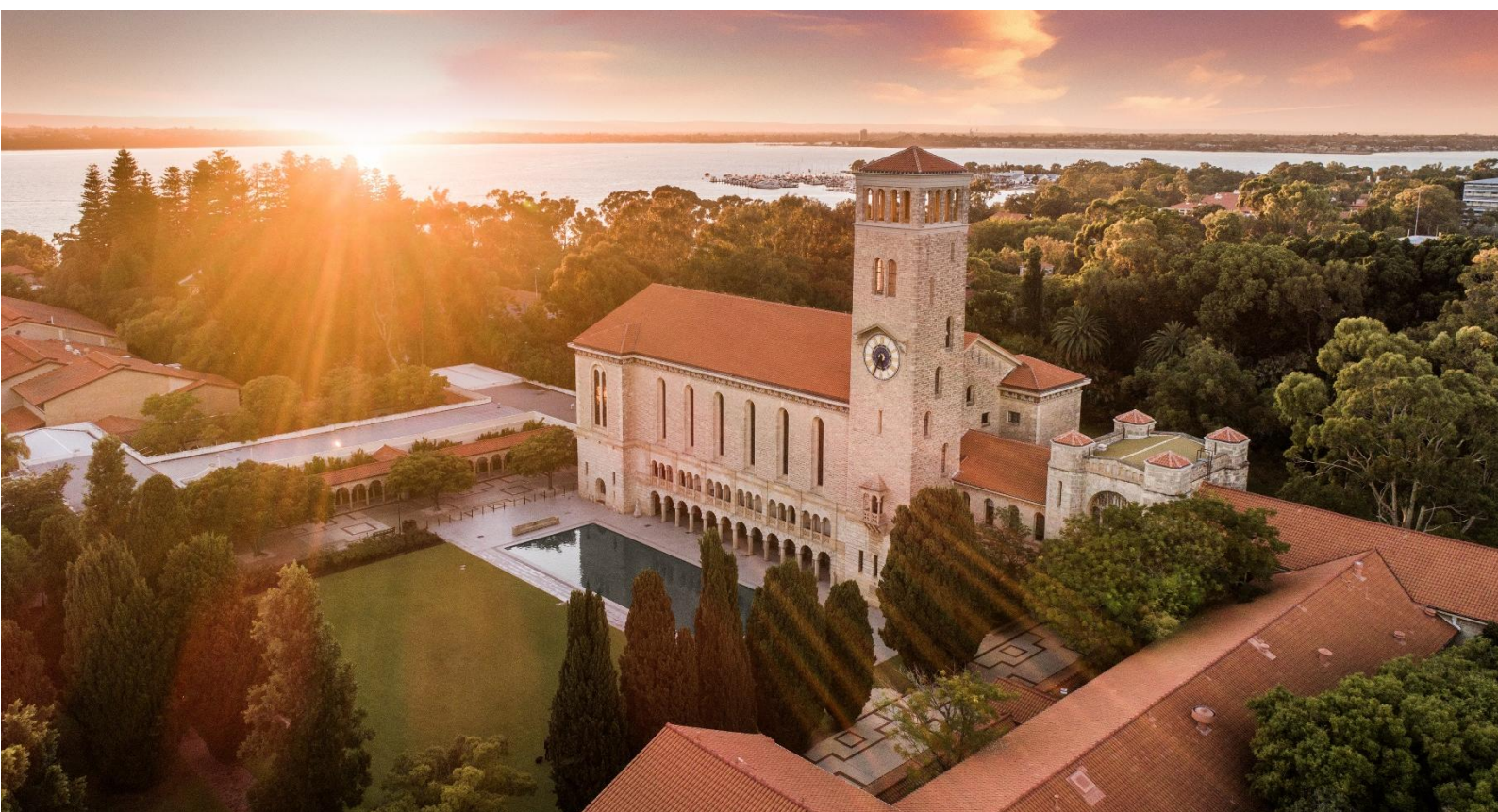
Day			Activity	Meals Included
1	SUN	Arrival	Arrive in Perth – Transfer from the airport & settle at the accommodation. Transportation card & SIM card will be distributed, and a short accommodation tour will be arranged if time permits.	Dinner
2	MON	AM	Orientation – Program Introduction, detailed Itinerary explanation, welcome speech from UWA Plus, student account & email set up	Breakfast & Dinner
		PM	Campus tour – get familiar with UWA Health Campus	
3	TUE	AM	Lecture 1 & 2: - History of microbiology - Prokaryote and eukaryote cell structure and function	Breakfast & Dinner
		PM	Laboratory session 1	
4	WED	AM	Excursion 1 - Visit to research centre(s)	Breakfast & Dinner
		PM	Lecture 3 & 4: - World of Bacteria - World of Fungi, Protists and Viruses	
5	THU	AM	Preparation of group presentation	Breakfast & Dinner
		PM	Laboratory session 2	
6	FRI	AM	Excursion 2 - Visit to research centre(s)	Breakfast & Dinner
		PM	Laboratory session 3	

7	SAT	AM	Cultural study: <u>Caversham Wildlife Park</u> – meet Australia's unique native animals, including kangaroos and koalas, and watch a farm show to get an insight into Australian farm life.	Breakfast & Dinner
		PM	Cultural study: <u>Local Shopping Centre (Option 1)</u> – offering an accessible and practical environment for students to observe, learn, and adapt to the new and local surroundings of Australia. OR <u>Bee and Honey section (Option 2)</u> – Experience the fascinating world of bees through a combination of activities, including hive observation, honey tasting, a guided walk to the hive within the production site, and mead tasting or rolling a beeswax candle. This activity is subject to availability, and a waiver form must be signed by the participant.	
8	SUN	AM PM	Cultural study: <u>Rottneest Island</u> – kick back on soft sand beaches, see abundant marine life and meet 'Quokkas', the happiest little animal on earth. The Mediterranean-style climate and the range of flora and fauna on this Island provide the backdrop to a special experience. Self-guided arrangement for students to explore the island freely.	Breakfast & Dinner
9	MON	AM	Lecture 5 & 6: • Infectious diseases – treatment and prevention • Antibiotic resistance and personalised medicine	Breakfast & Dinner
		PM	Laboratory session 4	
10	TUE	AM PM	Public holiday: Australia Day Various Australia Day celebrations, community events and fireworks throughout Perth.	Breakfast & Dinner
			Cultural study: <u>WA Museum Boola Bardip</u> - explore permanent displays like Ngalang Koort Boodja Wirn, which shares the stories, history, and culture of First Nations peoples of Western Australia. Participants will undertake this activity independently during opening hours. No transportation or guided services will be arranged.	

11	WED	AM	Group presentation	Breakfast & Dinner
		PM	Lecture 7 & 8: • Microbiota in human health and diseases • Helicobacter Innovations: Advancing Diagnostic Techniques for Early Cancer Prevention and Public Health	
12	THU	AM	Guest lecture by Professor Barry Marshall, Completion Ceremony and Certificate Presentation, Pre-Departure Briefing	Breakfast
		Evening	Transfer to the airport and depart from Perth*	

The above itinerary is based on the proposed program outline and is subject to change without prior notice. Included meals are based on participants staying in on-campus accommodation.

* If preferred, the group may choose to depart the following day at an additional cost.



Program 2027

Course Details & Fees

Course

MICRM888

Microbial Marvels - Unveiling the Hidden Frenemies

Date

17 – 28 January 2027

Duration

12 days as per the itinerary

Group size

Minimum 20 students

UWA PD points

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Admission requirements

- Tertiary-level students 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

Booking requirements

- Group Booking Form
- Student Details List
- [Coloured passport copies](#) of participants
- Minimum 50% deposit of the program fees (non-refundable)

Fee per student

Course only: AUD 2,530

Full program: AUD 5,050 for on-campus accommodation. For off-campus & hotel options, please enquire for availability and rates.

Fee inclusions

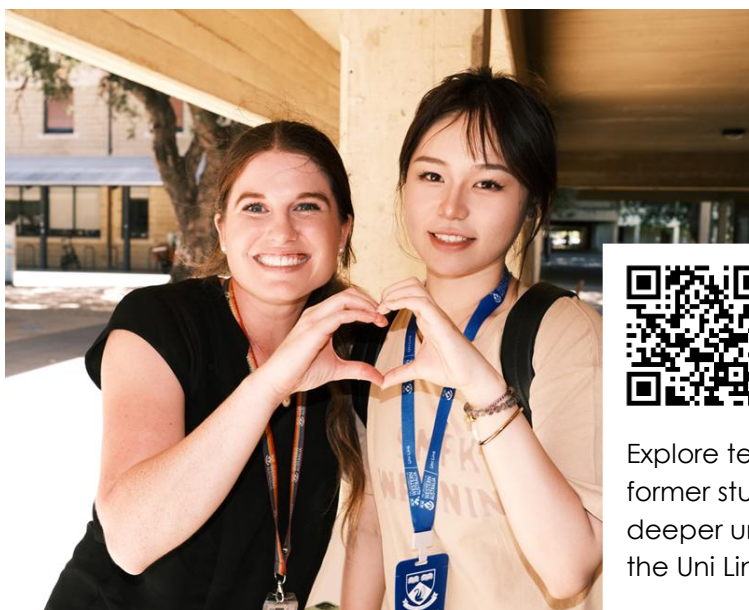
- Lectures by Marshall Centre world-class research experts
- Microbiology laboratory training in PC2 laboratories
- UWA Professional Development Transcript and Certificate upon successful completion
- Invitation letter for visa purposes
- Welcome guide and Activity Calendar
- Cultural study tours, including entry fees and local transportation as per the itinerary, unless specified
- Tour coordinator
- 11 nights' [accommodation](#): Students will have their own beds. However, room type (usually twin-share room) and location are subject to availability at the time of booking
- Meals: as per the itinerary
- Return group airport transfers between Perth Airport (PER) and accommodation
- One Australian local SIM card with 10 GB of mobile data
- AUD 20 transportation credit for use on public transport services in Perth

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

Important/special notes

- This proposal is valid until 15 Oct 2026.
- Complimentary participation of a chaperone (without the academic course) 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 is AUD 2,690 for on-campus accommodation.
- Selecting multiple options within a group may incur additional fees.
- 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.
- The guest lecture is subject to the availability of Professor Barry Marshall, or AUD 275 compensation will be offered.



Insights from Previous Participants

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



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**GROUP
OF EIGHT
AUSTRALIA**
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MNU MATARIKI
NETWORK OF
UNIVERSITIES
Partnering for a better world

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 if any participants are under the age of 18.
- 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.
- Shared bathrooms are common in Australian 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 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.
- Housekeeping services may be provided weekly, subject to the type of accommodation, availability, and the duration of stay. Participants are expected to maintain a clean and orderly living space at all times.

For on-campus Accommodation

- Participants generally must be 18 years or older to stay in on-campus accommodation. However, subject to availability and at the provider's discretion, participants under 18 may be considered.
- 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)

- Under-18 participants must be accompanied by a legal guardian under the policy of the provider.
- 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.

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. Cereal or toast is commonly served as breakfast.
- 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. Participants who wish to keep their 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.

Group Airport Transfer

- Airport transfers are provided in a shared group setting.
- Coach airport transfers will arrive 45 minutes after the flight to allow for immigration and customs clearance.
- Standard luggage allowance for coach airport transfers is one check-in suitcase and one small carry-on item per passenger. Additional or oversized luggage may incur extra charges.

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.
- Failure to complete the required payment by the specified deadline may result in cancellation of participation in the program.
- 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.

Refund Policy

Conditions for Cancellation and Refunds

All cancellations must be submitted in writing by completing the **Cancellation and Refund Form**.

Uni Link is not responsible for any bank charges, surcharges, or currency exchange differences incurred during the refund process.

Refund will only be made to the bank account of the person or organisation that originally paid the fees.

Cancellations and Refunds

In the event of a cancellation, the refund amount will be based on the following table:

*Date of cancellation	Reason for refund	Refund amount
Cancellation more than 30 days before the start date of the program	Any	50% of the program fee
Cancellation 30 days or less before the start date of the program		No refund
N/A	Uni Link is unable to deliver the full program	100% paid program fee
	Uni Link is unable to deliver part(s) of the program	Portion that could not be delivered
No refunds will be issued once the program has commenced		

* The date of cancellation will not be considered valid until the Cancellation and Refund Form has been received and formally acknowledged by Uni Link. Students are strongly encouraged to submit all required documents as soon as possible to avoid delays in the refund process.

For the visa refusal situation only

Students who have applied and paid for any of the Micro-credentials courses (excluding Winter School Study Program for Medical and Health Sciences) and whose visa application is refused by the Department of Home Affairs may withdraw from the program and request a refund, subject to the submission of the required documentation within **three days** of receiving the visa refusal decision.

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

While students are entitled to request a refund, Uni Link strongly encourages students to contact a professional and consider reapplying for the visa in their best interest. Generally speaking, visa refusals often result from minor errors or incomplete documentation, which can be resolved through a reapplication with supporting documents. Uni Link will provide additional support document(s) to students who choose to pursue a reapplication.

Refund amount will be calculated as the total program fee, less any non-refundable fees, based on the following table:

*Date of cancellation	Program option	Non-refundable
Cancellation more than 30 days before the start date of the program	Any	Administrative fee of AUD 110 per PD point
Cancellation 11 - 30 days before the start date of the program	Course only	
	Full program	Administrative fee of AUD 110 per PD point + Up to 20% program fee
Cancellation 10 days or less before the start date of the program	No refund is provided	
No refunds will be issued once the program has commenced		

*The date of cancellation will not be considered valid until all required forms and supporting documents have been received and formally acknowledged by Uni Link. Students are strongly encouraged to submit all required documents as soon as possible to avoid delays in the refund process.

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