If you are only staying the length of the program...

Your UCEAP Marine Biology/Terrestrial Ecology program is three-months long. If you are arriving in Australia on the start date of the program and returning immediately afterwards, you will only need a simple Electronic Travel Authority (ETA).

Applying for the ETA...

Application for the Electronic Travel Authority is available at [http://www.eta.immi.gov.au/](http://www.eta.immi.gov.au/). Read through the links carefully; they provide information on the cost of the ETA, conditions, process, and eligibility. Once you have read the information thoroughly and feel confident that you understand the procedure, apply for your ETA. Most ETAs can be approved within a day, or you can come back to the website later to check the status. Your ETA info will also be sent electronically to your airline. When you check in at the airport, the staff will be able to verify that you are approved to enter Australia.

Some students prefer to obtain the ETA from the travel agent who booked the flight. If your travel agent does this for you, be sure to show the agent your passport. The agent will need to enter your passport details into the computer reservation system.

If traveling in Australia prior to the program or after it is over...

If you know now that you are staying in Australia more than three months for personal travel before or after the program, you will need a longer visa. Visit the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) at [http://www.immi.gov.au/](http://www.immi.gov.au/) and read about the application process, fees, and requirements for the long-stay tourist visa, subclass 676.

If you are a non-U.S. Citizen...

Visit the website for the Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) as well as the Australian Embassy in Washington D.C. and do some research to determine if there are any special entry requirements that apply to your country of citizenship.

Arrival in Brisbane

When you arrive at the airport you will be asked to provide your residential address. You will receive your housing assignment and address from the on-site staff in Queensland just prior to your departure, so carry this information with you and be ready to present it upon arrival.

Further questions?

If you still have visa questions after searching the above websites, please direct them to the Australian Embassy in Washington DC:

Embassy of Australia
Visa Section
1601 Massachusetts Avenue NW
Washington DC, 20036-2273
Toll Free: (202) 797-3000 Fax: (202) 797-3168
Visa Information: (905) 280 1437